

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**  
**LAND USE MATRIX FOR AGRICULTURAL ZONING DISTRICTS**

LAND USES \ AGRICULTURAL ZONING DISTRICT <sup>**</sup>	A-2	A-3	A-4	A-20	A-40 <sup>2</sup>	A-80 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Residential (not specifically mentioned in General Plan AL designation):</b>						
A detached single-family dwelling on each parcel & the accessory structures and uses normally auxiliary to it.	A	A	L <sup>3</sup>	A	A	A
One additional single-family dwelling	L	L	L <sup>4</sup>	L	L	L
Accessory dwelling units complying with the provisions of Chapter 82-24.	A	A	A <sup>5</sup>	A	A	A
A farmworker dwelling (see chapter 82-52.402)	A	A	A	A	A	A
Farmworker housing complex (see chapter 82-52.404)	A	A	A	A	A	A
Farmworker housing center (see chapter 82-52.406)	L	L	L	L	L	L
A foster family home or a small family home, as those terms are defined in Health and Safety Code section 1502(a), that has obtained all required state and local agency approvals and licenses.	A	A	-	-	-	-
A small family child care home or a large family child care home, as those terms are defined in California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 102352(f)(1), that has obtained all required state and local agency approvals and licenses.	A, L	A, L	-	-	-	-
<b>Agricultural (growing, processing/manufacturing, storage, sales):</b>						
Agricultural cold storage plants on parcels at least ten acres in size	A	A	-	L	L	L
Agricultural cold storage plants on parcels less than ten acres in size	L	L	-	L	L	L
Agricultural-related storage of products and equipment (e.g., sheds, warehouses, granaries)	A	A	L	A	A	A
Animal breeding	A	A	-	-	-	-
Aviaries, Apiaries	A	A	A	A	A	A
Canneries	L	L	L	L	L	L
Commercial fish farming	-	-	L	-	-	-
Dairying	A	A	L	A	A	A
Dryers & dehydration plants	A	A	L	-	-	-
Farm market	L	L	L	L	L	L
Forestry	A	A	A	A	A	A
Fruit and vegetable packing plants	A	A	L	A	A	A
Fur farms	A	A	L	-	-	-
General Farming	A	A	A	A	A	A
Grain-fed rodent raising	-	-	-	A	A	A
Grower stand or farm stand	A	A	A	A	A	A
Hog ranches	-	-	L	-	-	-
Hullers	A	A	L	A	A	A
Livestock and feed yards	-	-	L	-	-	-
Livestock auction or sales yards	L	-	-	L	L	L
Livestock breeding	-	-	-	A	A	A
Livestock production	A	A	A	A	A	A
Merchandising of agricultural supplies and services incidental to an agricultural use	L	L	-	L	L	L
Mushroom rooms, mushroom houses	A	A	L	L	L	L
Poultry raising	A	A	L	A	A	A
Processing of milk not produced on the premises	-	L	-	L	L	L
Rendering plants and fertilizer plants or yards	L	L	-	L	L	L
Retail firewood sales	L	L	-	-	-	-
Slaughterhouses and stockyards	L	L	-	-	-	-
Wholesale horticulture and floriculture	A	A	A	A	A	A
Wholesale nurseries and greenhouses	A	A	L	L	L	L
Wineries, commercial kitchens, or other facilities for creating value-added farm products	L	L	L	L	L	L
<b>Public, Semi-Public, Recreational:</b>						
Boat storage facilities/area within one mile by public road of a public boat launching facility/boat launching facility open to the public.	L <sup>6</sup>	L <sup>6</sup>	-	L	-	-
Churches, religious institutions, and parochial and private schools, including nursery schools	L	L	-	L	-	-
Commercial radio and television receiving and transmitting facilities but not including broadcasting studios or business offices	L	L	L	L	L	L
Commercial recreational facilities when the principal use is not in a building	L	L	-	-	-	-
Community buildings, clubs, & activities of a quasi-public, social, fraternal, or recreational character	L <sup>7</sup>	L <sup>7</sup>	-	L	-	-
Dude ranches, riding academies and stables, and dog kennels	L	L	-	L	-	-
Hospitals, animal hospitals, eleemosynary and philanthropic institutions, and convalescent homes	L	L	-	L	-	-
Medical and dental offices and medical clinics	L	L	-	L	-	-
Museums in which objects of historical, artistic, scientific or cultural importance are preserved and displayed	L	L	-	-	-	-
Publicly owned buildings and structures, except as provided in Division 82	L	L	-	-	-	-
Publicly owned parks and playground	L	L	-	-	-	-
<b>Recycling, Energy Production:</b>						
Recycling operations intended to sort or process material for reuse. Junkyards, defined in Section 88-4.206, are prohibited	L	L	-	-	-	-
Wind energy conversion systems, except when used only as an accessory to an allowable residential or agricultural use	L <sup>8</sup>	L <sup>8</sup>	L	L	L	L
Oil and gas drilling and production including the installation and use of only such equipment necessary and convenient for drilling and extracting operations	-	-	-	L	L	L
<b>Williamson Act:</b>						
Those agricultural and compatible uses specifically agreed upon between the county and the landowner at the time of entering into the agreement and designated in writing within the agreement			A			
Those uses described in Section 51201(e) of Government Code [Williamson Act]:						
"Compatible use" is any use determined by the county or city administering the preserve pursuant to Section 51231, 51238, or 51238.1 or by this act to be compatible with the agricultural, recreational, or open-space use of land within the preserve and subject to contract.						
"Compatible use" includes agricultural use, recreational use or open-space use unless the board or council finds after notice and hearing that the use is not compatible with the agricultural, recreational or open-space use to which the land is restricted by contract pursuant to this chapter.			L			

**Key:**

- Not Allowed
- A Allowed
- L Requires Land Use Permit

**Footnotes:**

- \*\* Check consistency with General Plan Land Use Designation. All land use permits must be consistent with all findings in Section 26-2.2008, including consistency with the General Plan.
- 1 AC Land Use Designation: The maximum permitted residential density is 1 unit per forty acres.
- 2 A-40 district: No building or other structure permitted in an A-40 district shall be erected or placed on a lot smaller than forty acres in area.
- 3 A-80 district: No building or other structure permitted in an A-40 district shall be erected or placed on a lot smaller than eighty acres in area.
- 3 In no event shall any residential structure be permitted to be built or additional residential structure be erected on less than forty acres per unit for non-prime agricultural land, or less than ten acres per unit of the agricultural land.
- 4 A separate land use permit is required for one additional single-family dwelling on the parcel.
- 5 ADU allowed provided a land use permit has been obtained pursuant to Section 84-42.404 for the detached single-family dwelling on the parcel. Also refer to Williamson Act Contract, if any, for allowances.
- 6 Vessels and vessel trailers may be stored in a boat storage facility. Recreational vehicles may be stored in a boat storage facility as long as the number of recreational vehicles stored does not exceed fifteen percent of the total number of storage spaces in the storage facility.
- 7 Such as golf, tennis or swimming clubs, or veterans' or fraternal organizations; these uses are prohibited if organized for monetary profit.
- 8 This use is allowed without a land use permit if used only as an accessory to an allowable residential or agricultural use.