



County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development

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Dear Interested Persons,

Thank you to everyone that participated in the series of winery ordinance update public meetings and workshops held in 2012 and 2013. Attached is a draft of staff's recommended changes to Santa Barbara County's existing winery ordinance based on public comment we received during the outreach efforts. Staff's recommendations are consistent with and in support of project goals to improve efficiency in the winery permit process, balance the needs of various stakeholder groups, and support the core principle that the primary use of the property is for the growing and processing of grapes. Please be aware the proposed draft ordinance language may be revised further based on the environmental review phase and decision making and adoption phase of the project.

We welcome any comments on the proposed draft winery ordinance language. **The 30-day public comment period closes on April 4, 2014.** Please visit the Winery Ordinance Update project webpage to submit a comment or view project related materials.

http://longrange.sbcountyplanning.org/programs/winery_ord/wineryordinance.php

Below are next steps in the process, including opportunities for additional public comment:

Environmental Review Phase – Now until Summer 2014

- Complete environmental review
- Solicit public comment based on environmental document

Decision Making and Adoption Phase – Fall 2014/Winter 2015

- Hold public hearing at the Planning Commission and the Board
- Final adoption of the Ordinance

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