



## Regional Board Policy

### Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) Landowner Exclusion Application Policy

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#### **PURPOSE:**

As of September 30, 2020, through implementation of amendments to the Agricultural Land Commission Act and Agricultural Land Reserve Regulation, the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) will no longer accept Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) Exclusion Applications from private landowners.

Recognizing that the ALC is the agency responsible for undertaking ALR boundary reviews at a regional scale, this policy establishes a procedure and set of criteria for the CRD to follow when responding to requests from private landowners to exclude their property from the ALR.

#### **POLICY:**

##### **1. Official Community Plan and Rural Land Use Bylaw areas:**

For landowner ALR exclusion requests within Official Community Plan (OCP) or Rural Land Use Bylaw (RLUB) areas:

- a) CRD Staff will compile landowner requests for consideration during future OCP/RLUB updates.
- b) OCP/RLUB updates will provide a high-level overview of potential areas for ALR boundary changes (i.e. exclusions and inclusions). Staff will determine which properties considered in 1.a) above will be identified in the updated OCP/RLUB, based on good planning practice, community consultation, ALC and Ministry of Agriculture feedback during plan development.
- c) OCP/RLUB updates will be scheduled through normal annual department business planning practices.

- d) Staff will make necessary ALR inclusion and exclusion applications after the conclusion of an OCP/RLUB update process.
  - i) ALR inclusion and exclusion applications will be resourced by CRD staff as part of annual department business planning, as approved by the Board.
  - ii) Staff (with Board approval) may consider resourcing broader ALR boundary review projects on an OCP/RLUB area-wide basis, with coordination and support of Ministry of Agriculture and the ALC, if appropriate.

## **2. Areas Outside OCP and RLUB Areas:**

For landowner ALR exclusion requests not within Official Community Plan (OCP) or Rural Land Use Bylaw (RLUB) areas:

- a) CRD Staff will compile landowner exclusion requests, and where no future inclusion into OCP/RLUB areas is anticipated, staff will bring the landowner exclusion proposals to the Board to consider resourcing in the following years' business plan.

**\*\*\* END OF POLICY \*\*\***

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