



Alternative Review Program Application Form

I/we the undersigned hereby apply for alternative review as allowed by Section 22.52.080 of the Land Use Ordinance and Section 23.05.034 of the Coastal Zone Land Use Ordinance, for the parcel(s) described in this application.

Applicants under the Alternative Review Program must apply directly to the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) or one of the two county Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs). For roads and ponds, prior clearance from the Agricultural Commissioner is required.

Applicant - Please complete 'GEN-3000 General Application - Contact Information'

Land / Property Owner Name: _____

Applicant Name (if different from above): _____

Agent (if applicable): _____

Property Information

APN(s): _____ Total Size of the Site*: _____

Project Address: _____

Describe the current agricultural use of the property: _____

Is the project site in the Coastal Zone? _____

*All contiguous parcels under common ownership

Projects that qualify for the Alternative Review Program:

- Hillside Benches. Hillside benches for orchards or vineyards on slopes over 30%.
Rangeland Management. Rangeland management projects consisting of one acre or greater of vegetation removal on slopes over 30%
Ponds, Reservoirs, Drainage Basins. Agricultural reservoirs constructed to regulate or store a supply of water and drainage basins designed to catch run-off not related to development requiring a county permit.
NOTE: The applicant must contact the Agricultural Commissioner's office for a written determination that the extent of the agricultural use or proposed agricultural use of the property justifies the need for the pond.
Streambank Protection Measures. Streambank protection measures when using NRCS Practices and with appropriate Fish and Game alteration agreements/permits, Regional Water Quality Control permits, and Army Corp permits, as required.
Conservation, Restoration, and Enhancement. A soil, water, and/or wildlife conservation or enhancement project which does not require permits from a state or federal resource agency, or for which the permitting state or federal agency does not review plans or conduct final inspections.

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- Trail and Recreation Enhancements.** Trails for agricultural production support activities and recreation enhancements of property. If a land use permit is required under this ordinance to establish a recreational facility, no grading shall occur until the appropriate approvals have been secured.
- Wastewater Systems.** Waste management systems for agricultural production and processing uses.
- Imbalanced Grading.** Any agricultural grading identified in Section 22.52.070, Subsections B.11, B.13, and C which would require the importation or exportation involving over 2,000 cubic yards of fill material.

Exempt Uses. At the applicant's option the Alternative Review Program may be used in lieu of exemption for grading projects described above under "Agricultural Grading."

- New Agricultural Roads.** New roads, or expansion to the length or width of existing roads, providing access to farm fields, pasture, water supplies, outdoor equipment or supply storage areas, livestock grazing areas, fence lines, or agricultural exempt structures.

NOTE: The applicant must contact the Agricultural Commissioner's office for a written determination that the extent of the agricultural use or proposed agricultural use of the property justifies the need for the road.

NOTE: Future conversion of an agricultural road to serve a non-agricultural structure will require grading permit approval.

The road must satisfy all of the following provisions (please check each box as acknowledgement of these requirements):

- The road will serve no structures other than agricultural exempt structures
- The project site is in the Agriculture or Rural Lands land use category; or the site is in the Residential Rural land use category and the road will serve an existing agricultural operation as defined by the Agricultural Commissioner.
- The cross-slope will be adequate for proper drainage and sediment / erosion control.
- The road will not divert drainage onto adjacent properties. Outward sloping roads are encouraged
- The grading and future use of the road will not discharge or threaten to discharge silt onto adjacent properties, roads, sensitive resource areas, or into blue-line streams.
- The road is to be constructed entirely between April 15 and October 15, unless temporary sediment / erosion control measures are in place and reseeded is assured to occur (as approved by a soil erosion specialist).

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Description

Describe the nature of the proposed grading activity: _____

Approx. Area of Disturbance: _____ Steepest gradient where grading will occur: _____
 Grading Quantities: (Cut) _____ (Fill) _____
 Export Destination / Source of Import: _____
 Time Frame for Work: (Est. Start Date) _____ (Est. End Date) _____

Outside Agencies

Though your project may be exempt from County grading permits, there are other state, local, and federal agencies that may require permits. The County does not verify that all proper permits have been obtained for agricultural grading. If your project includes any of the following activities, the agency listed to the right of the activity should be contacted.

| Activity | Agency |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Altering a stream or watercourse or doing work near wetlands. | Department of Fish and Game (559) 243-4005 Army Corps of Engineers North of Cuesta Grade (415) 977-8601 South of Cuesta Grade (213) 452-3921 US Fish and Wildlife Service (805) 644-1766 National Marine Fisheries Service (562) 980-4026 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Site work to be done in endangered/threatened species habitat. | Department of Fish and Game (559) 243-4005 US Fish and Wildlife Service (805) 644-1766 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utilizing surface water or riparian underflow in a pond/reservoir. | Department of Water Resources (916) 653-5791 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Site disturbance of 1 acre or more. | Regional Water Quality Control Board (805) 549-3147 State Water Resources Control Board (916) 341-5455 |

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Acknowledgement of Standards and Limitations

- I understand that the County has not verified if permits from state and federal agencies are needed prior to starting work.
- I plan to incorporate all reasonable measures to ensure against erosion and sedimentation both during and after grading activities.
- I understand that any grading activities that may result in hazardous conditions are not exempt from grading permit requirements. A hazardous condition exists when activities create a risk to life and limb; endanger property; adversely affect the safety, use, or stability of a public right-of-way or drainage channel; or create a significant environmental impact.
- I understand that failure to adhere to these standards and limitations may result in a code enforcement violation.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

You may proceed with work once receipt of this form has been confirmed by the Department of Planning & Building.

Agricultural Grading in the Coastal Zone is not authorized until approved by the Coastal Commission. Please submit the form either:

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| Via US Mail or drop-off location | OR | Via email |
| Permit Center 976 Osos Street, RM 200 San Luis Obispo, CA 93408 | | planning@co.slo.ca.us |

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Site Plan

Draw (or attach as necessary) a rough diagram depicting parcel boundaries, roads, and the location of the proposed grading. Include a north arrow and labels as appropriate:

