

CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT
POLICIES

**P-3 - Administration of Agricultural Land Commission and Soil Conservation Act
Application Fees**

Preamble: The *Agricultural Land Commission Act* and the *Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation* set the legislative framework for the establishment, administration and procedures of BC's agricultural land preservation program. The *Agricultural Land Commission Act* takes precedence over, but does not replace other legislation and bylaws that may apply to the land. Local governments are expected to plan in accordance with the provincial policy of preserving agricultural land.

It is the responsibility of the local government under section 21 of the *Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation* to forward applications to the Commission.

Policy: Section 33(1) of the *Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation* specifies that the prescribed application fees are as follows:

- (a) for permission under section 20 or 21 of the *Act* for a use or subdivision of agricultural land to which section 4 does not apply, \$600;
- (b) for permission under section 29 or 30 of the *Act* for the exclusion of land from the reserve, \$600;
- (c) for permission under section 34(6) of the *Act* for applications filed directly with the commission, \$400.

Pursuant to section 33(2) of the *Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation* specifies that the prescribed portion of the application fee that the Central Coast Regional District will retain for the purposes of section 35(1) of the *Act* is \$300 for an application

- (a) for exclusion under section 29 or 30 of the *Act*, or
- (b) for use or subdivision under section 20 or 21 of the *Act*.

Pursuant to section 33(3) of the *Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation* specifies that the prescribed times for the purposes of section 35(1)(b) of the *Act* are at a time that occurs on or before March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31 of each year.

Section 33(4) of the *Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation* states that the prescribed portion of an application fee that may be remitted by the commission to a local government for the purposes of section 35(5) of the *Act* is \$200.

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