

## Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration

# COUNTY OF NAPA PLANNING, BUILDING & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT 1195 THIRD ST., SUITE 210, NAPA, CA 94559 (707) 253-4416

### Initial Study Checklist (form updated October 2016)

- 1. **Project Title:** Flora Springs Winery, Use Permit Major Modification #P15-00111
- 2. Property Owner: Komes Ranch 2007, LLC; 1978 West Zinfandel Lane, St. Helena, CA 94574; (707) 963-5711
- 3. Project Sponsor's Name and Address: John Komes; 1978 West Zinfandel Lane, St. Helena, CA 94574; (707) 963-5711
- 4. **Representative**: Thomas F. Carey; P.O. Box 5662, Napa, CA 94581; (707) 479-2856
- 5. County Contact Person, Phone Number and email: Jason R. Hade, AICP, Planner III; (707) 259-8757; jason.hade@countyofnapa.org
- 6. **Project Location and APN:** The project is located on a 203 acre parcel, within the AW (Agricultural Watershed) and AP (Agricultural Preserve) zoning districts at the western terminus of West Zinfandel Lane, approximately one half mile west of its intersection with State Highway 29; 1978 West Zinfandel Lane, St. Helena CA; APN: 027-100-037.
- 7. General Plan Description: Agricultural Resource (AR) and AWOS (Agriculture, Watershed, and Open Space) Designations
- 8. **Zoning:** Agricultural Preserve (AP) & Agricultural Watershed (AW) Districts
- 9. **Background/Project History:** On November 1, 1978, the Komes family received approval of Use Permit #U-97879 to reactivate an existing winery building for production, storage and sale of wine on a 203 acre parcel. That approval was followed by Use Permit Modification #U-447980, approved on September 3, 1980, to increase the production capacity of the winery from 3,000 gallons to 60,000 gallons per year. On July 12, 1989, the winery received approval of Use Permit #U-97879 (Modification #2) to increase production capacity from 60,000 gallons to 120,000 gallons per year and authorize the construction of a 4,100 square foot visitor center/winery office building and the provision of tours and tastings at the winery by prior appointment. The conditions of approval and mitigation measures of Modification #2 state that the number of "visitor-carrying vehicles" entering the winery property shall be limited to 25 per day and that the number of "visits by bus" (defined as diesel bus, 3 axle, 10 wheel) shall be limited to 2 round trips per day and 10 within any 30-day period. This is equivalent to approximately 65 visitors per day and 455 visitors per week. No marketing activities were identified or authorized at this time.

Between 1996 and 2005, a number of use permit modifications authorized further changes to the winery's production facilities. In addition, Use Permit Modification #95161-UP, approved on January 17, 1996, incorporated the Winery Definition Ordinance's definition of marketing activities (Napa County Code Section 18.08.370) and limited food service at the winery to occasional catered private events. Under Condition of Approval No. 2 of Use Permit #95161-UP, traffic related to the occasional catered private events is included in the limitation of 25 visitor carrying vehicles per day entering the winery property identified above.

The existing parcel consists of approximately 30 acres of vineyards. The site also includes multiple winery buildings, a tasting room, offices, landscaped areas, miscellaneous structures associated with vineyard operations, and 33 parking spaces. Other site improvements consist of three (3) 2,000 gallon process wastewater tanks and one (1) 2,000 gallon septic tank, four (4) 1,500 gallon process wastewater tanks, one (1) 1,500 gallon septic tank, three (3) 10,000 gallon fire protection tanks, and three (3) wells.

A code compliance case was opened on June 26, 2014 in response to complaints regarding illegal events being conducted at the subject site. However, the case was resolved on June 1, 2015 when the property owners agreed to discontinue the unpermitted events at the winery.

- 10. **Project Description:** Approval of a Use Permit Major Modification to an existing 120,000 gallon per year winery to allow the following:
  - Upgrading of the existing wastewater system and associated infrastructure consistent with County code to include two (2) additional 10,500 gallon domestic water storage tanks and one (1) 2,000 gallon septic tank, and dispersal field expansion requiring the removal of approximately 5,000 square feet of vineyards;
  - b) Increase daily tours and tastings from 65 persons per day (by appointment only), 455 person per week maximum to 100 persons per day (by appointment only), 700 visitors maximum per week;
  - c) A Modified Marketing Program to add the following:

- a. Two (2) food and wine lunchtime paring events per week for groups of up to 50 guests;
- b. Two (2) food and wine dinnertime pairing events per week for groups of up to 25 quests;
- c. Two (2) wine club events per week for groups of up to 50 guests;
- d. Three (3) wine club release events per year for groups of up to 250 guests;
- e. One (1) Trilogy wine club release event per year for up to 350 guests; and
- f. One (1) wine auction related event per year for up to 60 guests.
- d) On-premises consumption of wines produced on site in the outdoor patio areas in accordance with Business and Professions Code Sections 23358, 23390 and 23396.5:
- e) Increase on-site employees from eight (8) full-time employees and six (6) part-time employees to 16 full-time employees, nine (9) part-time employees, and seven (7) harvest season employees;
- f) Increase parking spaces from 33 spaces to 38 spaces and the use of an approximately 20,600 square foot staging area for an additional 69 spaces during marketing events; and
- g) Change the winery's days of operation from Monday through Saturday to Monday through Sunday.

No new buildings or other external changes to the winery's physical facility are proposed nor any production increase.

