



# MARIN COUNTY FARM BUREAU

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Marin County Board of Supervisors

Dear Supervisors,

Thank you for allowing some additional time to consider the LCP amendments that will have profound impacts on Marin County's agricultural community.

After decades of work on behalf of Marin County staff and Supervisors, Coastal Commission staff and Commissioners and the local community, Marin County Farm Bureau has only a few suggested changes. As the current LCP has been in place for 36 years, one can assume that a new updated LCP could be in place for decades to come. These recommended changes will allow agriculture in the coastal zone to remain viable and competitive in the face of unknown climate, weather and market challenges in the coming years. Our suggestions are:

1. Table 5-1-a –
  - a. Agriculture accessory activities should be **"E"** exempt in C-APZ zone
  - b. Agricultural production should be **"E"** exempt in C-APZ zone
2. Agriculture, ongoing – Add: Agricultural production activities (including crop rotation), **irrigation, maintenance of agricultural infrastructure, plowing, tilling...**
3. Agriculture accessory activities – Remove **"irrigation"**, add **"fences"**, add **"shellfish sorting and packaging"**, add **"pipeline installation"**.
4. Agricultural Accessory Structures (land use) – **"fences"** should be removed.
5. Agricultural Processing (land use) – change to **"-shellfish processing – other than sorting and packaging."**
6. The following types of activities are not considered ongoing agriculture. - Add the following language to bullet point 2: Installation or extension of irrigation systems **outside of ongoing agricultural areas.**
7. 7.7.4 - Definition of grading should be changed: Grading: Any excavation, stripping, cutting, filling, or stockpiling of soil material, or combination thereof, **that are not maintenance of agricultural infrastructure within ongoing agricultural areas.**

8. Development of new water sources (such as new or expanded well or surface impoundment). – This activity should be moved from “activities not considered ongoing agriculture” to “Agricultural Accessory Activities”
9. Table 5-1-e – “**use permit for pipeline**” should be removed.
10. Table 5-1-C – Single family dwelling should be allowed
11. 22.32.024 – Remove clustering requirement.
12. 22.32.025 – Covenant requirement should be removed from farm house development.
13. Downzoning – Marin County Farm Bureau continues to oppose the requirements for conservation easements, the combining of parcels and the creation of farm tracts.

The Federal government, the State of California and the County of Marin already have layers of permitting requirements and restrictions that govern the activities and items identified in this letter. Marin County Farm Bureau is suggesting changes to reduce burdensome and duplicative restrictions and unnecessary, time consuming, duplicative and expensive permitting requirements. With these minor modifications, the Board of Supervisors will be advocating for the long-term survival of Marin County’s agriculture.

Thank you for your dedication to the well-being of Marin County.

Sincerely,

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