

Dear Interested Persons,

Below is a summary of the public comments received during the Winery Ordinance Update community meeting held on August 29, 2013. Thank you to everyone that participated; your comments will be considered as we move through the process. The comments were either sent by email or written on a comment card. Please keep in mind the following as you read through the comments:

- If a comment was made more than once, it may be mentioned below only once.
- All comments are weighted equally regardless of who made the comment or how the comment was made (email, comment card, etc.).
- When necessary, comments were edited for grammar, punctuation, brevity, etc. but the original intent of the comment was retained.

#### COMMENTS:

##### Impacts

- Traffic has increased greatly in recent decades. Additional wine tasting facilities would have adverse impacts and should not be allowed.
- Private roads are funded and maintained by parcel owners, are not necessarily able to accommodate increased traffic flows, and are not subject to enforcement of traffic laws.
- Many lots have been subdivided in the rural area north and east of Highway 154. Expanding commercial uses in this area should only be considered after a checklist is completed, addressing issues such as HOA existence/approval and neighborhood impacts.
- The commercial use of agriculturally zoned land impacts adjacent property owners.

##### Suggested Regulations for Wineries

- The County should adopt a 40-acre minimum for wine tasting, sales, and winery events.
- Hours of operation for wine-tasting rooms should be limited (e.g., 12:00 to 5:00 pm).
- The suggested hours of operation and maximum number of attendees seem arbitrary and will adversely impact the local economy, tourism, and industries.
- The Tier-A restrictions would prevent anyone from visiting my winery ever; how would I advertise or get exposure for my livelihood?
- Wine tasting and event traffic should not be allowed on Baseline Avenue (in Rancho Estates), Happy Canyon Road, and Armour Ranch Road, which often have bicyclists and horse riders.

##### General

- What is a minor CUP?
- Is there a minimum size for food prep areas?
- Put a 4-way stop sign at Roblar and 154.
- Have a matrix for shelf life when issuing permits, to protect the global brand.
- The definition of agriculture includes livestock; it is not necessary to grow a crop.