The project also includes a request for an exception to the Napa County Road and Street Standards (RSS). The request proposes an exception to the State Responsibility Area Fire Safe Regulations to allow a reduced roadway width of 14.25 feet across the historical bridge which provides access to the existing tasting room and winery buildings because the bridge was constructed in 1902 and is a historical recorded site. The Napa County RSS require two ten (10) foot wide traffic lanes and permits a maximum longitudinal slope of 16 percent.

#### 11. Environmental setting and surrounding land uses:

The 203 acre parcel is located at the western terminus of West Zinfandel Lane, approximately one half mile west of its intersection with State Highway 29 within the AW and AP zoning districts. Site topography ranges from 0-15 percent within the vineyard area to slopes in excess of 30 percent within the western portion of the subject site. The soils on site consist primarily of Forward Gravelly Loam and Maxwell Clay. The parcel is developed with multiple winery buildings, a tasting room, offices, landscaped areas, miscellaneous structures associated with vineyard operations, and 33 parking spaces. Other site improvements consist of three (3) 2,000 gallon process wastewater tanks and one (1) 2,000 gallon septic tank, four (4) 1,500 gallon process wastewater tanks, one (1) 1,500 gallon septic tank, three (3) 10,000 gallon fire protection tanks, and three (3) wells.

The winery property is surrounded by vineyards and scattered rural residential uses. Dana Estate Winery lies immediately south of the winery property on Cabernet Lane. The Inglewood Village commercial complex, Press Restaurant, Dean and Deluca, Hall Winery, the Sutter Home Winery Visitor Center, Louis Martini Winery, and various other commercial businesses and residences operate in proximity of the winery, north of the intersection of State Route 29 and West Zinfandel Lane. The main winery building is located approximately 1,375 feet from the nearest neighboring residence. The project site is located outside the boundaries of the 100 and 500 year flood hazard zones with the exception of a small area within the 100-year flood zone which traverses the eastern boundary of the site. Native vegetation of the site includes agriculture; hardwood forest/woodland; and coniferous forest/woodland; most of the site is disturbed and primarily planted with vineyards and developed with winery structures.

Flora Springs operates a tasting room at 677 South St. Helena Highway within the commercial area comprising Press and Dean and Deluca. Use Permit # 94280-UP was approved on November 1, 1995 authorizing construction of an 800 square foot wine tasting room within the existing 1,600 square foot structure. No maximum visitation allowance was established although application materials indicate an anticipated 200 visitors per day on the busiest day. A subsequent use permit modification (#96527-MOD) was approved on May 9, 1997 and authorized the relocation of the previously approved wine tasting room to an existing 3,000 square foot space.

12. Other agencies whose approval is required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement).

The project would also require various ministerial approvals by the County, including but not limited to building permits, grading permits, waste disposal permits, and an encroachment permit, in addition to CalFire. Permits may also be required by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, & Firearms.

Responsible (R) and Trustee (T) Agencies

Other Agencies Contacted
Federal Trade and Taxation Bureau
Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control

Tribal Cultural Resources. Have California Native American tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area requested consultation pursuant to Assembly Bill 52 (AB 52) Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1? If so, has consultation begun? Invitation for tribal consultation was completed pursuant to AB 52 and one response was received from the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. A site visit was conducted with tribal representatives on December 1, 2016 and a letter was received from Yocha Dehe Wintun

Nation dated December 13, 2016 noting that the tribe is aware of known cultural resources near this project site and that a tribal cultural monitor is recommended during project construction.

Note: Conducting consultation early in the CEQA process allows tribal governments, lead agencies, and project proponents to discuss the level of environmental review, identify and address potential adverse impacts to tribal cultural resources, and reduce the potential for delay and conflict in the environmental review process. (See Public Resources Code section 21083.3.2.) Information may also be available from the California Native American Heritage Commission's Sacred Lands File per Public Resources Code section 5097.96 and the California Historical Resources Information System administered by the California Office of Historic Preservation. Please also note that Public Resources Code section 21082.3(c) contains provisions specific to confidentiality.

#### 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 th	e basis of this initial evaluation:
	I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
$\boxtimes$	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.
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l.	AES	STHETICS. Would the project:				
	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?					
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	c)	Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?		П	$\bowtie$	
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	d)	Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?				$\boxtimes$

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#### Discussion:

- a-c. Visual resources are those physical features that make up the environment, including landforms, geological features, water, trees and other plants, and elements of the human cultural landscape. A scenic vista, then, would be a publicly accessible vantage point such as a road, park, trail, or scenic overlook from which distant or landscape-scale views of a beautiful or otherwise important assembly of visual resources can be taken-in. As generally described in the **Environmental Setting and Surrounding Land Uses** section, above, this area is defined by a mix of vineyard, winery, and residential uses. 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. The project site is currently developed with an existing vineyard, winery, parking area, three (3) 2,000 gallon process wastewater tanks and one (1) 2,000 gallon septic tank, four (4) 1,500 gallon process wastewater tanks, one (1) 1,500 gallon septic tank, three (3) 10,000 gallon fire protection tanks, and three (3) wells. Proposed physical improvements as part of the project consist of the installation of two (2) additional 10,500 gallon domestic water storage tanks and one (1) 2,000 gallon septic tank, and dispersal field expansion. No new buildings or other external changes to the winery's physical facility are proposed. The proposed septic tank would be underground and the additional water storage and fire protection tanks would be screened from West Zinfandel Lane by the existing winery buildings, vegetation, and topography. There are no rock outcroppings visible from the road or other designated scenic resources on the property. As West Zinfandel Lane is not considered a Viewshed Road and there is minimal visual impact from the road, there is a less than significant impact to a scenic vista.
- d. No additional outdoor lighting is proposed. As such, no impacts would occur.

