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This issue was raised with regard to the timber buffer (Policy 8.4.1.1) after adoption of the 1996 General Plan, which contained similar language and minimum parcel size restrictions, but with a 40-acre buffer requirement. At that time, the Commission initiated a policy amendment, which was adopted, exempting parcels within the Rural Centers from the buffer requirements. Similar changes were proposed for Policy 8.1.3.1, which was initiated in 1998. No action was taken on the amendment because the decision on the General Plan lawsuit precluded any further amendments prior to the amendment being scheduled before your Commission.

Although the Agricultural Commission expressed concerns regarding the proposal, and did not recommend approval, it is worth considering at this time, since the issue was never fully resolved. Attached is a draft resolution of intention to initiate consideration of a proposed amendment. Staff is not prepared to provide recommended policy language at this time. Any such amendment should be reviewed by the Agricultural Commission and other interested parties.

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