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# COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
**BUILDING AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT**

Reference Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_

Assessors Parcel Number \_\_\_\_\_

## AGRICULTURAL GRADING/CLEARING CERTIFICATE EXEMPTION FORM

NOTICE: This agricultural grading/clearing exemption form is for grading/clearing performed exclusively for agricultural purposes in connection with the raising of crops or animals as provided in Riverside County Ordinance No. 457, Section 4.J.2.14. Prior to a building permit being issued on the area subject to this form, a grading permit, compaction report and letter of certification as well as a site investigation will be required. This form, when completed, shall not be construed as a grading permit or legalization of a lot or any other entitlement for use. If it is determined during the life of any exception actually obtained, that the planned or actual grading or clearing is not for agricultural purposes, a grading permit shall be required.

The filing of this Agricultural Grading/Clearing Certificate exemption form with the County of Riverside shall not be construed to authorize the commencement or continuance of any activity prohibited by Riverside County Ordinance No. 457, any other County ordinance, or any State or Federal law or regulation including but not limited to the Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 and any amendments thereto (16 U.S.C. Section 1531, et seq.).

**PROJECT ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FILING PARTY NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPERTY OWNER:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**FARMING CONTRACTOR NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: AN AGRICULTURAL GRADING/CLEARING VERIFICATION IS  
REQUIRED WITHIN ONE (1) YEAR OF FILING THIS EXEMPTION**

**1. History of Farming:** If applicable, briefly describe when and how the property to be graded or cleared has been farmed in the past (use attachment if needed).

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- If this land has been farmed within the preceding five (5) years, agricultural grading/clearing is exempt under the ordinance, and the Agricultural Grading/Clearing Certificate (Certificate) is optional. In such case, if you do not want a Certificate, you are not required to file this form, and no fees will be required.

If you want the optional Certificate for land farmed within the preceding five (5) years, please check the indicated box and skip Item Nos. 2 through 7, sign this form, and a Certificate will be issued at a reduced fee.

**2. Description of Property:** Briefly describe the property on which the grading or clearing will occur, describe any plans for development, and a map detailing the following where applicable (use attachment if needed).

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Please check all boxes that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Property location                            | <input type="checkbox"/> All existing dwellings or buildings    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Existing or proposed agricultural activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Erosion control method(s) utilized     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All access roads                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage system layout                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All areas to be graded or cleared            | <input type="checkbox"/> Existing or proposed animal facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation system layout                     |   |

3. Attach a minimum of three (3) ground-level panoramic photographs (color prints) clearly showing the whole project site. Include a locational map identifying the position from which the photo was taken and the approximate area of coverage of each photograph.

4. Attach approved erosion control plan from United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service or licensed soil engineer where any grading or clearing performed under this exemption involves a slope angle of 10% or greater.

5. Type of Agricultural Operation. Check all that apply:

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|------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field Row | <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock         | <input type="checkbox"/> Orchard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vineyard  | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery Operation | <input type="checkbox"/> Dryland |

Total Acres: \_\_\_\_\_ Acres utilized: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Water Source: \_\_\_\_\_ Potable: \_\_\_\_\_ Reclaimed: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Type of Irrigation system: \_\_\_\_\_

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Filing Party: \_\_\_\_\_