

Steps in the Alternative Review Process

Cooperator Actions	RCD Actions
Step 1: Determine Eligibility	
Use the County's Guide to Agricultural Grading (http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/planning/drainage/grad_storm_mgmt.htm) to determine eligibility. Call your local RCD or County staff for additional direction.	Respond to questions.
Step 2: Schedule Initial Site Visit	
Discuss conceptual plans and alternatives with RCD and your engineers, planners or other professionals.	Schedule a pre-project site visit.
Step 3: Apply to Alternative Review Process	
If you have a road or pond project , contact County Agricultural Commissioner's Office at (805) 781-5910. For all other projects , contact County Planning at (805) 788-2009 or your local RCD.	None.
Apply to Alternative Review Program*. Provide the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed County Alternative Review form (online) • Completed RCD supplement • Engineering plans • \$2,000 retainer for review process 	Provide estimated budget and schedule. Send County ARP form to County Planning Dept.
Step 4: Complete Engineering & Environmental Review	
Have engineer complete engineering plans to meet RCD recommendations and NRCS standards for agricultural practices. Mail to RCD for final engineering review**.	Complete engineering plan review.
Provide relevant information to RCD to complete environmental review.	Complete environmental review of project impacts.
Mail payment for RCD services monthly.	Invoice applicant for services monthly.
Step 5: Implement Project	
Construction can begin in accordance with conditions of the approved engineering plan.	Provide engineering plan approval to applicant.
Post permit notification in visible location at project site.	Provide permit notification with plan approval.
Step 6: Final Construction Inspection	
Notify RCD upon project completion and schedule final inspection.	Complete post-project inspection and send letter of approval/denial to applicant, and County.
Pay final invoice within 30 days.	Send final invoice to applicant.

Notes: *Landowner is responsible for obtaining all other applicable permits.

** Ensure additional requirement like erosion & sedimentation control plans, drainage plans and stormwater pollution prevention plans are completed.