

Upper Salinas Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District  
65 South Main Street, Suite 107 - Templeton, California 93465 - (805) 434-0396 ext. 4 - Fax 434-0284

## **The Alternative Review Program**

### **Review of Agricultural Grading Projects by the Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District**

#### **Does Your Project Qualify for ARP?**

If you own a farm or ranch or are a grading designer for agricultural lands, you may qualify for the Resource Conservation Districts' Alternative Review Program (ARP) for your agricultural grading project. The San Luis Obispo County Planning and Building Department has a contract with the Resource Conservation District (RCD) to allow approval of certain grading for agricultural uses.

The Alternative Review process applies to Level Three agricultural grading projects as referenced in the Inland Grading Ordinance Section Title 22 such as, but not limited to:

- 1) ponds and reservoirs,
- 2) creation of new agricultural support roads on slopes of over 30%,
- 3) grading hillside benches for orchards and vineyards on slopes over 30%,
- 4) stream bank protection and
- 5) waste management systems.

#### **The Alternative Review Application**

If you qualify for ARP, you should complete the Application for Alternative Review and Landowner's Consent form and submit them to:

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#### **The alternative review will include:**

- 1) Initial consultation/project planning with applicant
- 2) Environmental Review pursuant to CEQA
- 3) Review and approval of design plans provided by the applicant
- 4) Construction inspection of the project

#### **Fees and Services:**

The RCD's fee for Alternative Review varies depending upon the complexity of the project. Other services, such as project design assistance and guidance, are available.

Contact: Mori Seyedan, USLT-RCD at (805) 434-3691 or DJ Funk at (805) 434-0396 ext 4.  
Website: [www.us-ltrcd.org](http://www.us-ltrcd.org).

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I have read and understand the above information regarding the Alternative Review Program. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

**Permit Request for Agricultural Grading Projects**  
**Upper Salinas-Las Tablas and Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation Districts'**  
**Alternative Review Process (ARP)**

**Applicant Information** Landowner Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Property Information** Assessor Parcel Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Site Total Acres: \_\_\_\_\_  
Legal Description: Lot/Block: \_\_\_\_\_ Tract/Parcel Map: \_\_\_\_\_ Township/Range /Section#: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Travel Directions to Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly Describe Project & Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please Attach **3** sets of engineered Plans (min. 24x36), reductions (11x17) and all Reports. Minimum Deposit Fee: \$1200.00 plus a posting fee of \$25.00; (Deposit will apply to Review Fees and Costs). Permit review costs billed on hourly basis. Hourly rate for services are determined by the most recent USLT-RCD charge rate sheet. There is a minimum non-refundable fee of \$200.00 for administrative costs, should your application be withdrawn or denied. Review is performed per San Luis Obispo County Ag Grading Ordinance Level 3.

**Legal Declaration of Owner:**

*I, owner of this property, consent to the named agent/applicant to act on my behalf in connection with this matter. I declare that all statements here are true. I hereby grant representatives/staff of the Upper Salinas-Las Tablas/Coastal San Luis RCD's and representatives of SLO County authorization to inspect the subject property.*

Property Owner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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| Office Use Only Date Received: _____ By: _____<br>RCD Consultant: _____<br>Date of Agricultural Commissioner Contact (if applicable): _____<br>Coastal Zone: In ( ) Out ( )<br>Comments: _____<br>_____<br>_____ |
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Upper Salinas Las Tablas RCD Agricultural Grading Alternative Review  
**Supplemental Agricultural Information**

In order for the County Agricultural Commissioner's Office to make a determination that the proposed agricultural grading is necessary and appropriate to support a recognized production agricultural enterprise for the site, please provide the following information:

**Land Use Category (Zoning):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Agricultural Preserve Contract:**  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Irrigation Capability (describe):**

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**Historical and Current Agricultural Uses:**

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**Project Description (include description of the grading project, explanation of the need for grading, and the benefits to the overall agricultural operation. Please attach a site map):**

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Note: Alternative Grading review by the RCD is in lieu of grading review by the County Planning and Building Department. Grading activities that are determined to be inappropriate for the site, or unnecessary for recognized legitimate agricultural purposes, or where the agricultural enterprise is not recognized as production agriculture, by the Agricultural Commissioner's Office, require a grading permit and environmental review from the County of San Luis Obispo where appropriate.

Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD Agricultural Grading Alternative Review

**Consent of Landowner**

I (we) the undersigned owner of record of the fee interest in the parcel of land located at **(print address)** \_\_\_\_\_, with an Identified as assessor parcel number of **(print APN)**\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_, for which an Agricultural Grading Alternative Review is being filed with the Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District (RCD), am (are) requesting an approval for **(describe project)**\_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Such application may be filed and processed with my (our) full consent, and that I (we) have authorized (print name of agent) \_\_\_\_\_ to act as my (our) agent in all contracts with the RCD and to sign for all necessary permits in connection in this matter; and
- 2. I (we) hereby grant consent to the RCD, it's officers, staff, consultants and sub-consultants to enter the property identified above to conduct any and all surveys and inspections that are considered appropriate by the inspecting person or entity to process this application. This consent also extends to San Luis Obispo County Department of Planning and other government agencies, their officers, agencies, employees, consultants and sub-consultants, if these governmental agencies are providing review, inspections and surveys to assist the RCD in processing this application. This consent will expire upon completion of the project; and
- 3. I (we) hereby give notice of the following concealed or unconcealed dangerous conditions of the project or on the property:

**Owner granting consent:**

Print name(s) of owner(s) or name of the authorized representative of the corporation or partnership: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Corporation or Partnership: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime telephone number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Landowner:** \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorized agent:** Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime telephone number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Landowner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_