



**RESOLUTION NO.**

**OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO**

**WHEREAS**, the 2004 General Plan establishes as Goal 8.1 the long-term conservation of existing and potential agricultural land and limiting the intrusion of incompatible uses, and

**WHEREAS**, the 2004 General Plan establishes as Objective 8.1.3 the protection of agricultural land from adjacent incompatible land uses, and

**WHEREAS**, Policy 8.1.3.1 has been amended to provide greater flexibility on the part of the approving authority to find that some agriculturally-zoned lands do not have existing agricultural operation and do not have the potential for agricultural use, and

**WHEREAS**, some lands exist within Community Regions and Rural Centers that are planned for more intensive land use but are presently zoned for agricultural uses, and

**WHEREAS**, the amendment to Policy 8.1.3.1 provides for criteria to be established by which the Agricultural Commission and the approving authority for development projects may determine that a proposed development project will not impact existing or potential agricultural land,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors adopts Criteria for Reduction of Minimum Parcel Size Agricultural Buffer Requirement of Policy 8.1.3.1 as further identified on Exhibit A.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_, by the following vote of said Board:

**Attest:**  
Cindy Keck  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**Ayes:**  
**Noes:**  
**Absent:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

**I CERTIFY THAT:**  
THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT IS A CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE.

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attest:** CINDY KECK, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado, State of California.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Exhibit A**  
**Criteria for Reduction of Minimum Parcel Size Agricultural Buffer Requirement of Policy 8.1.3.1**

Pursuant to the 2004 General Plan Policy 8.1.3.1, the County Agricultural Commission may consider recommending to the approving authority the creation of a parcel(s) less than 10 acres adjacent to agriculturally zoned lands when the Commission finds that either criteria A or B of the following exists:

A. The project meets 1, 2 and either a or b of 3 of the following criteria:

1. The parcel is assigned an urban or other nonagricultural use in the Land Use Map for the 2004 General Plan; and
2. The proposed parcel size is consistent with the General Plan Land Use designation; and
3. The proposed parcel size will not intensify conflict with an adjacent agricultural operation; plus one of the following criteria:
  - a. The agriculturally zoned land area contains less than 20% choice soils; or
  - b. There is currently no agricultural activity on the agriculturally zoned parcel(s) adjacent to the subject parcel and that the conversion to a low or high intensive farming operation is not likely to take place due to soil and/or topographic characteristics of the adjacent agriculturally zoned parcel(s).

B. The project meets at least one of the following criteria:

1. The parcel adjacent to the agriculturally zoned land is within an existing General Plan Community Region or Rural Center and will not intensify conflict with an adjacent agricultural operation; or
2. The agriculturally zoned parcel is zoned Exclusive Agriculture (AE) or Agricultural Preserve (AP); and
  - a. The agricultural parcel is no longer under contract and the Agricultural Commission determines that the surrounding parcels are residential/nonagricultural in nature and are not suitable for an agricultural operation; or
  - b. The parcel was assigned an urban or other nonagricultural use in the Land Use Map for the 1996 General Plan( LDR, MDR, HDR, MFR, C, TR, RD, AP or PF); or
3. The agriculturally zoned parcel is less than 10 acres in size and is not being used for agricultural operations; or
4. The Agricultural Commission determines that the surrounding parcels are residential/nonagricultural in nature and are not suitable for an agricultural operation.