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## Initial Study Checklist (form updated September 2010)

Project Title: Larkmead Vineyard Modification; Use Permit Modification (P12-00105)

Property Owner: Solari Estate Vineyards, 1100 Larkmead Ln, Calistoga, CA

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Project location and APN(s): The 18 acre project site is located on the north side of Larkmead Lane 0.33 mile east of State Highway 29 (St Helena Hwy) APN: 020-240-001, 1100 Larkmead Ln, Calistoga

Project Sponsor's Name and Address: Beth Painter, 1455 First Street, Suite 217, Napa, CA

General Plan description: AR – Agricultural Resources

**Zoning:** AP – Agricultural Preserve

#### Project Background:

The site is currently developed with a winery. The Use Permit (#P04-0204 UP) for the Larkmead winery was originally approved by the Planning Commission November 16, 2004. The use permit allowed the construction of a 7,077 square foot winery consisting of two buildings connected by a breezeway, a 1,224 square foot crush pad, four full-time and two part-time employees, tours and tastings and a marketing plan. Two very Minor modifications (VMM) were processed and approved. The first in 2005, to construct an outdoor barbeque and shade structure, adding offices, screening a section of the tasting room and increasing the size of the water tank from 30,000 gallons to 51,300 gallons. The second Very Minor Mod was approved in June of 2008 to construct a 216 square foot addition to the existing crush pad and construct a new cover.

A Negative Declaration was written and adopted by the Napa County Planning Commission in 2004.

#### Project Description:

Approval to modify Use Permit #P04-0204 to construct an approximately 9,530 square foot building for barrel storage, office, tasting/conference room, wine library, an employee breakroom with a commercial kitchen for food pairings, and restrooms. The proposal includes an increase in employees from four full-time and two part-time to six full-time and four part-time and an additional five parking spaces for a total of 15 spaces. The building will be constructed utilizing the same materials and in the same design as the previously approved winery building with board and batten siding, a cultured stone face and corrugated roofing. No increases to production or visitation have been proposed.

#### Environmental setting and surrounding land uses:

The 18 acre project site is located on the north side of Larkmead Lane approximately 0.33 miles east of State Highway 29 (St Helena Hwy) APN: 020-240-001-000, 1100 Larkmead Ln, Calistoga. The project site is currently developed with two buildings, a main winery building and a hospitality building. The site is located on the valley floor. Properties in the vicinity of the project site range in size from 0.28 to 79 acres. Surrounding uses include wineries, a bed and breakfast, and vineyards. The nearest wineries, within one mile, include Frank Family and Madrigal Vineyards.

Other agencies whose approval is required: Discretionary approval required by Napa County consists of a use permit modification. The proposed project would also require various ministerial approvals by the County including, but not limited to building permits, grading permits and waste disposal permits. A Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) is required to meet San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board standards and is administered by the County Public Works Department.

The proposed project does not involve modifications to a streambed, and thus does not require a streambed alteration agreement from the California Department of Fish and Game. The proposed project does not involve the fill of waters of the United States, and thus does not require a dredge-and-fill permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The proposed project does not involve the "take" of listed endangered or threatened species, and thus does not require a "take permit" from the Department of Fish and Game, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, or the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Responsible (R) and Trustee (T) Agencies

Other Agencies Contacted

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND BASIS OF CONCLUSIONS:

The conclusions and recommendations contained herein are professional opinions derived in accordance with current standards of professional practice. They are based on a review of the Napa County Environmental Resource Maps, the other sources of information listed in the file, and the comments received, conversations with knowledgeable individuals; the preparer's personal knowledge of the area; and, where necessary, a visit to the site. For further information, see the environmental background information contained in the permanent file on this project.

