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AGRICULTURAL GRADING/CLEARING EXCEPTION FORM

I, _____, am the owner/operator of property consisting of _____ acres
zoned _____ located at _____
(APN _____). I currently conduct and/or plan to conduct
agricultural operations on that property consisting of _____
_____.

I request that agricultural grading to be performed on this property for the purpose of
_____ be exempted from Nevada County grading permits
pursuant to Article 17 of Chapter V of the Nevada County Land Use and Development Code (LUDC).

1. The land to be cleared and/or graded is zoned for agricultural use as
"AG" or "AE" or "RA" with a 3 acre parcel size or greater
2. The clearing and/or grading is exclusively for agricultural purposes not associated with
buildings that require a building permit;
3. Any vegetation removal or soil disturbance is outside any floodplain, watercourse,
wetland or riparian area and any non-disturbance buffer for those areas as defined in
LUDC Section L-II 4.3;
4. The work occurs on slopes of thirty percent (30%) or less;
5. The work does not disturb cultural resources;
6. Any excavated material remains on site, without changing the natural terrain or
drainage and without creating any cuts or fills, except as follows:
 - a. The work, if associated with construction or maintenance of a pond for livestock
raised on site, aquaculture or irrigation, does not create a dam that exceeds two feet
in height above grade, an excavation in excess of six feet or a storage capacity of
more than ten acre feet and results in no adverse
 - b. hydrological impacts upon surrounding properties that are not mitigated to a level
of insignificance, or
 - c. The work, if associated with construction of a farm or ranch road, is solely for the
purpose of providing on-site access to water supplies, storage areas, grazing/crop

lands or fence lines, does not service an existing or proposed structure requiring a building permit, and does not create a cut or fill greater than two feet in height unless adjacent to a pond;

7. To the extent possible, all work will be conducted between April 15th and October 15th to avoid the rainy season. Any work before April 15th or after October 15th of any year shall be permitted only if disclosed in the application and approved by an State Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control . A copy is included with the Permit Exemption application.
8. If land is left unplanted from October 15 to April 15 then an erosion control pan must be submitted.
9. Projects impacting heritage oak groves or trees need an inspection by the Ag Commissioner staff and a management plan to mitigate impacts. These sites are defined in LUDC L-II 4.13.15B)
10. Dust control measures need to be in place and if grading in areas of ultramatic rock/serpentine soil then clearance is required from NSAQMD.
11. **I intend to maintain the agricultural operations identified above for a period of five (5) years and if the request is granted, I agree to record a document acceptable to the county memorializing this restriction binding upon my self and anyone I may sell, lease or transfer the property to.**

I am responsible for and have a plan to control any soil erosion that could effect adjoining or offsite locations.

Signed _____

Dated _____

Print Name _____