

**SUTTER COUNTY****TRANSPORTATION PERMIT CONDITIONS  
Including IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY****POSSESSION OF PERMIT:**

This permit shall be carried in the vehicle to which it refers at all times while the vehicle is being moved within the road limits, and shall be open to inspection by any peace officer, traffic officer, authorized agent of Sutter County or any other officer or employee charged with the care and protection of such highways (V.C. 35783)

**PERMIT CONDITIONS**

1. **Validity of Permit** -This permit is valid only for movement on the assigned County roads under the jurisdiction of Sutter County and on alternate routes and detours signed as such and approved by the County. City permits, where appropriate, must be secured for travel on roads and streets under their respective jurisdictions unless otherwise specified on this permit.
2. **Void Permit** -This permit is null and void and hereby declared non-existent:
  - a. If any portion, part or section is illegible.
  - b. If it is not signed by an authorized representative of Sutter County.
  - c. If any portion, part or section has been altered or if an attempt to alter is apparent.
  - d. If used to represent proper authority for carrying a load and/or moving a vehicle which is not specifically described on the face of the permit.
  - e. If used to represent proper authority for carrying a load or moving a vehicle by any company, crew or equipment not specifically named or organizationally related to the company, agency or firm to which the permit was issued.
  - g. If presented without the attachments firmly affixed that are specifically named and required upon the face of the permit.
  - h. If used to represent proper authority for carrying a load or moving a vehicle before and/or after the times and dates authorized.
3. **Permittee Agreement** -Acceptance of this permit constitutes an agreement by the permittee to observe and comply with all of the general and specific conditions on the face of the permit and attachments thereto.

The use of this permit is prima facie evidence that the driver has checked the load and/or vehicle and knows it to be within the limits as set forth hereon and has verified the routing accuracy.

4. **Repair of Damage** - In accepting this permit, the permittee agrees to repair at his own expense and to the satisfaction of the Public Works Director, any damage to highway appurtenances or structures resulting from travel under this permit. Notwithstanding, work or repair may be done by Sutter County forces at the option of the Public Works Director, the cost to be borne by the permittee. In the event of damage to County roadway facilities such as bridges, traffic signals, light standards and other appurtenances, the permittee shall notify Sutter County Public Works within 72 hours after such damage has been done. A written report may be filed with Sutter County Public Works if requested. Failure to make this report will be considered cause for cancellation of all permit privileges pending a satisfactory arrangement with the County for repair or replacement of the damaged facility.
5. **Liabilities** -The permittee is responsible for all liability for injury to or death of any person or damage to property which may occur through any act or omission of either the permittee or Sutter County arising from the issuance of this permit. In the event any claim, suit or action is brought against Sutter County, its officers, employees or agents thereof, by reason of or in connection with any such act or omission, permittee shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officers, employees or agents from such claim, suit or action.
6. **Overhead Clearance** -When height of load exceeds legal limit, it becomes the responsibility of the permittee to check all underpasses, bridges, overhead wires or other structures for impaired vertical clearance to a bypass or arrange clearance at such locations.
7. **Implements of Husbandry**  
All Sections of California Vehicle Code (C.V.C.) 36000 thru 36800 apply.

From CVC Section 36600 thru 36627

Commercial Haulers- When height of load exceeds legal limits, and the load is moved within or exceeds the 25-mile permit limit, a transportation permit is required.

The operator of the vehicles must have in their immediate possession a letter with the origin and destination of the trip signed by the farmer.

Implements of husbandry are not exempt from the weight limits and must get a permit to move on the highway as a load or not as a load.

Farmers/Regular Employees of the Farmer – When the height of the load exceeds legal limits and the load is moved in excess of the 25-mile limit, a transportation permit is required.

The operator of the transporting vehicle must have in his immediate possession a letter with the origin and destination of the trip signed by the farmer.

8. **Reducible Loads** -This permit is issued for the movement of an "Extralegal Load" as defined in CVC Section 320.5 when loaded at its least dimensions.

This permit is automatically canceled if the permitted dimensions and weight can be reduced to legal limits by repositioning and/or practical removal of a part, portion or unit therefrom.

Other items may be hauled provided they do not exceed the dimensions of the vehicle or permitted item and the loaded vehicle is of legal axle and gross weights.