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

none

- I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

Signature

Date

Linda St. Claire, Planner

Napa County Conservation, Development and Planning Department

# ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM

AES	STHETICS. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a)	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				$\boxtimes$
b)	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				$\boxtimes$
c)	Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?			$\boxtimes$	
d)	Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?			$\boxtimes$	

## Discussion:

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- a/c. The project site is currently developed with existing winery structures and associated improvements. This is a proposal for an additional structure located to the west of the existing structure. The parcel is currently used for winery purposes. The existing water tank will be moved to accommodate the new barrel building but will remain the same size and screening will continue to be required. The additional building will not have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista. The project would not result in substantial damage to scenic resources or substantially degrade the visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings. No tree removal is proposed and there are no rock outcroppings onsite. The building is proposed within a previously disturbed area currently planted in vines.
- d. Pursuant to standard Napa County conditions of approval for winery buildings, outdoor lighting is required to be shielded and directed downwards, with only low level lighting allowed in parking areas. The standard condition of approval relating to lighting states that;

All exterior lighting, including landscape lighting, shall be shielded and directed downward, shall be located as low to the ground as possible, shall be the minimum necessary for security, safety, or operations, and shall incorporate the use of motion detection sensors to the greatest extent practical. No flood-lighting or sodium lighting of the building is permitted. Architectural highlighting and/or spotting are not allowed. Low-level lighting shall be utilized in parking areas as opposed to elevated high-intensity light standards. All lighting shall comply with the California Building Code.

The standard condition of approval will ensure that any potential impacts resulting from new sources of outside lighting are less than significant.

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II. A	GRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES. <sup>1</sup> Would the project:				
a)	Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Important (Farmland) as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?			$\boxtimes$	
b)	Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				$\boxtimes$
c)	Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land as defined in Public Resources Code Section 12220(g), timberland as defined in Public Resources Code Section 4526, or timberland zoned Timberland Production as defined in Government Code Section 51104(g)?				$\boxtimes$
d)	Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use in a manner that will significantly affect timber, aesthetics, fish and wildlife, biodiversity, water quality, recreation, or other public benefits?				$\boxtimes$
e) Discussion:	Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use?				$\boxtimes$

- a. The existing development area has been previously disturbed. According to the Napa County GIS mapping systems this parcel is identified as "prime farmland". Approximately 1.0 acre of vines will be removed to construct the new barrel building. Since wineries are defined in the General Plan as "agricultural", this modification will continue its agricultural use and the impact will be less than significant.
- b. The property's AP (Agricultural Preserve) zoning allows wineries and related accessory uses upon grant of a use permit.
- c. As discussed at items "a." and "b.", above, the uses proposed in this application are allowed under current zoning. Neither this project, nor any foreseeable consequence thereof, would result in changes to the existing environment which would result in the conversion of special status farmland to a non-agricultural use.
- d/e. The existing parcel does not have any forestland and therefore, there will be no loss due to the proposed project. As discussed in item "a" above, 1.0 acre of vineyard will be removed to construct the new building and since wineries are defined as agriculture no impact will occur.

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III.	<b>AIR QUALITY.</b> Where available, the significance criteria established by the applica upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:	ble air quality manager	nent or air pollution	control district n	nay be relied
	a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?			$\boxtimes$	

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b)	Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?			$\boxtimes$	
C)	Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?		П	$\boxtimes$	
d)	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?			$\boxtimes$	
e)	Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?			$\boxtimes$	

a/c. On June 2, 2010, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Board of Directors unanimously adopted thresholds of significance to assist in the review of projects under the California Environmental Quality Act. The thresholds were designed to establish the level at which the District believed air pollution emissions would cause significant environmental impacts under CEQA and were posted on the Air District's May 2011 updated CEQA Guidelines.

On March 5, 2012 the Alameda County Superior Court issued a judgment finding that the Air District had failed to comply with CEQA when it adopted the thresholds. The court did not determine whether the 2011 thresholds were valid on the merits, but found that their adoption was a project under CEQA. The court issued a writ of mandate ordering the District to set aside the thresholds and cease dissemination of them until the Air District had complied with CEQA.

In view of the court's order, the Air District is no longer recommending that the 2011 thresholds be used as a generally applicable measure of a project's significant air quality impacts (see http://www.baaqmd.gov/Divisions/Planning-and-Research/CEQA-GUIDELINES/Updated-CEQA-Guidelines.aspx), instead the Air District recommends that lead agencies rely on project-specific evidence and the Air District's 1999 thresholds of significance (*CEQA Guidelines – Assessing the Air Quality Impacts of Projects and Plans*, BAAQMD, December 1999). The following analysis is based upon and consistent with the Air District's 1999 *CEQA Guidelines*.

