



PRGWB WATER NEUTRAL NEW AGRICULTURE EXEMPTION APPLICATION

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APPLICATION FOR “DE MINIMUS” EXEMPTION FROM ORDINANCE 3308:

Active APN: _____ Date: _____

Owner/Applicant Name: _____

Contact Phone _____ Contact Email: _____

Ordinance 3308 includes the following exemption in Title 22 Section 22.30.204:

“For the purpose of new crop production overlying the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin (excluding the Atascadero Sub-basin), as defined by Figure 30-1, sites that do not have any existing crop production and are not within the area of severe decline (50 feet or greater Spring Groundwater Elevation Change 1997-2013) as shown in Figure 30-2, may be eligible for a one-time only de minimis exemption. The one-time only de minimis exemption is limited to the establishment of crop production representing a new total of no more than 5.0 AF per year per site. If a one-time only de minimis exemption is granted, the resulting crop production cannot be used as a source of Agricultural Offset Clearance credits in any future application.”

Before applying please verify:

The site is not located in the area of severe decline. To confirm:

- Go to <http://www.sloplanning.org/PermitView/MapSearch>
- Under the “Layers” tab, check the box for “Groundwater”
- Check the box for “1997-2013 Spring Well Decline”

The site (contiguous parcels under the same ownership are considered one site) does not currently contain any irrigated agriculture

Allowable Acreage: The allowable acreage will vary based on the standard water use of the crop type. Refer to the tables below to determine the allowable acreage for the crop you wish to plant:

Crop Group	Primary Commodities
Alfalfa	Alfalfa
Nursery	Christmas trees, miscellaneous nursery plants, flowers
Pasture	Miscellaneous grasses, mixed pastures, sod/turf, sudangrass
Citrus	Avocados, grapefruits, lemons, oranges, olives, kiwis, pomegranates (non-deciduous)
Deciduous	Apples, apricots, berries, peaches, nectarines, plums, figs, pistachios, persimmons, pears, quinces
Strawberries	Strawberries
Vegetables	Artichokes, beans, miscellaneous vegetables, mushrooms, onions, peas, peppers, tomatoes
Vineyard	Wine grapes, table grapes

Source: Table 3 of the Agricultural Water Offset Program, Paso Robles Groundwater Basin, October 2014.

Crop Group	Applied Water (Acre Feet /Acre/Year)
Alfalfa	4.5
Citrus	2.3
Deciduous	3.5
Strawberries	2.3 ⁽¹⁾
Nursery	2.5
Pasture	4.8
Vegetables	1.9
Vineyard	1.25 ⁽¹⁾

1. Information obtained from RCD Program, UCCE, UC Davis (Strawberries 2011 data)
Source: *Table 9 of the Agricultural Water Offset Program, Paso Robles Groundwater Basin, October 2014.*

SITE DESCRIPTION:

Describe the current state of the site including any existing buildings and uses:

Describe proposed planting on the site (crop types and acreages):

Crop Type	Acreage	Water Duty (From Table 2 and 3)	Water Demand
Total Proposed Water Demand on Site (must be less than 5 acre feet):			

ATTACHMENTS:

Please attach the following to this application. Attachments may be submitted either electronically or in hard copy.

- Site Plan(s) showing proposed planting and acreages
- Title report or lot book guarantee (a site is defined as a parcel or contiguous parcels under the same ownership. Only one exemption per site will be issued.)

Fees: A \$133 site inspection fee will be due at the time of application submittal

ACTION (STAFF ONLY):

The following plantings at the APN(s) referenced above are exempt under Ordinance 3308 (describe crop types and acreage):

Additional information requested (describe):

Denied

Processed By: _____

Date: _____