Overweight permits shall not be issued for items transported on a conventional flat deck trailer unless the deck is needed to support a long fragile load or a long load that would cause unbalanced axle group weights.

This permit does not authorize extralegal weight if the load can be repositioned to stay within legal axle or axle group weights authorized in CVC Sections 35551 or 35551.5. If the load cannot be repositioned, the weights shown on the permit are authorized.

An extra legal self-propelled fixed load vehicle may tow a legal "Vehicle" with the following conditions:

- The towed vehicle does not transfer weight to the towing vehicle.
- Maximum vehicle combination length 65'-0"
- The self-propelled fixed load will not be close coupled to the towed trailer
- The total gross weight imposed by the towed vehicle will not exceed 20,000 lbs.  
"Vehicle" as defined in the California Vehicle Code (CVC) 670.  
"Trailer" as defined in the California Vehicle Code (CVC) 630.

9. **Tire Capacity** -Permitted axle or axle group weights shall not exceed the rated capacity of vehicle tires except as allowed by Title 13, Article 14, Section 1085 of the California Administrative Code.

After January 1, 1988, said weights shall not exceed the rated capacity of vehicle tires.

10. **Booster Type Axles** -A booster axle is an axle generally having an air or hydraulic cylinder suspension system that can be actuated independently to assume a portion of the weight that would otherwise be carried by adjacent axles. Booster axles and add-on or "Joe Dog" axles shall not be used in the movement of overweight permit loads.

11. **Traveled Way** -Where practical, the vehicle shall be kept in the far-right lane of the highway and shall not encroach on highway shoulders except where necessary to allow trailing traffic to pass.

12. **Movement During Darkness** -"Darkness" is defined in Section 280 of the CVC as being "... any time from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hours before sunrise..." Reference to "sunset" and/or "sunrise" on the face of the permit includes this said one-half hour grace period before and after sunrise and sunset. Movement is not allowed when visibility is less than 1000 feet.
13. **Moving in Inclement Weather**- Movement shall not occur in snow, fog, rain or wind when visibility is restricted to less than 1,000 feet. Movement is prohibited when road surfaces are hazardous due to rain, ice, snow or frost or when use of tire chains is mandatory. No moving shall be done when the velocity of the wind is such that it causes the vehicle being towed to whip or swerve from side to side or fail to follow substantially in the path of the towing vehicle. Any accident caused by excessive wind or weather conditions shall be considered a prima facie violation of this condition.
14. **Movement in Convoy** -Movement in convoy shall not be permitted unless specified on the face of the permit.
15. **Warning Signs and Flags**-All loads or vehicles being moved on County roads which exceed 8'6" in width, 80' in length, or more than 10' of overhang shall display appropriate warning signs.

Signs shall be posted on front and rear and shall read "LONG LOAD" or "OVERSIZE". The "LONG LOAD" sign shall be used whenever overall length exceeds 100 feet. The "OVERSIZE" sign shall be used for shorter lengths and other oversize features. The more definitive signs reading "WIDE LOAD", "LONG LOAD", "OVERSIZE LOAD", "EXCESSIVE FRONT OVERHANG" or "EXCESSIVE REAR OVERHANG" may be substituted for the "OVERSIZE" sign when appropriate. The "LONG LOAD" sign shall have preference when length exceeds 100 feet and other oversize features exist. The lettering shall be a 10-inch minimum height with a 1-5/8-inch minimum brush stroke and a minimum 1-inch margin all around. All signs shall be black letters on a yellow background mounted at least 18 inches above the road surface front and rear. Signs shall be neat, clean, legible, mounted securely and visible from straight ahead or behind and to 45-degrees either side thereof. Flags shall comply with Section 25104 of the California Vehicle Code.

16. **Pilot Car and Equipment** -It shall be the responsibility of the permittee to ensure that pilot car vehicles and operators are equipped and briefed as to their duties prior to movement. Pilot cars shall be single vehicles with a minimum of 60 inches in width and may operate with a nondestructive vertical clearance measuring device with height more than 14 feet.