The proposed project would not conflict with or obstruct the implementation of any applicable air quality plan. Wineries as proposed here are not producers of air pollution in volumes substantial enough to result in an air quality plan conflict. The project site lies within the Napa Valley, which forms one of the climatologically distinct sub-regions (Napa County Sub region) within the San Francisco Bay Area Air Basin. The topographical and meteorological features of the Valley create a relatively high potential for air pollution. In the short term, potential air quality impacts are most likely to result from construction activities. Construction emissions would have a temporary effect; consisting mainly of dust generated during grading and other construction activities, exhaust emissions from construction related equipment and vehicles, and relatively minor emissions from paints and other architectural coatings. The Air District recommends incorporating feasible control measures as a means of addressing construction impacts in their 1999 *CEQA Guidelines*. If the proposed project adheres to these measures, the Air District recommends concluding that construction-related impacts will be less than significant. Relevant best practices are set forth at Table 2 of the 1999 *Guidelines* and are incorporated into the County's standard conditions of project approval.

Over the long term, emissions resulting from the proposed project would consist primarily of mobile sources, including production-related deliveries and visitor and employee vehicles traveling to and from the winery. The *Bay Area Air Quality Management Plan* states that projects that do not exceed a threshold of 2,000 vehicle trips per day will not impact air quality and do not require further study (1999 *Guidelines*, p. 24). The use permit proposed here includes construction of an approximately 9,530 square foot addition to the winery, increasing employees from four full-time and two part-time to six full-time employees, an additional five parking spaces and an additional nine trips per day. The proposed project would not result in a cumulatively considerable net increase in any criteria pollutant for which the project region is in non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard.

d/e. Earthmoving and construction activities required for project construction may cause odors and a temporary degradation in air quality from dust and heavy equipment air emissions during the construction phase. While construction on the site will generate dust particulates in the short-term, the impact would be less than significant with dust control measures as specified in Napa County's standard condition of approval relating to dust;

Water and/or dust palliatives shall be applied in sufficient quantities during grading and other ground disturbing activities on-site to minimize the amount of dust produced. Outdoor construction activities shall not occur during windy periods.

While the Bay Area Air Quality Management District defines public exposure to offensive odors as a potentially significant impact, wineries are not known operational producers of pollutants capable of causing substantial negative impacts to sensitive receptors. Construction-phase pollutants will be reduced to a less than significant level by the above-noted standard condition of approval. The project will not create pollutant concentrations or objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people.

## Mitigation Measure(s): None required.

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IV.	BIC	LOGICAL RESOURCES. Would the project:				
	a)	Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?			$\boxtimes$	
	b)	Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?			$\boxtimes$	
	c)	Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, Coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?			$\boxtimes$	
	d)	Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?			$\boxtimes$	
	e)	Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?			$\boxtimes$	
	f)	Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?			$\boxtimes$	

#### Discussion:

- a-d. The proposed project is on a previously developed site with a winery building. One special species, the Palid Bat has been identified on this previously developed site, according to Napa County GIS mapping systems. No construction or changes are proposed outside previously disturbed areas. A biological resources report conducted by Daniel Kjeldson Biological Consulting on May 15, 2012 indicated that no evidence of the Palid Bat was found at the site. Therefore, impacts to biological resources are less than significant.
- e. The proposed project will not conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, including tree preservation policies or ordinances. No trees will be removed as a result of this project.
- f. There are no Habitat Conservation Plans, Natural Community Conservation Plans or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plans applicable to the subject parcel.

