

County of El Dorado

Agriculture, Weights & Measures

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Do I Need an Agricultural Grading Permit?

1. Are your grading activities going to convert undisturbed vegetation to agricultural cropland?

Yes: Go to number 2.

No: Go to number 9.

2. Are you converting less than one acre of undisturbed vegetation to agricultural cropland?

Yes: Go to number 4.

No: Go to number 3.

3. Will your agricultural grading or other practices, including fuel reduction and fire protection, substantially change the natural contour of the land?

Yes: Go to number 8.

No: Go to number 4.

4. Will you be creating a cut or fill that could potentially endanger any structure intended for human or animal occupancy or is a cut over 5 feet and/or fill over 3 feet?

Yes: Go to number 8.

No: Go to number 5.

5. Could your grading project threaten the stability of any public road?

Yes: Go to number 8.

No: Go to number 6.

6. Could your grading project obstruct any watercourse or drainage conduit?

Yes: Go to number 8.

No: Go to number 7.

7. Your project is exempt from the requirement of obtaining an Agricultural Grading Permit. However, if your grading activities are going to convert more than one acre of undisturbed vegetation to agricultural cropland, you are still required to complete an Agricultural Grading Permit Application, detailing the “best management practices” that you will be using. (Exempt projects shall comply with all other requirements of CEQA, the County Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) and all other relevant codes and ordinances).

8. Your project requires an *Agricultural Grading Permit issued by the Agricultural Commissioner.

9. Your project is exempt from an Agricultural Grading Permit. If your grading project involves a building of any kind you need to contact the Building Department.

*Note: You can obtain an Agricultural Grading Permit application at the El Dorado County Agriculture Department, 311 Fair Lane Ct., Placerville, Ca 95667.