

Application for Certificate of Exemption from Grading or Land Clearing Permit

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Applicant's Name: _____

Primary Permit #: _____

Companion Page

1. Instructions

Please fill out the general Planning Permit Application Form and this form when applying for a Certificate of Exemption from Grading or Land Clearing Permit. You must also submit all items indicated on the checklist found on the reverse side of the Planning Permit Application Form.

2. Project Information

Amount of material involved:

Cut:	_____	cubic yards
Fill:	_____	cubic yards
Depth of cut:	_____	ft.
Depth of fill:	_____	ft.

Disposal/haul site: _____

Type of vegetation to be removed: _____

Area to be cleared: _____ sq. ft.

Average slope of area to be altered: _____

Purpose of project: _____

3. Agency Certification

- ◆ Check box on the reverse of this form for exemption category.

If category 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 or 14 is selected:

The plans for this project have been prepared or reviewed by the _____ (Agency) and found to be in conformance with applicable rules and regulations and appropriate engineering design criteria of this agency. The project shall be adequately inspected by _____ (Agency) personnel while the work is being carried out and a copy of the final inspection report shall be sent to the San Mateo County Planning Division indicating completion of the project.

Has CEQA documentation been prepared and submitted with this application?

Yes No

I hereby certify that the statements furnished in this form and in the attached exhibits present the data and information required for this initial evaluation to the best of my ability, and that the facts, statements, and information presented are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. If any of the facts represented here change, it is my responsibility to inform the County.

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Signed _____ Date _____

(Name)

(Title)

(Agency)

4. Exemption From A Grading Or Land Clearing Permit

Check category below into which the project falls:

- 1. The project involves land clearing; and
 - a. The land area to be cleared is less than 5,000 square feet except in County Scenic Corridors where vegetation removal is less than 1,000 square feet and the work has not been performed within two years.
 - b. Existing slopes are less than 20%.
 - c. The land area to be cleared is not in any sensitive habitat or buffer zone as identified in the County General Plan. (Section 8602.2)
- 2. Exploratory excavations under the direction of soils engineer or engineering geologists. Such excavations are not to result in an erodible, hazardous, or unstable state. The County Department of Public Works Geotechnical Section shall be informed of such explorations at least two working days prior to commencement of work. (Section 8603.6).
- 3. An excavation which is less than 2 feet in maximum vertical depth made on competent natural terrain with a slope flatter than five horizontal to one vertical which creates slopes no steeper than two horizontal to one vertical and removes less than 150 cubic yards of material. (Section 8603.7).
- 4. A fill less than 2 feet in depth, placed on natural terrain with a slope flatter than five horizontal to one vertical, not intended to support structures, and which does not obstruct a drainage course or affect structural integrity of adjacent property. (Section 8603.8).
- 5. Work conducted in any County street, public right-of-way or easement when the work is for a public utility or other public purposes, or is controlled by other permits. (Section 8603.9).
- 6. Emergency work as authorized by the Planning Director necessary to protect life, limb or property; or to maintain the safety, use or stability of a public way or drainage way. (Section 8603.10).
- 7. The land area to be cleared is for fire protection purposes as required by the San Mateo County Fire Ordinance, Chapter 15, Fire Protection Regulations. (Section 8603.11).
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- 9. The land area to be cleared is for resource management such as brush clearing, erosion control or other resource management programs carried out under the purview of the RCD. (Section 8603.12)
- 10. Agricultural use of land that is operated in accordance with a conservation plan approved by and implemented according to the practices of the RCD or when it is determined by the RCD that such use will not cause excessive erosion or sediment losses, based on applicable soil loss tolerance values. (Section 8603.14)
- 11. Grading projects for purposes of soil conservation that have been approved by the RCD when plans for such project have been filed by the RCD with the Planning Division and the Department of Public Works Geotechnical Section and with the submittal of a certificate of exemption from the RCD. (Section 8603.15)
- 12. Agricultural water impoundments not exceeding the minimum limitations of the State Dams and Reservoir Act of 1967 (Section 6000 et seq. of the Water Code) when designed, observed, and approved by the RCD and with the submittal of a certificate of exemption from the RCD and provided plans are to be filed with the Planning Division and the Department of Public Works Geotechnical Section by the RCD. (Section 8603.16)
- 13. The land area to be cleared is to be carried out under an approved Forest Improvement Program or Chaparral Management Program under the purview of the California Department of forestry when plans for such projects have been filed with the Planning Division. (Section 8603.17)
- 14. Repair of storm damage consisting of slide repair, debris removal and water impoundment replacement on agricultural lands carried out under the purview of the ASCS or RCD provided that such activity does not create hazards to other lands. (Section 8603.18).

5. Staff Use

1. Is the proposed project within the Coastal Zone?

- Yes No

If yes, one of the following must accompany this exemption.

- ◆ CDP Exemption Certificate
- ◆ Coastal Development Permit Application

2. CEQA documentation

Does the project qualify for a CEQA Exemption?

- Yes No

If yes, enter class: _____

If no, an application for an initial study must accompany this exemption unless the Resource Agency has prepared and submitted the documentation.