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V.	CULTURAL RESOURCES. Would the project:		·	·	

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a)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in CEQA Guidelines §15064.5?			$\square$	
b)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines§15064.5?			$\boxtimes$	
c)	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geological feature?			$\boxtimes$	
d)	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?			$\boxtimes$	

a-c. The current proposal, to construct a barrel building, will have no adverse changes on historic resources. No historic resources, as defined in CEQA 15064.5, have been identified on this parcel. The site has been previously disturbed. No information was found to indicate archaeological resources are on the site. However, if resources are found during construction of the proposed building and associated improvements, construction would be required to cease, and a qualified archaeologist will be retained to investigate the site in accordance with standard conditions of approval related to archaeological resources, as follows;

In the event that archeological artifacts or human remains are discovered during construction, work shall cease in a 50-foot radius surrounding the area of discovery. The permittee shall contact the Conservation, Development and Planning Department for further guidance, which will likely include the requirement for the permittee to hire a qualified professional to analyze the artifacts encountered and to determine if additional measures are required. If human remains are encountered during the development, all work in the vicinity must be, by law, halted, and the Napa County Coroner informed, so that he can determine if an investigation of the cause of death is required, and if the remains are of Native American origin. If the remains are of Native American origin, the nearest tribal relatives as determined by the State Native American Heritage Commission would be contacted to obtain recommendations for treating or removal of such remains, including grave goods, with appropriate dignity, as required under Public Resources Code Section 5097.98

d. No information has been encountered that would indicate that this project would encounter human remains. However, if resources are found during construction, construction would be required to cease, and a qualified archaeologist will be retained to investigate the site in accordance with standard conditions of approval, noted above.

VI.	GE		SY AND SOILS. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
•1.	UL.						
	a)		ose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
		i)	Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.			$\boxtimes$	
		ii)	Strong seismic ground shaking?			$\boxtimes$	
		iii)	Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?			$\boxtimes$	
		iv)	Landslides?			$\boxtimes$	
	b)	Res	ult in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?			$\boxtimes$	

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c)	Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?				
d)	Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1997), creating substantial risks to life or property?			$\boxtimes$	
e)	Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?			$\boxtimes$	

- а.
- i.) There are no known faults on the project site as shown on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map. As such, the proposed facility would result in a less than significant impact with regards to rupturing a known fault.
- ii.) All areas of the Bay Area are subject to strong seismic ground shaking. Construction of the addition will be required to comply with all the latest building standards and codes, including the California Building Code that would reduce any potential impacts to the maximum extent possible.
- iii.) Napa County GIS mapping system identifies subsurface conditions on the project site that indicated a susceptibility to seismic-related ground failure or liquefaction. Compliance with the latest editions of the Uniform Building Code for seismic stability would reduce any impacts to a less than significant level.
- iv.) No indication of landslides have been found in the geological layers of the Napa County Environmental Resources Maps resulting in a reduction of this risk to a less than significant level.
- b. Based upon the Soil Survey of Napa County, prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the portion of the site where the proposed structure will be located is composed of Bale loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes. The Bale loam series consists of somewhat poorly drained soils on flood plains, alluvial fans and low terraces. Elevations range from 100 to 300 feet. The vegetation consists of vineyards and orchards. Runoff is slow and the hazard of erosion is slight. The area here has been highly disturbed and runoff has been controlled. Project approval will continue to require incorporation of best management practices and will be subject to the Napa County Stormwater Ordinance which addresses sediment and erosion control measures and dust control, as applicable, to ensure that development does not impact adjoining properties, drainages, and roadways.
- c/d. According to the Napa County Environmental Resource Maps (Surficial Deposits layer) Holocene Terrace and Fan deposits underlie the surficial soils on the project site. Based on the Napa County Environmental Sensitivity Maps (Liquefaction layer) the project site has a high susceptibility for liquefaction. Development will be required to comply with all the latest building standards and codes, including the California Building Code that would reduce any potential impacts to a less than significant level. In addition, a soils report, prepared by a qualified Engineer will be required as part of the building permit submittal for any improvements requiring building permits. The report will address the soil stability, potential for liquefaction and will be used to design specific foundation systems and grading methods.
- e. The Napa County Department of Environmental Management has reviewed this application and recommends approval based on the submitted wastewater feasibility report and septic improvement plans. Soils on the property have been shown to be adequate and support the existing septic system.

