



AGRICULTURAL GRADING FORM

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING
976 OSOS STREET ♦ ROOM 200 ♦ SAN LUIS OBISPO ♦ CALIFORNIA 93408 ♦ (805) 781-5600

Promoting the Wise Use of Land ♦ Helping to Build Great Communities

I/we the undersigned intend to grade for agricultural purposes, as allowed by Section 22.52.070C of the Land Use Ordinance and Section 23.05.032.c of the Coastal Zone Land Use Ordinance, for the parcel(s) described in this application.

Agricultural Grading in the Coastal Zone is not authorized until approval by the Coastal Commission.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Landowner Name: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Assessor Parcel Number(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**

- Agricultural Grading** – The following agricultural grading projects do not require a grading permit but must comply with the minimum standards for permit exemption:
- New Fields/Pastures.** Preparing new land for crop production or grazing on slopes with a natural gradient less than 30% (including drainage improvements related to crop production and range improvements).
 - Small Reservoir.** A small storage reservoir constructed to regulate or store a supply of water for frost protection and seasonal irrigation. Must be designed to contain no more than one acre-foot of water and storage must be entirely below grade.
 - Upland Restoration.** Projects which are undertaken for soil, water quality, habitat, or wildlife restoration, conservation, or enhancement occurring outside of the channel of a stream.
 - Imbalanced grading.** Grading projects intended to accommodate one or more of the projects identified above or as exempt grading per Section 22.52.070B, and involving importation or exportation of no more than 2,000 cubic yards on a site per year.

You may proceed with work once this form has filed with and received by the Department of Planning and Building.

Via U.S. Mail or drop off location:

Permit Center
976 Osos Street, Room 200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Via Email:

planning@co.slo.ca.us

DESCRIPTION

Please describe the nature of the proposed grading activity: _____

Approximate Area of Disturbance: _____ Steepest Gradient where grading will occur: _____

Time frame for work (estimated start date, end date): _____

CERTIFICATION

Check the box below and provide a copy of the applicable course certification that authorizes you or your contractor to perform the above referenced agricultural grading activity.

- Certified Professional in Erosion and Sedimentation Control (CPESC), Certified Professional in Stormwater Quality (CPSWQ), and Certified Erosion, Sedimentation, and Stormwater Inspector (CESSWI)
- Certification in Erosion and Sediment Control
- Resource Conservation District Erosion and Sedimentation Control Short Course
- Certified California Sustainable Winegrowing (CCSW)
- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) – Only for NRCS accepted grant projects
- Irrigated Agriculture Discharge Waiver
- Farm / Ranch Water Quality Short Course

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 will include any of the following activities, the agency listed to the right of the activity **should** be contacted.

Activity	Agency
<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

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMP'S)

You are responsible for implementing BMP's for your project. Agricultural grading requires implementation of appropriate BMP's to minimize the potential for erosion and sedimentation from your grading activities (22.52.070C.1.c). Please provide a list of appropriate BMP's that will be implemented on your project (use another sheet if necessary) and graphically represent the BMP's on the attached site plan. If you are not experienced in implementing BMP's, consider consulting with the local Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) or Resource Conservation District (RCD) office for guidance.

LIST OF BMP'S TO BE IMPLEMENTED

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 which could result in a hazardous condition are not exempt from grading permit requirements. A hazardous condition exists when activities create a hazard 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

SITE PLAN

Please draw a rough diagram depicting parcel boundaries, roads, and the location of the proposed grading. Include a north arrow and labels, as appropriate (use another sheet if necessary):

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the user to draw a rough site plan. The box is currently blank.