

**Table 1 - Intent of the New Grading Ordinance**

<b>Protections to Provide</b>	<b>Outcomes to Avoid</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Protect Property Owners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current and future owners of property being improved from grading that will degrade the value of the property</li> <li>• Owners of adjacent &amp; downstream properties from erosion</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Protect the General Public <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unsafe grading practices</li> <li>• Public nuisances</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Protect the Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Erosion of material into waterways</li> <li>• Promote natural contouring</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Alignment with County Policies</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Burden owners with permitting requirements for low risk activities</li> <li>2. Create duplication or potential conflict with other laws</li> <li>3. Unnecessarily increase the cost of compliance</li> </ol>

**Table 2 - Sources and Stakeholders**

<b>Sources will include but are not limited to:</b>	<b>Stakeholders will include but are not limited to:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RCD's Conservation Practice Standards</li> <li>• CA Stormwater Quality Association</li> <li>• Ventura County Air Pollution Control District Rule 55 Requirements</li> <li>• American Society for Testing of Materials</li> <li>• FEMA Publications</li> <li>• Ventura County Land Development Manual</li> <li>• Others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agricultural Industry</li> <li>• Property Owners</li> <li>• Environmental Protection Groups</li> <li>• Developers</li> <li>• Contractors</li> <li>• Municipal Advisory Committees</li> <li>• Oil Industry</li> <li>• Others</li> </ul>

**Table 3 - Sample List of Grading Activities**

<b>Grading Activity</b>	<b>Grading Activity</b>
Agricultural	Reservoir And Basin Construction
Blasting	Slope Construction
Clean-Ups (Pollutants, Debris, etc.)	Stockpiles
Contouring	Surface and Subsurface Drainage
Development	Swimming Pools
Erosion Control	Temporary Excavations
Exploratory Excavations	Transportation
Fill Placement	Travel Paths (Roads and Trails)
Oil Fields	Utility Excavations
Parking Lots	
Permanent Impervious Surfaces (Patios, Tennis Courts, etc.)	

**Table 4 - Grading Activities Requiring a Ministerial Permit**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Trigger</b>
Development	Grading Associated with a Building Permit
Geostabilization	Projects Requiring Soils or Geology Reports
Cuts and Fill Slopes	Slopes steeper than 2:1 in gradient
Excavations	Excavations greater than 4 feet
Paths of Travel	All paths greater than 10' wide
Impervious Flatwork Areas (no Building Permit)	Areas Greater Than 400 sq. ft.
Agriculture (hillside)	New Agriculture
Blasting	All Blasting Operations
Reservoirs, Dams, and Water Impounding	All Projects
Waterways	All Projects - If F&G SAA is Required than Discretionary
Abatement of Violation as Necessary	Violation Without Prior Permit