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VII.	GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. Would the project:				
a)	Generate a net increase in greenhouse gas emissions in excess of applicable thresholds adopted by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District or the California Air Resources Board which may have a significant impact on the environment?				
b)	Conflict with a county-adopted climate action plan or another applicable				

plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?

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## Discussion:

a. Overall increases in Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions in Napa County were assessed in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the Napa County General Plan Update and certified in June 2008. GHG emissions were found to be significant and unavoidable in that document, despite the adoption of mitigation measures incorporating specific policies and action items into the General Plan.

Consistent with these General Plan action items, Napa County participated in the development of a community-wide GHG emissions inventory and "emission reduction framework" for all local jurisdictions in the County in 2008-2009. This planning effort was completed by the Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency in December 2009, and is currently serving as the basis for development of a refined inventory and emission reduction plan for unincorporated Napa County as discussed in "b.", below.

During our ongoing planning effort, the County requires project applicants to consider methods to reduce GHG emissions consistent with Napa County General Plan Policy **CON-65(e)**. The applicants intend to have incorporated GHG reduction methods including: additional solar panels, recycled-water irrigation with zero-potable water use, landscaping with native plants, and high efficiency HVAC systems. Larkmead Vineyards was recognized by the Napa County Board of Supervisors as a "certified green business".

Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15183, because this initial study assesses a project that is consistent with an adopted General Plan for which an environmental impact report (EIR) was prepared, it appropriately focuses on impacts which are "peculiar to the project," rather than the cumulative impacts previously assessed. The increase in emissions expected as a result of the project will be relatively modest and the project is in compliance with the County's efforts to reduce emissions as described in "b.", below. For these reasons, project impacts related to GHG emissions are considered less than significant.

b. The County's Draft Climate Action Plan would require discretionary projects to reduce their GHG emissions to 38% below "business as usual" volumes as of 2020 through the application of a combination of State, local, and project-specific programs and policies. Because the Draft Climate Action Plan has not yet been formally adopted: it cannot be considered a formal threshold of significance for CEQA purposes. Nonetheless, the project was analyzed for consistency with the Draft Climate Action Plan. Given the proposed reduction measures incorporated into the project, the applicant would be able to reduce emissions by 38%. The project's "business as usual" emissions were calculated by Planning staff using CalEEMod GHG modeling software, resulting in modeled annual emissions of 246 metric tons of carbon dioxide and carbon dioxide equivalents (MT C02e). GHG Emission reductions from local programs and project level actions, such as application of the CalGreen Building Code, tightened vehicle fuel efficiency standards, and more project-specific on-site programs including those winery features noted above in "a" would combine to reduce emissions below the "business as usual" level, and make it feasible to meet the proposed 38% requirement.

VIII.	НАЗ	ZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
v III.		LARDS AND TALARDOUS WATERIALS. Would the project.				
	a)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?			$\boxtimes$	
	b)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonable foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?			$\boxtimes$	
	C)	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?			$\boxtimes$	
	d)	Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				$\boxtimes$

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e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?			$\boxtimes$	
f)	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport,				
	would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?			$\boxtimes$	
g)	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?			$\boxtimes$	
h)	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wild-land fires, including where wild-lands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wild-lands?	_	_		_
Discussion:					

- a. The proposed project will not involve the transport of hazardous materials other than those small amounts normally used in winery operations. A Business Plan will be filed with the Environmental Health Division should the amount of these materials reach reportable levels.
- b. The project would not result in the release of hazardous materials into the environment.
- c. There are no schools located within one-quarter mile from the proposed project site.
- d. The proposed site is not on any known list of hazardous materials sites.
- e. The project site is not located within two miles of any public airport.
- f. The project site is not located within the vicinity of any private airports.
- g. The proposed project will not impair the implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or evacuation plan.
- h. The project would not increase exposure of people and/or structures to a significant loss, injury or death involving wild land fires.

