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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 20, 2007

TO: Brian Baca
 Development Services-Planning

FROM: Greg Boeger
 Chair

SUBJECT: PROPOSED REVISED GRADING ORDINANCE AND UPDATED DESIGN MANUAL

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During the Agricultural Commission's regularly scheduled meeting held on February 14, 2007, the following discussion and motion occurred regarding the proposed revised Grading Ordinance and updated Design Manual.

Brian Baca and Mick McGuire provided an overview of changes made to the Grading Ordinance and Design Manual which now includes agricultural activities. Mr. Baca apologized for the delay in the Agricultural Commission receiving these proposed revised documents but would still like to receive a recommendation from the Commission since these documents have been agendized for the February 27, 2007, Board of Supervisors meeting.

Bill Stephans informed the Commission that he has reviewed the proposed revised Grading Ordinance several times with Mr. Baca, Mr. McGuire, and Dan Hinrichs.

The Commission questioned staff on the various examples of possible agricultural exemptions in the Grading Ordinance (i.e., trellising/terracing, moving land for corrals, etc.). Commission Member Pratt voiced concern that agriculture is located in an "engineer-laden" document and was also disappointed over the "last minute" review given to the Commission.

Mr. Stephans stated that with input from the Agricultural Commission, staff can craft language regarding guidelines to implement the agricultural activities identified in the Grading Ordinance. Mr. Baca indicated that this was the intent of staff when revising the Ordinance.

It was moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Winner to conceptually recommend approval of the revised Grading Ordinance and the updated Design Manual as presented, with the understanding that the Agriculture Department will develop implementation procedures. Motion passed.

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AYES: Bacchi, Heflin, Ward, Winner, Walker, Boeger
NOES: Pratt

If you have any questions regarding the Agricultural Commission's actions, please contact the Agriculture Department at (530) 621-5520.

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