

APPENDIX K

OTHER GENERAL PLAN ELEMENT AMENDMENTS

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**CHANGES TO OTHER *KINGS COUNTY GENERAL PLAN* ELEMENTS
TO IMPLEMENT THE DAIRY ELEMENT OF THE
*KINGS COUNTY GENERAL PLAN***

1. Add the following Goal, Objective and Policy to the *Land Use Element* of the *Kings County General Plan* at page LU-12:

GOAL 9A: Restrict the locations where dairies may be located to those areas of the County where they are most compatible with surrounding uses and activities and environmental constraints as presented in the *Dairy Element*.

Objective 9A.1: Use specific standards to avoid potential land use conflicts through the site plan review (SPR) streamlined review process when approving new dairies and expansion of existing dairies.

Policy 9A.1a: Proposed new dairies and expansions of existing dairies, and associated dairy stock replacement facilities, may be approved through the SPR process if they meet all of the standards in the *Dairy Element* concerning siting, design, operation, monitoring and reporting.

2. Amend Land Use Program 2 on page LU-15 as follows:

Land Use Program 2 (2002 Update):

Bring the Kings County Zoning Ordinance into conformance with *General Plan* policies, as follows:

- A. Consider changing zone district boundaries, or relying more heavily on administrative review rather than on the conditional use permit process, in order to streamline the planning process. Retain the opportunity for public review and comment on potentially significant projects.

~~Amend the Zoning Ordinance to include new zone districts "AG-20," "AG-40," and "Public Facilities." Rename the former "Light Agriculture" zone "Limited Agriculture." Eliminate the zone district formerly known as "Exclusive Agriculture."~~

- B. ~~Continue to apply~~ Apply the "General Agriculture" (AG) zone to areas so designated on the General Plan map, with minimum parcel size as indicated (e.g., AG-20 and AG-40). Permit, or permit subject to administrative action, all agricultural uses in the AG zone. Require Conditional Use permits of all ~~livestock concentration activities,~~ agricultural service industries, agricultural airports, and other commercial operations which are now permitted, or are permitted subject to administrative approval, in agricultural zone districts.

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New and expanding dairies, and dairy replacement stock facilities activities, shall be reviewed and processed as site plan reviews consistent with the policies found in the *Dairy Element*.

- C. Apply the "Limited Agriculture" (AL) zone to areas so designated on the General Plan map, with a ten-acre minimum parcel size. Permit new non-intensive, temporary agricultural service activities and uses, such as kennels and veterinary hospitals, to locate in the AL zone. Do not approve uses for new livestock animal concentrations or ~~nuisance-producing~~ agricultural service industries in new permanent structures and facilities within areas designated "Limited Agriculture."

~~Specify the criteria for permitting the division of property for nonagricultural use in areas designated AG and AL. Consider minimum parcel size, length of property ownership, and required degree of consanguinity for recipients of gift parcels for homesites and life estates. Require environmental and agricultural evaluation of the proposed division.~~

~~Amend the Zoning Ordinance to eliminate the zoning permit granted by Administrative Approval. Process permits for these uses as either Site Plan Reviews or Conditional Use Permits, based on whether the particular use is subject to review pursuant to CEQA. Generally, those uses which do not require CEQA review should be processed as Site Plan Reviews, and those uses requiring CEQA review should be processed as Conditional Use Permits.~~

~~Define "residences or farm employee housing incidental to an agricultural use" as those units occupied by households deriving at least one-half of their gross income from agricultural sales or labor.~~

~~Remove airports and heliports from the list of permitted uses.~~

~~The minimum parcel size in the "Rural Residential Agricultural" zone district shall be 20,000 square feet although a larger minimum site area may be required to comply with environmental concerns, building codes, or improvement standards. However, the site shall be not less than one acre in size if both individual water supply and individual sewage waste disposal systems are to be utilized on the site.~~

~~However, retain the provision for smaller lot sizes of the existing "Rural Residential Estate" zone district for application to rural residential subdivisions employing a public water system.~~

~~Eliminate the existing "Urban Reserve" zone district and apply specific zoning that is consistent with the Land Use Element, but initiate more stringent review of development proposals to ensure compatibility of existing and proposed uses and conformance with adopted policies.~~

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3. Amend Land Use Program 11 on page LU-17 as follows:

Land Use Program 11 (2002Update):

~~Prepare an Agriculture Implement the Dairy Element to be integrated with the contents of the Land Use, Open Space, and Resource Conservation Elements of the Kings County General Plan.~~