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IX.	HYE	DROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY. Would the project:				
	a)	Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?			$\boxtimes$	
	b)	Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?			$\boxtimes$	
	c)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?			$\boxtimes$	

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d)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?				
e)	Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?			$\boxtimes$	
f)	Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?			$\boxtimes$	
g)	Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?			$\boxtimes$	
h)	Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?			$\bowtie$	
i)	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?			$\boxtimes$	
j)	Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?			$\boxtimes$	

- a. The proposed project will not violate any known water quality standards or waste discharge requirements. The Napa County Department of Environmental Management has reviewed the proposal and recommends approval as conditioned. Additionally, the applicant will be required to obtain all necessary permits from the Napa County Department of Public Works, including a Stormwater Pollution Management Permit. The permit will provide for adequate on site containment of runoff during storm events through placement of siltation measures around the development area.
- b. Napa County has reviewed the proposal for construction of a Barrel building. Although no increases to production have been proposed, the winery has currently been producing 24,000 gallons per year and they are allowed to produce 36,000 gallons per year. The additional barrel storage allows the winery to produce/store at their allowable level. The water demand at this time is 8.054 acre feet per year. The proposal removes 1 acre of vineyard irrigation and increases some water use for production but the end use proposal is reduced to 7.554 acre feet per year. The allowable water allotment for this parcel is 17.85 acre feet per year. They are well under this number and would not substantially deplete the groundwater supplies.
- c.-e. There are no planned stormwater systems that would be affected by this project. The project will likely disturb approximately one acre of land and the permittee will be required to comply with the requirements of the Regional Water Quality Control Board addressing stormwater pollution during construction activities. The applicant has submitted a Stormwater Runoff Management Plan. The area surrounding the project is pervious ground and has the capacity to absorb remaining runoff.
- f. There is nothing included in this proposal that would otherwise substantially degrade water quality. As discussed in greater detail in, "a.," above, the Department of Environmental Management has reviewed the existing sanitary wastewater system and has found the proposed system adequate to meet the facility's septic needs as conditioned. No information has been encountered that would indicate a substantial impact to water quality.
- g.-i. According to Napa County environmental resource mapping (*Floodplain* and *Dam Levee Inundation* layers), The project site is located within a portion of the 100 year flood hazard area. The Department of Public Works has reviewed the proposal and the applicant must obtain a floodplain management permit for any work in the flood area. The project site is not located within a dam or levee failure inundation zone.
- j. In coming years, higher global temperatures are expected to raise sea level by expanding ocean water, melting mountain glaciers and small ice caps, and causing portions of Greenland and the Antarctic ice sheets to melt. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change estimates that the global average sea level will rise between 0.6 and 2 feet over the next century (IPCC, 2007). However, the project area is located at approximately 300-ft. above mean sea level and there is no known history of mud flow in the vicinity. The project will not subject people or structures to a significant risk of inundation from tsunami, seiche, or mudflow.

Х.	LAI	ND USE AND PLANNING. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	a) b)	Physically divide an established community? Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the				
		purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?			$\boxtimes$	
	c)	Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?			$\boxtimes$	

- a. The proposed project is located in an area dominated by agriculture and wineries. The improvements proposed here are in support of the ongoing use of the property. This project will not divide an established community.
- b. The subject parcel is located in the AP (Agricultural Preserve) zoning district, which allows wineries and associated accessory uses subject to use permit approval. The County has adopted the 2008 General Plan which allows for and promotes the proposed use on parcels zoned as such.
- c. There are no habitat conservation plans or natural community conservation plans applicable to the property.

## Mitigation Measure(s): None required.

XI.	MI	VERAL RESOURCES. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	a)	Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				$\boxtimes$
	b)	Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?				$\boxtimes$

Discussion:

a/b. Historically, the two most valuable mineral commodities in Napa County in economic terms have been mercury and mineral water. More recently, building stone and aggregate have become economically valuable. Mines and Mineral Deposits mapping included in the Napa County Baseline Data Report (*Mines and Mineral Deposits*, BDR Figure 2-2) indicates that there are no known mineral resources nor any locally important mineral resource recovery sites located on or near the project site.