II.	AG	RICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES.1 Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less I nan Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	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)	Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use?				$\boxtimes$

#### Discussion:

a/b/e. The project site is designated "Other Land", "Prime Farmland" and "Unique Farmland." All proposed improvements would occur within the area of the parcel designated as "Other Land" and would not result in the conversion of Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland or Farmland of Statewide Important as shown on the Napa County Important Farmland Map 2002 prepared by the California Department of Conservation District, Division of Land Resource Protection, pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency. The proposed project would not conflict with existing zoning for agricultural uses. There is an existing agricultural contract on the property which permits agricultural processing facilities such as wineries. The project site currently has 30 acres of vineyards and approximately 5,000 square feet of vineyards would be removed as part of the proposed project for the expanded dispersal field. There are no other changes included in this proposal that would result in the conversion of Farmland beyond the immediate project site. General Plan Agricultural Preservation and Land Use policies AG/LU-2 and AG/LU-13 recognize wineries, and any use consistent with the Winery Definition Ordinance and clearly accessory to a winery, as agriculture. As a result, this application would not result in the conversion of special status farmland to a non-agricultural use.

c/d. The project site is zoned AP and AW, which allow wineries upon grant of a use permit. According to the Napa County Environmental resource maps (based on the following layers – Sensitive Biotic Oak Woodlands, Riparian Woodland Forest and Coniferous Forest) the project site contains woodland or forested areas. However, most of the site is disturbed and primarily planted with vineyards and developed with winery structures. Proposed physical improvements would occur within the previously developed area of the site. Therefore, the proposed project would not conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land, timberland, or timberland zoned Timberland Production.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Forest land" is defined by the State as "land that can support 10-percent native tree cover of any species, including hardwoods, under natural conditions, and that allows for management of one or more forest resources, including timber, aesthetics, fish and wildlife, biodiversity, water quality, recreation, and other public benefits." (Public Resources Code Section 12220(g)) The Napa County General Plan anticipates and does not preclude conversion of some "forest land" to agricultural use, and the program-level EIR for the 2008 General Plan Update analyzed the impacts of up to 12,500 acres of vineyard development between 2005 and 2030, with the assumption that some of this development would occur on "forest land." In that analysis specifically, and in the County's view generally, the conversion of forest land to agricultural use would constitute a potentially significant impact only if there were resulting significant impacts to sensitive species, biodiversity, wildlife movement, sensitive biotic communities listed by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, water quality, or other environmental resources addressed in this checklist.

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III.		R QUALITY. Where available, the significance criteria established by the application to make the following determinations. Would the project:	ole air quality manage	ment or air pollution	control district n	nay be relied
	a)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?			$\boxtimes$	
	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	$\bowtie$	П
	d)	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?				
	e)	Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?			$\boxtimes$	

#### Discussion:

a-c. On June 2, 2010, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's (BAAQMD) Board of Directors unanimously adopted thresholds of significance to assist in the review of projects under the California Environmental Quality Act. These Thresholds are 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 website and included in the Air District's updated CEQA Guidelines (updated May 2012).

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 Thresholds were valid on the merits, but found that the adoption of the Thresholds 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. The Air District has appealed the Alameda County Superior Court's decision. The Court of Appeal of the State of California, First Appellate District, reversed the trial court's decision. The Court of Appeal's decision was appealed to the California Supreme Court, which granted limited review, and the matter is currently pending there.

In view of the trial court's order which remains in place pending final resolution of the case, the Air District is no longer recommending that the Thresholds be used as a generally applicable measure of a project's significant air quality impacts. Lead agencies will need to determine appropriate air quality thresholds of significance based on substantial evidence in the record. Although lead agencies may rely on the Air District's updated CEQA Guidelines (updated May 2012) for assistance in calculating air pollution emissions, obtaining information regarding the health impacts of air pollutants, and identifying potential mitigation measures, the Air District has been ordered to set aside the Thresholds and is no longer recommending that these Thresholds be used as a general measure of project's significant air quality impacts. Lead agencies may continue to rely on the Air District's 1999 Thresholds of Significance and they may continue to make determinations regarding the significance of an individual project's air quality impacts based on the substantial evidence in the record for that project.

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 Air District's 1999 CEQA Guidelines (p.24) 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. The winery trip generation sheet included in the application and Traffic Impact Report prepared for the project calculates the proposed conditions for a typical weekday at approximately 130 total daily trips and 49 PM peak trips. Proposed conditions for a typical Saturday are calculated at 80 total trips and 46 PM peak trips and proposed conditions for a typical Saturday during crush are calculated at 157 total trips.

Vehicle trips generated are significantly below BAAQMD's recommended threshold of 2,000 vehicle trips/day for purposes of performing a detailed air quality analysis. Given the number of vehicle trips generated by this project, compared to the size of the air basin, project related vehicle trips would contribute an insignificant amount of air pollution and would not result in a conflict or obstruction of an air quality plan. 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. In the short term, potential air quality impacts are most likely to result from earthmoving and construction activities required for project construction. Earthmoving and 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. If the proposed project adhere to these relevant best management practices identified by the Air District and the County's standard conditions of project approval, construction-related impacts are considered less than significant:

"During all construction activities the permittee shall comply with the most current version of BAAQMD Basic Construction Best Management Practices including but not limited to the following, as applicable:

