

County of Santa BarbaraPlanning and Development

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NOTICE OF PREPARATION

DATE: June 25, 2014

TO: State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: County of Santa Barbara
Planning and Development Department
Long Range Planning Division
123 E. Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101-2058
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SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation and Scoping of a Program Environmental Impact Report

PROJECT NAME: Winery Ordinance Update Environmental Impact Report

PROJECT CASE NO.: 14ORD-00000-00006

PROJECT LOCATION: The Winery Ordinance Update project (Project) covers the unincorporated, inland areas of Santa Barbara County.

LEAD AGENCY: The County of Santa Barbara is the lead agency preparing the Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) with the purpose of informing decision-makers and the public regarding the potential environmental effects related to the Project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §21000 et seq.).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project amends the existing winery ordinance that regulates wineries located on agriculturally zoned land designated as rural or inner-rural and located in the unincorporated, inland portion of Santa Barbara County. The existing winery ordinance consists of Section 35.42.280 (Wineries) and Section 35.110.020 (Definitions of Specialized Terms and Phrases) of the Santa Barbara County's Land Use and Development Code. The Project addresses issues with tasting rooms, food service and food preparation, winery special events, neighborhood compatibility, and enforcement and monitoring. The Project does not affect tasting rooms in commercial areas, special events on lots without a winery, or approved wineries unless they apply for a new or revised permit.

The project description, location, and potential environmental effects are included in the attached *Environmental Scoping Document for the Winery Ordinance Update project* and may be downloaded from the Planning and Development Department, Long Range Planning Division

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webpage at:

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

PUBLIC ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING HEARING: The Planning and Development Department will hold an environmental scoping meeting at Stacy Hall located at St. Mark's-in-the-Valley Church in Los Olivos on Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. St. Mark's-in-the-Valley Church is located at 2901 Nojoqui Avenue, Los Olivos, CA. The purpose of the meeting is to receive comments on the scope and content of the environmental issues to be addressed in the EIR.

PUBLIC AND AGENCY COMMENTS: We need to know the views of you or your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

Your response must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Thursday, July 24, 2014. Please send your comments and the name of a contact person in your agency to Stephanie Stark, Project Manager, at the address listed above. Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be received at the earliest possible date but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice.

Date: June 25, 2014
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Division: Long Range Planning

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cc: Clerk of the Board (please post for 30 days)

Encl: Scoping Document

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