Pilot cars shall be equipped with:

- a. One each STOP/SLOW sign paddle;
- b. One each orange vest, shirt or jacket;

- c. One each red hand flag (18" x 18" minimum);
- d. Two-way radio communication between the pilot car(s) and the transporting vehicle;
- e. Top-mounted flashing amber warning light(s). The light(s) shall be visible to the front when leading and to the rear when following and shall be operated at all times when escorting a permit move. Lights shall be removed or covered with opaque material when not escorting movement described on permit (25270 CVC);
- f. Neat, clean, legible sign(s) visible from straight ahead or behind and to 45-degrees either side thereof. The bottom of the sign(s) shall be a minimum of 48 inches above the ground. The sign shall read "OVERSIZE" when viewed from the front or rear. The more definitive signs reading "OVERSIZE LOAD," "WIDE LOAD," or "LONG LOAD" may be substituted for the "OVERSIZE" sign when appropriate. The sign shall have a bright yellow background with black lettering and have a minimum projected area of 440 square inches. The lettering shall have a one-inch minimum brush stroke with a six (6) inch minimum projected letter height.

17. **Pilot Car Location and Responsibility** -Pilot car(s) are required when indicated on the permit. A pilot car shall:

- a. Precede the load on two or three than conventional roads and follow on four or more lane conventional highways and divided highways. When two pilot cars are required, one shall precede, and one shall follow;
- b. Remain right of the centerline of the roadway at all times except when prevented by the physical limitations of the highway. The use of a pilot car does not grant to the permittee the right to pre-empt the opposing traffic lane. When it becomes necessary because of physical limitations of the highway to use a portion of the opposing traffic lane, the permit move shall not occupy that lane until it has been advised by the pilot car that the lane is clear of all oncoming traffic. Opposing traffic is not to be stopped except in extreme emergencies. It shall be the responsibility of the permit move to stop safely and wait until the opposing lane is free of traffic before proceeding;
- c. Maintain proper interval between load and pilot car to allow passing by other traffic;
- d. Accompany the permitted load over all operational California Highway Patrol facilities.
- e. Maintain communications with the escorted load via two-way radio communication device or other communication device.

**A pilot car shall not:**

- a. Pre-empt opposing traffic;
- b. Tow another vehicle while being used as a pilot car;
- c. Display the STOP/SLOW sign paddle out of the window of a moving vehicle;
- d. Stop opposing traffic except in extreme emergencies;
- e. Convoy more than one load at the same time.

When necessary to post a flagger to warn and direct traffic, the flagging shall be done in accordance with Title 8, Sections 1598 and 1599 of the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health Construction Safety Orders and CALTRANS' "Manual of Traffic Controls". Flaggers shall not be less than 18 years of age.

18. **Manufactured Housing**

- a. Sutter County Ordinance 1500-8018 (e-1) prohibits the storage of a manufactured home in Agricultural Areas unless a valid **“USE PERMIT”** and an **“INSTALLATION PERMIT”** are issued. Contact the Sutter County Development Services Department at (530) 822-7400, prior to transport.
- b. Axle weights for "Manufactured Housing" (CVC 387) shall not exceed 6,000 lbs. per axle.
- c. Tractor units towing manufactured housing as defined in CVC Section 387 that exceed legal width and up to 12 feet in width shall be equipped with dual rear wheel and shall have an unladen weight as defined in CVC Sections 655 and 660 of not less than 6,500 lbs.
- d. For towing units greater than 12 feet in width, the tow vehicle shall be a truck tractor with dual rear wheels and an unladen weight of not less than 9,500 lbs as defined in CVC Sections 655 and 660 respectively.
- e. Open sided units shall be covered by plywood, hard board or other rigid material. In lieu of rigid material, suitable plastics or other flexible material may be used. Billowing or flapping will not be permitted.
- f. Units open on both sides, such as used for temporary schools, warehouses, offices, etc., may be moved empty with no side covering.

19. **Travel 24/7** - “Darkness” as defined in the California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 280. Unless the face of permit states “No Night Travel” the following policies shall apply. Travel is authorized 24/7 for permit without a pilot car.