- 1. Post a publicly visible sign with the telephone number and person to contact at the lead agency regarding dust complaints. The BAAQMD's phone number shall also be visible.
- 2. Water all exposed surfaces (e.g., parking areas, staging areas, soil piles, grading areas, and unpaved access roads) two times per day.
- 3. Cover all haul trucks transporting soil, sand, or other loose material off-site.
- 4. Remove all visible mud or dirt traced onto adjacent public roads by using wet power vacuum street sweepers at least once per day. The use of dry power sweeping is prohibited.
- 5. All vehicle speeds on unpaved roads shall be limited to 15 mph.
- 6. All roadways, driveways, and sidewalks to be paved shall be completed as soon as possible. Building pads shall be laid as soon as possible after grading unless seeding or soil binders are used.
- 7. Idling times shall be minimized either by shutting off equipment when not in use or reducing the maximum idling time to five (5) minutes (as required by State Regulations). Clear signage shall be provided for construction workers at all access points.
- 8. All construction equipment shall be maintained and properly tuned in accordance with manufacturer's specifications. All equipment shall be checked by a certified visible emissions evaluator. Any portable engines greater than 50 horsepower or associated equipment operated within the BAAQMD's jurisdiction shall have either a California Air Resources Board (ARB) registration Portable Equipment Registration Program (PERP) or a BAAQMD permit. For general information regarding the certified visible emissions evaluator or the registration program, visit the ARB FAQ <a href="http://www.arb.ca.gov/portable/perp/perpfact\_04-16-15.pdf">http://www.arb.ca.gov/portable/perp/perpfact\_04-16-15.pdf</a> or the PERP website <a href="http://www.arb.ca.gov/portable/portable.htm." http://www.arb.ca.gov/portable/portable.htm."</a>

Furthermore, while earthmoving and 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 when average wind speeds exceed 20 mph."

e. While the Air 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. The closest residence is approximately 1,375 feet to the east of the existing winery building. Construction-phase pollutants would be reduced to a less than significant level by the above-noted standard condition of approval. The project would not create pollutant concentrations or objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people. Impacts would be less than significant.

IV.	BIO	LOGICAL RESOURCES. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	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?			$\boxtimes$	

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	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?	П	П	$\boxtimes$	
	e)	Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				
	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?				
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a/b.	surv fish The iden of th occu esse been	ording to the Napa County Environmental Resource Maps (based on the reys, red legged frog core area and critical habitat, vernal pools & vernal presence) no known candidate, sensitive, or special status species have project would not have a substantial adverse effect on any special status tified in the project area. The proposal and associated construction are refersite is disturbed and primarily planted with vineyards and developed with within the previously developed area of the site. Furthermore, there we ential for the support of a species with limited distribution or considered in identified in any local/regional or State plans as being a sensitive concial status species is less than significant.	ool species, Spotted e been identified as s species, or species minimal with no signi th winery structures. ere no species or sil to be a sensitive na	Owl Habitat – 1.5 occurring within to of particular conditional grading requesting proposed physical te conditions which tural plant commu	mile buffer ar the project bou ern, as there uired. In additi al improvemer n would be co nity. The site	nd known undaries. are none on, most ats would nsidered has not
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e.		trees are proposed for removal as part of the project. Moreover, the purbed. Impacts would be less than significant.	project is proposed	within an area tha	t has been p	reviously
f.	Plan	proposed project would not conflict with the provisions of an adopted Has or other approved local, regional or state habitat conservation plans bacts would occur.				
Mitigatio	n Me	easures: None required.				
V	CIII	TUDAL DECOUDERS Would the project.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
V.		TURAL RESOURCES. Would the project:  Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical				
	a)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in CEQA Guidelines §15064.5?				
	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?				

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d)	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?				

#### Discussion:

a-c. According to a "Cultural Resources Evaluation of the Proposed Wastewater System Expansion and Other Improvements, Flora Springs Winery 1998 West Zinfandel Lane, St. Helena, Napa County, California" prepared by William Roop, Archaeological Resource Service on December 14, 2015, "it can be concluded that at least one archaeological site, and perhaps two, will be impacted by the proposed project. Previous work has demonstrated the presence of potentially significant archaeological sites flanking the project location. Disturbance to these sites as part of ongoing agricultural operations has blurred the distinction between these sites. Observation and mapping of sub-plow zone deposits could clarify the pre-agriculture locations of these deposits." As recommended in the cultural resources evaluation, implementation of mitigation measure CUL-1 would reduce potential impacts to a level of less than significant. If resources are found during any earth disturbing activities, such as the removal of approximately 5,000 square feet of vineyards for the proposed dispersal field expansion, associated with the project, construction of the project is required to cease, and a qualified archaeologist would be retained to investigate the site in accordance with the following standard condition of approval:

"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 PBES 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 project development, all work in the vicinity must be halted, and the Napa County Coroner informed, so that the Coroner can determine if an investigation of the cause of death is required, and if the remains are of Native American origin, the permittee shall comply with the requirements of Public Resources Code Section 5097.98."

d. No human remains have been encountered on the property and no information has been encountered that would indicate that this project would encounter human remains. All construction activities would occur on previously disturbed portions of the site near the existing water tanks and within the vineyards. However, if resources are found during project grading, construction of the project is required to cease, and a qualified archaeologist would be retained to investigate the site in accordance with standard condition of approval noted above. Impacts would be less than significant.

