



Local Coastal Program
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Sonoma County Local Coastal Plan Update Agricultural Resources Element Change Table

The Agricultural Resources Element of Local Coastal Plan Public Review Draft has been reorganized to improve readability. This table allows the reader to track changes in the reorganized document.

Title	Changes
<p>Introduction</p> <p>1.1 Purpose</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential elements of the Agricultural Resources Element's "Purpose" are consolidated in this section. • Note about programs needed to implement proposed policies and ongoing initiatives ("Other Initiatives") is moved to section 1.3 Scope & Organization. • Paragraph moved to a text box in Section 4, Agricultural Resources Policies": <i>"Concerns regarding future agricultural uses in the Coastal Zone include a potential increase in vineyard planting. Vineyard development raises concerns over the potential for impacts to Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas (ESHAs), to water quality and quantity, as well as conversion of forest lands and added pressure for development of agricultural support uses (agricultural processing and services). Secondary impacts to public services and traffic from agricultural support uses are also concerns. Future predicted climate change may alter growing conditions that further increase the pressure for vineyard development."</i>
<p>1.2 Relationship to Other Elements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraph edited for clarity: <i>"This Element provides direction for protection of agricultural resources and designation of agricultural land use categories in the Local Coastal Plan Land Use Element. Other policies related to protection of water quality, scenic resources, and natural resources within agricultural land use categories can be found in the Water Resources Element and Open Space and Resource Conservation Element."</i>
<p>1.3 Scope and Organization</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanation of implementation programs and ongoing or future initiatives ("Other Initiatives") included here.



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Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New subtitle: 2.1 Farmland in the Coastal Zone • Addition: <i>“Authority to adopt or to recommend changes to the category of Farmland of Local Importance rests with the Board of Supervisors in each county.”</i> • Paragraph deleted, replaced with clearer description and citations: <i>“Farmland of Local Importance is farmland other than Prime Farmland, Farmland of Statewide Importance, or Unique Farmland. In Sonoma County, Farmland of Local Importance includes inland hay producing lands and lands with the capability for producing locally important crops but may not be planted at the present time. This land may be important to the local economy due to its productivity or value, as defined by the Board of Supervisors. Authority to adopt or to recommend changes to the category of Farmland of Local Importance rests with the Board of Supervisors in each county.”</i> • Information on vineyards and wineries moved to text box (section 4.4) • Information on Land Conservation contracts moved to text box (section 4.3)
2.1 Residential Subdivision Potential and Nuisances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved to section 4.1 • Paragraph deleted; addressed in Land Use Element: <i>“Although these minimum lot sizes all but eliminated subdivision potential, some existing legal lots of record do not meet the minimums and are recognized through issuance of certificates of compliance. The Agricultural Resources Element establishes policies that maintain parcels in agricultural areas predominantly in sizes large enough to sustain a viable commercial agricultural operation.”</i>
2.2 Conversion of Agricultural Uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved to section 4.2 and retitled: Protection of Agricultural Land • More information added regarding conversion of agricultural land as consequence of economic pressure
2.3 Agricultural Support Uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved to section 4.4 • Added sub-heading 4.4.1, Agricultural Processing and Agricultural Services



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2.3.1 Agricultural Visitor-Serving Uses – Agricultural Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved to section 4.4.2 • Improved definition of Agricultural Visitor-Serving Uses
2.4 Farmworker Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved to section 4.5
2.5 Farmers’ Economic Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content integrated in Section 4.5: Farmworker Housing
2.6 Aquaculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved to section 4.6 and retitled: Marine Aquaculture and Fishing
2.7 Impacts of Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now section 3: Impacts of Climate Change
Agricultural Resources Policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goals, Objectives, and Policies moved to section 4, adjacent to relevant discussions
3.1 Maintain Large Minimum Parcel Sized in Agricultural Lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heading removed • Goals and objectives remain unchanged, moved to section 4.1
3.2 Limit Intrusion of Urban Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heading removed • Goals, objectives, and policies unchanged, moved to sections 4.2 and 4.3
3.3 Location and Intensity of Agriculture Related Support Uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heading removed • Goals, objectives, and policies unchanged, moved to section 4.4
3.4 Farm Related Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heading removed • Goals, objectives, and policies unchanged, moved to section 4.5
3.5 Support Agriculture Economic Viability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heading removed • Content moved to 4.3
3.6 Aquaculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved to section 4.6: Aquaculture and Fishing
Implementation Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved to section 5: Implementation Programs