XII.	NOI	SE. Would the project result in:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	a)	Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?			$\boxtimes$	

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
b)	Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?			$\boxtimes$	
c)	A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?			$\boxtimes$	
d)	A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?			$\boxtimes$	
e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?			$\boxtimes$	
f)	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				$\boxtimes$
Discussion:					

- a/b. The proposed project will result in a temporary increase in noise levels during the construction of the building, parking areas, and associated improvements. Construction activities will be limited to daylight hours using properly mufflered vehicles. Noise generated during this time is not anticipated to be significant. The proposed project would not result in long-term significant permanent construction noise impacts or operational impacts. Furthermore, construction activities would generally occur during the period of 7am-7pm on weekdays, during normal hours of human activity. All construction activities will be conducted in compliance with the Napa County Noise Ordinance (N.C.C. Chapter 8.16).
- c/d. Noise from winery buildings is very limited. The Napa County Exterior Noise Ordinance, which was adopted in 1984, sets the maximum permissible received sound level for a rural residence as 45 db between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. While the 45 db limitation is strict (45 db is roughly equivalent to the sound generated by a quiet conversation), the area surrounding the subject property is developed, with vineyards, wineries and homes located in the immediate vicinity.
- e/f. The project is not within the vicinity of a private airstrip.

Mitigation Measures: None required.

XIII.	PO	PULATION AND HOUSING. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	a)	Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?			$\boxtimes$	
	b)	Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?			$\boxtimes$	
	c)	Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?			$\boxtimes$	

## Discussion:

a. The applicant is requesting approval to allow a maximum of 10 employees, an increase of 2 employees. The Association of Bay Area Governments' *Projections 2003* figures indicate that the total population of Napa County is projected to increase some 23% by the year 2030 (*Napa County Baseline Data Report*, November 30, 2005). Additionally, the County's *Baseline Data Report* indicates that total housing units currently programmed in county and municipal housing elements exceed ABAG growth projections by approximately 15%. The additional employee positions which are part of this project will almost certainly lead to some population growth in Napa County. However, relative to the county's projected low to moderate growth rate and overall adequate programmed housing supply, that population growth does not rise to a level of environmental significance. In addition, the project will be subject to the County's housing impact mitigation fee (Napa County Zoning Ordinance – Section 18.107, A & H), which provides funding to meet local housing needs.

b/c. The parcel is zoned Agricultural Preserve (AP). This application will not displace a substantial volume of existing housing or a substantial number of people and will not necessitate the construction of replacement housing elsewhere.

#### Mitigation Measures: None required.

XIV.	PU	BLIC SERVICES. Would the project result in:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	a)	Substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:				
		Fire protection?			$\boxtimes$	
		Police protection?			$\boxtimes$	
		Schools?			$\boxtimes$	
		Parks?			$\boxtimes$	
		Other public facilities?			$\boxtimes$	

#### Discussion:

a. Public services are currently provided to the project area, and the additional demand placed on existing services would be marginal. Fire protection measures are required as part of the development pursuant to Napa County Fire Marshall conditions and there will be no foreseeable impact to emergency response times with the adoption of standard conditions of approval. The Fire and Public Works Departments have reviewed the application and recommend approval as conditioned. School impact mitigation fees, which assist local school districts with capacity building measures, will be levied pursuant to building permit submittal. The proposed project will have little to no impact on public parks. County revenue resulting from any building permit fees, and property tax increases will help meet the costs of providing public services to the property. The proposed project will have a less than significant impact on public services.

## Mitigation Measures: None required.

XV.	RE	CREATION. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	a)	increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?			$\boxtimes$	
	b)	Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?			$\boxtimes$	

#### Discussion:

a/b. This application proposes an addition to the winery building and some very minor on-site employment. No portion of this project, nor any foreseeable result thereof, would significantly increase the use of existing recreational facilities. This project does not include recreational facilities that would have a significant adverse effect on the environment.

