



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-1000

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Farmlands Protection (CEST and EA) - PARTNER

<https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/farmlands-protection>

1. Does your project include any activities, including new construction, acquisition of undeveloped land or conversion, that could convert agricultural land to a non-agricultural use?

Yes → *Continue to Question 2.*

No

→ *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.*

2. Does “important farmland,” including prime farmland, unique farmland, or farmland of statewide or local importance regulated under the Farmland Protection Policy Act, occur on the project site?

You may use the links below to determine important farmland occurs on the project site:

- Utilize USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service’s (NRCS) Web Soil Survey <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/HomePage.htm>
- Check with your city or county’s planning department and ask them to document if the project is on land regulated by the FPPA (zoning important farmland as non-agricultural does not exempt it from FPPA requirements)
- Contact NRCS at the local USDA service center <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs> or your NRCS state soil scientist http://soils.usda.gov/contact/state_offices/ for assistance

No → *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination.*

Yes → *Continue to Question 3.*

3. Consider alternatives to completing the project on important farmland and means of avoiding impacts to important farmland.

- Complete form [AD-1006, “Farmland Conversion Impact Rating”](#) and contact the state soil scientist before sending it to the local NRCS District Conservationist.
- Work with NRCS to minimize the impact of the project on the protected farmland. When you have finished with your analysis, return a copy of form AD-1006 to the USDA-NRCS State Soil Scientist or his/her designee informing them of your determination.

Work with the RE/HUD to determine how the project will proceed. Document the conclusion:

Project will proceed with mitigation.

Explain in detail the proposed measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation.

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Project will proceed without mitigation.

Explain why mitigation will not be made here:

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Worksheet Summary

Provide a full description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your program or region

Include all documentation supporting your findings in your submission to HUD.

The proposed project is in an urbanized area that is fully developed. The project site is currently vacant and is filled with vegetation and trees. There is no farmland within 0.5 miles of the project. The map attached shows an overview of the project and the surrounding area.

1. California Department of Conservation. 2019. California Important Farmland Finder. Available at: <https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/DLRP/CIFF/>



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The screenshot displays the 'California Important Farmland Finder' web application. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the CA.GOV logo on the left and the California Department of Conservation logo on the right. Below the navigation bar are four menu items: 'CA Farmland Conservancy', 'Conservation Districts', 'Farmland Mapping', and 'Williamson Act'. The main content area is titled 'California Important Farmland Finder' and includes a search bar with the address '1620 Cypress Ln, Paradise, CA'. A search result popup shows 'Search result 1 of 1'. The map displays various land use categories, with a search result highlighted in green. A 'Layer List' panel on the right side of the map shows a list of land use categories with corresponding color swatches. The categories include: Prime Farmland, Farmland of Statewide Importance, Unique Farmland, Grazing Land, Farmland of Local Importance, Farmland of Local Potential, Other Land, Confined Animal Agriculture, Nonagricultural or Natural Vegetation, Vacant or Disturbed Land, Rural Residential Land, Semi-agricultural and Rural Commercial Land, Urban and Built-Up Land, Water Area, Irrigated Farmland, and Nonirrigated Farmland. A scale bar at the bottom left indicates 0.4km and provides coordinates: -134,637,684 197,606,764 Meters.