#### Mitigation Measure:

- MM CUL-1:
- Prior to commencement of construction of project improvements at the project site, the permittee shall coordinate with an archaeological monitor and a representative of Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. Pre-construction coordination shall, at a minimum, include the following:
- a. Submittal of copies of grading plans to the archaeological monitor and tribal representative, concurrently with submittal of the grading permit application to the Napa County Planning, Building & Environmental Services (PBES) Department;
- b. Execution of a Standard Monitoring Agreement with Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation;
- c. Training of construction field crews, by an archaeological monitor and tribal representative, of the potential for presence of Native American resources on the property, the potential types of resources that could be found on-site, and the procedures to follow in the event of discovery of such resources; and
- d. Presence of an archaeological monitor and tribal representative on-site during survey/marking and initial rough grading of improvements (parking stalls, water storage and fire protection tank installation, septic tank installation, and dispersal field expansion) on the Flora Springs parcel.

**Monitoring:** Concurrently with submittal of the grading application for Flora Springs parcel improvements to Engineering and Building staff of PBES, the permittee shall submit confirmation of submittal of the grading plans to the archaeological monitor and tribal representative previously identified. If the permittee neglects to submit such confirmation to PBES, then Planning staff of PBES will convey a copy of the plans to the archaeological monitor and tribal representative upon receipt of the grading permit application.

Prior to issuance of the grading permit, the permittee shall submit to Planning staff of PBES confirmation of pre-construction training of construction field crews about potential presence of Native American resources on the project site and the correct procedures to follow in the event of discovery of such resources. Confirmation shall be in the form of a written letter or certification from the archaeological monitor and tribal representative conducting the training.

No fewer than 10 days prior to commencement of grading, the permittee shall concurrently contact the archaeological monitor and tribal representative and Planning staff of PBES in writing, receipt confirmed, to advise of the start date of project grading and to invite the archaeological monitor, tribal representative and staff member to be present during survey of and initial rough grading of the site improvements.

			Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
VI.	GE(	DLOGY AND SOILS. Would the project:				
	a)	Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
		<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?</li> </ul>			$\boxtimes$	
		iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?	Ш		$\boxtimes$	
		iv) Landslides?			$\boxtimes$	
	b)	Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?			$\boxtimes$	
	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 creating substantial risks to life or property? Expansive soil is defined as soil having an expansive index greater than 20, as determined in accordance with ASTM (American Society of Testing and Materials) D 4829.				
	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?			$\boxtimes$	

#### Discussion:

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- 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 project 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 project 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.
- iii.) No subsurface conditions have been identified on the project site that indicated a susceptibility to seismic-related ground failure or liquefaction. Compliance with the latest editions of the California Building Code for seismic stability would result in less than significant impacts.
- iv.) According to the Napa County Environmental Resource Maps (Landslides line, polygon, and geology layers) there are is a large landslide deposit in the southwest corner of the parcel, but not within the proposed development area.
- b. The limited proposed improvements would occur on slopes of five percent to 15 percent. Based upon the Soil Survey of Napa County, prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), soils on site consist primarily of Forward Gravelly Loam, (9 to 30 percent slopes) and Maxwell Clay, (2 to 9 percent slopes). The applicant has submitted a Stormwater Control plan as part of their application, which was reviewed and approved by the Engineering Division. The project would require incorporation of best management practices and

would be subject to the Napa County Stormwater Ordinance which addresses sediment and erosion control measures and dust control, as applicable. Impacts would be less than significant.

- c/d. According to preliminary geologic mapping of the Rutherford Quandrangle performed by the California Geologic Survey (CGS-2004), the property is underlain by pre-Quaternary deposits and bedrock and Holocene fan deposits. Based on the Napa County Environmental Sensitivity Maps (liquefaction layer) the area of the project site to be further developed has a very low or medium susceptibility for liquefaction. Development would be required to comply with the latest building standards and codes, including the California Building Code that would reduce any potential impacts to a less than significant level.
  - e. According to the Wastewater Feasibility Study prepared by Bartelt Engineering in May 2016, the project site and proposed system has adequate disposal capacity to serve the project. The study concluded that "sanitary wastewater generated as a result of the proposed staffing and marketing plan increase for the existing 120,000 gallon winery can be feasibly accommodated by expanding the existing pressure distribution system. There is adequate room for the installation of a new sanitary septic tank and new leach line laterals which will allow Flora Springs Winery to host marketing events while maintaining Napa County Standards for their wastewater system" (Wastewater Feasibility Study, 2016). The Division of Environmental Health reviewed this report and concurred with its findings. Impacts would be less than significant.

Mitigation Measures: None required.

VII.	GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a)					
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?				

#### Discussion:

Napa County has been working to develop a Climate Action Plan (CAP) for several years. In 2012, a Draft CAP (March 2012) was recommended using the emissions checklist in the Draft CAP, on a trial basis, to determine potential greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with project development and operation. At the December 11, 2012, Napa County Board of Supervisors (BOS) hearing, the BOS considered adoption of the proposed CAP. In addition to reducing Napa County's GHG emissions, the proposed plan was intended to address compliance with CEQA for projects reviewed by the County and to lay the foundation for development of a local offset program. While the BOS acknowledged the plan's objectives, the BOS requested that the CAP be revised to better address transportation-related greenhouse gas, to acknowledge and credit past accomplishments and voluntary efforts, and to allow more time for establishment of a cost-effective local offset program. The Board also requested that best management practices be applied and considered when reviewing projects until a revised CAP is adopted to ensure that projects address the County's policy goal related to reducing GHG emissions.