XVI.	TR	ANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	a)	Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system and/or conflict with General Plan Policy CIR-16, which seeks to maintain an adequate Level of Service (LOS) at signalized and unsignalized intersections, or reduce the effectiveness of existing transit services or pedestrian/bicycle facilities?			$\boxtimes$	
	b)	Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency for designated roads or highways?			$\boxtimes$	
	C)	Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?			$\boxtimes$	
	d)	Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature, (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?			$\boxtimes$	
	e) f)	Result in inadequate emergency access? Conflict with General Plan Policy CIR-23, which requires new uses to meet			$\boxtimes$	
	I)	their anticipated parking demand, but to avoid providing excess parking which could stimulate unnecessary vehicle trips or activity exceeding the site's capacity?			$\boxtimes$	
	g)	Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?			$\boxtimes$	

- a.-b. The project site is located on the north side of Larkmead Lane, east of State Highway 29. The current proposal includes constructing an approximately 9,530 square foot winery addition, increasing employees and adding five additional parking spaces for a total of 15 spaces. As analyzed in the detailed project description, the increases in employment proposed in this application would result in an additional 9 peak hour trips daily, well below the Level of Service for State Highway 29 (which is D) and Larkmead Lane (which is A). Therefore, the impact is less than significant.
- c. This proposed project would not result in any change to air traffic patterns.
- d.-e. Access to the site is proposed to remain at the existing driveway entrance on Larkmead Lane. The driveway was approved with the original use permit. No changes are proposed to the access point. Public Works and the Fire Marshall have reviewed the proposal and recommend approval as conditioned.
- f. The project proposes the construction of one additional building on an already developed parcel. An additional five parking spaces have been proposed and would be sufficient to accommodate parking needs during normal business days for employees and visitors. The Department of Public Works has reviewed this proposal and recommends approval with standard conditions. Thru implementation of these conditions, the project will have adequate parking and will not conflict with General Plan Policy CIR-23, so as to cause potentially significant environmental impacts.
- g. There is no aspect of this proposed project that would conflict with any adopted policies, plans or programs supporting alternative transportation.

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XVI.	UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS. Would the project:		-	2	

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a)	Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?			$\boxtimes$	
b)	Require or result in the construction of a new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?			$\boxtimes$	
c)	Require or result in the construction of a new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?			$\boxtimes$	
d)	Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?			$\boxtimes$	
e)	Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?			$\boxtimes$	
f)	Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?			$\boxtimes$	
g)	Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?			$\boxtimes$	

- a. An existing, approved, wastewater system has the capacity to serve the needs of the proposed building. The project will not exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the Regional Water Quality Control Board and will not result in a significant impact on the environment relative to wastewater discharge. Wastewater disposal will be accommodated on-site and in compliance with State and County regulations. The project will not require construction of any new water or wastewater treatment facilities that will result in a significant impact to the environment. Wastewater disposal will be accommodated on-site in compliance with State and County regulations.
- c. The expansion of the existing stormwater drainage facilities will not cause significant environmental impacts. The Department of Public Works has reviewed the proposal and approved the project with conditions.
- d. The project has sufficient water supplies to serve existing and projected needs. An existing well will provide water for domestic, landscaping and fire protection needs. The current proposal has been reviewed by Napa County Environmental Management and Fire and approved with conditions.
- e. The existing wastewater treatment system has been reviewed by the Department of Environmental Management and found to be adequate to meet the needs of the additional employees. No significant environmental effects will occur.
- f. See response "a." above.
- g. The proposed project will be served by a landfill with sufficient capacity to meet the projects demands. No significant impact will occur from the disposal of solid waste generated by the proposed project.
- g. The proposed project will comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste.

## Mitigation Measures: None required.

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#### XVII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a)	Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?			M	
b)	Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively			$\boxtimes$	
5)	considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?			$\boxtimes$	
C)	Does the project have environmental effects that will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?			$\boxtimes$	
Discussion:					

- a. The site has been previously developed with structures. The project would have a less than significant impact on wildlife resources. As analyzed above, no sensitive resources or biologic areas will be converted or affected by this project. Also as analyzed above, the project would not result in a significant loss of native trees, native vegetation, or important examples of California's history or pre-history.
- b. As discussed above, the proposed project does not have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable that cannot be mitigated to a less than significant level.
- c. There are no environmental effects caused by this project that would result in substantial adverse effects on human beings, whether directly or indirectly. No hazardous conditions resulting from this project have been identified. The project would not have any environmental effects that would result in significant impacts.