**Travel with a pilot car:**

- Daylight hours, excluding weekends; all permit vehicles/loads are authorized travel until the loaded width exceeds 15'-1". When the loaded width exceeds 15'-1" on County road, the vehicle/load will be escorted by the California Highway Patrol (CHP). The CHP in coordination with the Sutter County Public Works will determine hours of travel.
- Hours of Darkness; travel during hours of darkness is not authorized.
- Weekend travel; travel is authorized on Saturday and Sunday from one-half hour prior to sunrise to 12 noon.

20. **Holiday Travel**

**a. Vehicles Prohibited from Travel:** Unless specifically exempted on the face of the permit, travel on County roadways is prohibited on days and times as detailed below for all loads and/or vehicles which are:

1. Greater than 14 feet 6 inches in height; or
2. Required to be escorted by a pilot car.

2. **This Prohibition shall apply to the following County Holidays**

New Year's Day – Jan 2	Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Jan 16
Washington's Birthday – Feb 20	Cesar Chavez Day – Mar 31
Memorial Day – May 29	Juneteenth – June 19
Independence Day – Jul 4	Labor Day – Sept 4
Veterans Day – Nov 10	Thanksgiving – Nov 23 & 24
Christmas Day – December 22 & 25	

3. **Holiday Travel Restriction Rule:** From 4:00 PM to 12:00 AM (midnight) the day before the Holiday and from 12:00 PM (noon) to 12:00 AM (midnight) on the Holiday or days of the Holiday weekend.

4. **Times when travel is allowed:** Travel is authorized, subject to 24/7 Policy, from 12:00 AM (midnight) or sunrise to 12:00 PM (noon) during any of the prohibited days or times listed below.

5. **Examples of times when travel is prohibited:**

**a) Three-day weekend with Friday Off:** Travel is prohibited from 4:00 PM on the Thursday before the Holiday to 12:00 AM (midnight), Friday from 12:00 PM (noon) to 12:00 AM (midnight), Saturday from 12:00 PM (noon) to 12:00 AM (midnight), Sunday from 12:00 PM (noon) to 12:00 AM (midnight).

**b. Three-day weekend with Monday Off:** Travel is prohibited from 4:00 PM on the Friday before the Holiday to 12:00 AM (midnight), Saturday from 12:00 PM (noon) to 12:00 AM (midnight), Sunday from 12:00 PM (noon) to 12:00 AM (midnight), Monday from 12:00 PM (noon) to 12:00 AM (midnight).

- c. **Thanksgiving Day Holiday:** Travel is prohibited from 4:00 PM on the Wednesday before the Holiday to 12:00 AM (midnight), Thursday from 12:00 PM (noon) to 12:00 AM (midnight), Friday from 12:00 PM (noon) to 12:00 AM (midnight), Saturday from 12:00 PM (noon) to 12:00 AM (midnight), Sunday from 12:00 PM (noon) to 12:00 AM (midnight).
  - d. **Weekday Holiday:** Travel is prohibited from 4:00 PM the day before the Holiday to 12:00 AM (midnight) and from 12:00 PM (noon) on the day of the Holiday to 12:00 AM (midnight).
  - e. **Holiday is observed on Saturday or Sunday and neither Friday nor Monday is designated as a Non-working day:** 24/7 conditions shall apply.
21. **Issue, Withhold, or Restricting Permit:** *May issue or withhold permits. If issued the County of Sutter may; (1) Limit the number of trips. (2) Establish seasonal limitations. (3) May not require bonds but may impose additional insurance.*
  22. **Possession of Permits:** Every permit shall be carried in the vehicle or combination of vehicles to which it refers, and open to inspection.
  23. **Violation of Permit:** (1) Violate terms or conditions of permit. (2) Alter or amend permit.
  24. **Overwidth Manufactured Homes:** 14'-0" width limitations relevant to all roadways.
  25. **California Highway Patrol Escort:** All loads (a) 15'-1", (or over) in width (b) 135'-0" (or over) in Combination vehicle length. See pilot car legend. Note: On all C.H.P. escorted loads, a copy of the C.H.P. contract must be submitted with the Sutter County Permit Application. Sutter County will not issue the permit without a C.H.P. contract.
  26. **Road Construction and Closures:** It shall be the responsibility of the permittee to check the County website for road conditions. [www.co.sutter.ca.us/doc/apps/road\\_closures](http://www.co.sutter.ca.us/doc/apps/road_closures).