In July 2015, the County re-commenced preparation of the CAP to: i) account for present day conditions and modeling assumptions (such as but not limited to methods, emission factors, and data sources), ii) address the concerns with the previous CAP effort as outlined above, iii) meet applicable State requirements, and iv) result in a functional and legally defensible CAP. On April 13, 2016 the County, as the part of the first phase of development and preparation of the CAP, released Final Technical Memorandum #1: 2014 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory and Forecast, April 13, 2016. This initial phase included: i) updating the unincorporated County's community-wide GHG emissions inventory to 2014, and ii) preparing new GHG emissions forecasts for the 2020, 2030, and 2050 horizons. Additional information on the County CAP can be obtained at the Napa County Department of Planning, Building and Environmental Services or http://www.countyofnapa.org/CAP/.

a/b. 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 served as the basis for development of a refined inventory and emission reduction plan for unincorporated Napa County.

In 2011, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) released California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Project Screening Criteria and Significance of Thresholds [1,100 metric tons per year (MT) of carbon dioxide and carbon dioxide equivalents (CO2e)]. This threshold of significance is appropriate for evaluating projects in Napa County.

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). (Note: 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.)

For the purposes of this analysis potential GHG emissions associated with winery 'construction' and 'development' and with 'ongoing' winery operations have been discussed.

GHGs are the atmospheric gases whose absorption of solar radiation is responsible for the greenhouse effect, including carbon dioxide, methane, ozone, and the fluorocarbons, that contribute to climate change (a widely accepted theory/science explain human effects on the atmosphere). Carbon Dioxide (CO2) gas, the principal greenhouse gas (GHG) being emitted by human activities, and whose concentration in the atmosphere is most affected by human activity, also serves as the reference gas to compare other greenhouse gases. Agricultural sources of carbon emissions include forest clearing, land-use changes, biomass burning, and farm equipment and management activity emissions (http://www.climatechange.ca.gov/glossary/letter\_c.html). Equivalent Carbon Dioxide (CO2e) is the most commonly reported type of GHG emission and a way to get one number that approximates total emissions from all the different gasses that contribute to GHG (BAAMD CEQA Air Quality Guidelines, May 2012). In this case, carbon dioxide (CO2) is used as the reference atom/compound to obtain atmospheric carbon CO2 effects of GHG. Carbon stocks are converted to carbon dioxide equivalents (CO2e) by multiplying the carbon total by 44/12 (or 3.67), which is the ratio of the atomic mass of a carbon dioxide molecule to the atomic mass of a carbon atom (http://www.nciasi2.org/COLE/index.html).

One time "Construction Emissions" associated with a winery development project include: i) the carbon stocks that are lost (or released) when existing vegetation is removed and soil is ripped in preparation for a new winery structure and associated infrastructure; and ii) emissions associated with the energy used to develop and prepare the project area and construct a winery, including construction equipment and worker vehicle trips (hereinafter referred to as Equipment Emissions). These emissions also include underground carbon stocks (or Soil carbon) associated with any existing vegetation that is proposed to be removed. As previously stated, this project does not include any new buildings. Approximately 5,000 square feet of vineyards would be removed for the proposed dispersal field expansion.

In addition to the one time Construction Emissions, "Operational Emissions" of the winery are also considered and include: i) any reduction in the amount of carbon sequestered by existing vegetation that is removed as part of the project compared to a "no project" scenario (hereinafter referred to as Operational Sequestration Emissions); and ii) ongoing emissions from the energy used to maintain and operate the winery, including vehicle trips associated with employee and visitor trips (hereinafter referred to as Operational Emissions). See Section XVI, Transportation/Traffic, for anticipated number of operational trips. Operational Emissions from the proposed winery would be the primary source of emissions over the long-term when compared to one time construction emissions.

The proposed project has been evaluated against the BAAQMD thresholds Table 3-1 (Operational GHG Screening Level Sizes). Because no additional floor area is proposed when compared to the BAAQMD's GHG screening criteria of 121,000 sf for general industrial, and compared to the BAAQMD's screening criterion of 9,000 sf. for high quality restaurant, the project was determined not to exceed the 1,100 MT of CO2e/yr GHG threshold of significance.

Furthermore, the applicant proposes to incorporate additional GHG reduction methods including: implementation of a vehicle miles traveled reduction plan; installation of water efficient fixtures; and close proximity to the Route 10 Vine Transit stop at Zinfandel Lane. The following GHG reduction methods have already been implemented at the project site: generation of on-site renewable energy; use of caves for wine storage to minimize energy use; and the organic farming of red wine grapes.

The proposed project has been evaluated against the BAAQMD thresholds and determined that the project would not exceed the 1,100 MT/yr of CO2e. GHG Emission reductions from local programs and project level actions, such as application of the Cal Green Building Code, tightened vehicle fuel efficiency standards, and more project-specific on-site programs including those winery features noted above would combine to further reduce emissions below BAAQMD thresholds.

Greenhouse Gas Emission reductions from local programs and project level actions, such as application of the Cal Green Building Code, vehicle fuel efficiency standards, and the project-specific on-site programs identified above would combine to further reduce emissions below BAAQMD thresholds.

As indicated above the County is currently preparing a CAP and as the part of the first phase of development and preparation of the CAP has released Final Technical Memorandum #1 (2014 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory and Forecast, April 13, 2016). Table 1 of the Technical Memorandum indicates that 2% of the County's GHG emissions in 2014 were a result of land use change.

The increase in emissions expected as a result of the project would be relatively modest and the project is in compliance with the County's efforts to reduce emissions as described above. For these reasons, project impacts related to GHG emissions are considered less than significant.

Mitigation Measures: None required.

			Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
VIII.	HA	ZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. Would the project:		·	·	
	a)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				
	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?				
	c)	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				
	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?				
	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?				
	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?				
	g)	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				
	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 would not involve the transport of hazardous materials other than those small amounts utilized in typical winery operations. A Business Plan would be filed with the Environmental Health Division should hazardous materials reach reportable levels. Impacts would be less than significant.
- b. Hazardous materials such as diesel, maintenance fluids, and paints would be used onsite during construction. Should they be stored onsite, these materials would be stored in secure locations to reduce the potential for upset or accident conditions. The proposed project consists of a modification to an existing winery that would not be expected to use any substantial quantities of hazardous materials.

Therefore, it would not be reasonably foreseeable for the proposed project to create upset or accident conditions that involve the release of hazardous materials into the environments. Impacts would be less than significant.

- c. There are no schools located within one-quarter mile from the proposed project site. According to Google Earth, the nearest school to the project site is St. Helena High School, located approximately 1.5 miles to the north. No impacts would occur.
- d. Based on a search of the California Department of Toxic Substances Control database, the project site does not contain any known EPA National Priority List sites, State response sites, voluntary cleanup sites, or any school cleanup sites. No impact would occur as the project site is not on any known list of hazardous materials sites.
- e. No impact would occur as the project site is not located within an airport land use plan.
- f. No impact would occur as the project site is not located within the vicinity of any private airports.
- g. The existing access driveway meets Napa County Road and Street Standards (RSS) with the exception of the width of the historical bridge for which an exception to the County RSS has been requested. Therefore, the operational changes to the winery would not obstruct emergency vehicle access. The project, including the RSS exception, has been reviewed by the County Fire Department and Engineering Services Division and found acceptable, as conditioned.
- h. The project would not increase exposure of people and/or structures to a significant loss, injury or death involving wild land fires. The project currently complies and would continue to comply with current California Department of Forestry and California Building Code requirements for fire safety. Impacts would be less than significant.

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			Potentially Significant Impact	Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Significant Impact	No Impact
IX.	HYE	DROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY. Would the project:		incorporation	impact	
	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)?				
	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?				
	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?				
	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?				
	h)	Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?				$\boxtimes$

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?	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
j)	Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?			$\boxtimes$	

#### Discussion:

On January 14, 2014 Governor Jerry Brown declared a drought emergency in the state of California. That declaration was followed up on April 1, 2015 when the Governor directed the State Water Resources Control Board to implement mandatory water reductions in cities and towns across California to reduce water usage by 25 percent. These water restrictions do not apply to agricultural users. At this time the County of Napa has not adopted or implemented any additional mandatory water use restrictions. The County requires all Use Permit applicants to complete necessary water analyses in order to document that sufficient water supplies are available for the proposed project. On June 28, 2011 the Board of Supervisors approved creation of a Groundwater Resources Advisory Committee (GRAC). The GRAC's purpose was to assist County staff and technical consultants with recommendations regarding groundwater, including data collection, monitoring, and well pump test protocols, management objectives, and community support. The County completed a county-wide assessment of groundwater resources (Napa County Groundwater Monitoring Plan 2013 (Jan. 2013)). The County also completed a 2013 Updated Hydrogeologic Conceptualization and Characterization of Groundwater Conditions (Jan. 2013).

In general, recent studies have found that groundwater levels in the Napa Valley Floor exhibit stable long-term trends with a shallow depth to water. Historical trends in the Milliken-Sarco-Tulucay (MST) area, however, have shown increasing depths to groundwater, but recent stabilization in many locations. Groundwater availability, recharge, storage and yield are not consistent across the County. More is known about the resource where historical data have been collected. Less is known in areas with limited data or unknown geology. In order to fill existing data gaps and to provide a better understand of groundwater resources in the County, the Napa County Groundwater Monitoring Plan recommended 18 Areas of Interest (AOIs) for additional groundwater level and water quality monitoring. Through the well owner and public outreach efforts of the (GRAC) approximately 40 new wells have been added to the monitoring program within these areas. Groundwater Sustainability Objectives were developed and recommended by the GRAC and adopted by the Board. The recommendations included the goal of developing sustainability objectives, provided a definition, explained the shared responsibility for Groundwater Sustainability and the important role monitoring as a means to achieving groundwater sustainability.

In 2009 Napa County began a comprehensive study of its groundwater resources to meet identified action items in the County's 2008 General Plan update. The study, by Luhdorff and Scalmanini Consulting Engineers (LSCE), emphasized developing a sound understanding of groundwater conditions and implementing an expanded groundwater monitoring and data management program as a foundation for integrated water resources planning and dissemination of water resources information. The 2011 baseline study by LSCE, which included over 600 wells and data going back over 50 years, concluded that "the groundwater levels in Napa County are stable, except for portions of the MST district". Most wells elsewhere within the Napa Valley floor with a sufficient record indicate that groundwater levels are more affected by climatic conditions, are within historical levels, and seem to recover from dry periods during subsequent wet or normal periods. The LSCE Study also concluded that, on a regional scale, there appear to be no current groundwater quality issues except north of Calistoga (mostly naturally occurring boron and trace metals) and in the Carneros region (mostly salinity). The subject property is located partially within the St. Helena subarea and partially within the Western Mountains subarea of Napa County. Groundwater levels in the wells monitored by WICC within the St. Helena subarea were observed to be frequently very shallow at less than 10 feet below the ground surface during the spring season. Declines of about 20 feet were observed between the spring and falls seasons. The Napa County Groundwater Monitoring Program tested wells in this area in 2014 and 2015. The observed groundwater depth in these wells ranged from 44 feet to 240 feet below ground surface. The County has no record of problems or complaints of diminished groundwater supplies at the project site or in the general vicinity. The applicant has not experienced any issues with the availability of groundwater.

Minimum thresholds for water use have been established by the Department of Public Works using reports by the United States Geological Survey (USGS). These reports are the result of water resources investigations performed by the USGS in cooperation with the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. Any project which reduces water usage or any water usage which is at or below the established threshold is assumed not to have a significant effect on groundwater levels. The project is categorized as being partially located within the Valley Floor (32.7 acres zoned AP) in an area that has an established acceptable water use criteria of 1.0 acre foot per acre per year based upon current County Water Availability Analysis (WAA) policies. Based upon those criteria, the Allowable Water Allotment for the area of the project site located within the Valley Floor is 32.7 acre-feet per year (af/yr), determined by multiplying the 32.7 acre Valley floor area by a one AF/YR/acre fair share water use factor. The remainder of the parcel is considered "all other areas" based upon current County WAA policies and therefore water use criteria is parcel specific. A Tier 1 analysis was completed by Bartelt Engineering in May 2016 which included a parcel specific recharge evaluation. According to the recharge evaluation, the estimated annual recharge for the remaining area of the subject parcel zoned AW (170.3 acres) and

located in All Other Areas is estimated to be 16.3 AF/YR while the potential groundwater available during a typical dry year (2013) is 10.3 AF/YR (Water Availability Analysis for the Flora Springs Winery, 2016).

a/b. The project would not violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements nor substantially deplete local groundwater supplies. According to the Wastewater Feasibility Study prepared by Bartelt Engineering in May 2016, the project site and proposed system has adequate disposal capacity to serve the project. The study concluded that "sanitary wastewater generated as a result of the proposed staffing and marketing plan increase for the existing 120,000 gallon winery can be feasibly accommodated by expanding the existing pressure distribution system. There is adequate room for the installation of a new sanitary septic tank and new leach line laterals which will allow Flora Springs Winery to host marketing events while maintaining Napa County Standards for their wastewater system" (Wastewater Feasibility Study, 2016). The Division of Environmental Health reviewed this report and concurred with its findings.

The project is not expected to violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements nor substantially deplete local groundwater supplies. The facility's domestic water system is classified as transient, non-community and is managed by employees of the winery. The subject parcel currently sources water from an existing spring and three (3) existing wells (winery well, vineyard well, and well 2). According to the WAA prepared by Bartelt Engineering, the winery well was constructed in 2015, has a depth of 617 feet and a yield of 75 gpm. The vineyard well was constructed in 2016, has a depth of 700 feet, and a yield of 325 gpm. The project proposes to use the winery well as the main project water source capable of providing winery related water demand shown below and the vineyard well to provide irrigation water and reserve (emergency) domestic water. The winery well is located within the AW zoning district while the vineyard well and well 2 are located within the AP zoning district. As previously noted, the applicant submitted a Tier 1 WAA completed by Bartelt Engineering in May 2016 showing the projected water use for the project is 0.07 AF/YR. The analysis concluded that anticipated total overall water demand for the project site would be 34.12 AF/YR representing a 0.07 AF/YR increase of the existing water demand. The parcel water demand can be met with the existing project wells. Therefore, the impacts from the project would be less than significant and no further analysis is needed. Below is a table that details each source of existing and proposed water use:

Usage Type	Existing Usage	Proposed Usage
Vineyard Irrigation	30.4	30.4
Winery		
Wine Production	2.58	2.58
Domestic and Landscape Irrigation	0.60	0.60
Tastings and Marketing Events	0.47	0.54
Net Use (Acre-ft per Year)	34.05	34.12

The estimated groundwater demand of 34.12 AF/YR, represents an increase of 0.07 AF/YR over the existing condition. The winery, as part of its entitlement would include the County's standard condition of approval requiring well monitoring as well as the potential to modify/alter permitted uses on site should groundwater resources become insufficient to supply the use.

In response to regional drought and the general Statewide need to protect groundwater resources, the Governor enacted new legislation requiring local governments to monitor and management groundwater resources. Napa County's prior work on the Napa Valley Groundwater Management Plan provides a strong foundation for Napa County to comply with this State mandated monitoring and management objective. As a direct result, the project site is now subject to this new legislation requiring local agencies to monitor groundwater use. Assembly Bill - AB 1739 by Assembly member Roger Dickinson (D-Sacramento) and Senate Bills 1168 and 1319 by Senator Fran Pavley (D-Agoura Hills) establish a framework for sustainable, local groundwater management for the first time in California history. The legislation requires local agencies to tailor sustainable groundwater plans to their regional economic and environmental needs. The legislation prioritizes groundwater basin management Statewide, which includes the Napa Valley/Napa River Drainage Basin, and sets a timeline for implementation of the following:

- By 2017, local groundwater management agencies must be identified;
- By 2020, overdrafted groundwater basins must have sustainability plans;
- By 2022, other high and medium priority basins not currently in overdraft must have sustainability plans; and
- By 2040, all high and medium priority groundwater basins must achieve sustainability.

The State has classified the Napa River Drainage Basin as a medium priority resource. Additionally, the legislation provides measurable objectives and milestones to reach sustainability and a State role of limited intervention when local agencies are unable or unwilling to adopt sustainable management plans. Napa County supports this legislation and has begun the process of developing a local groundwater management agency which is anticipated to be in place and functioning within the timeline prescribed by the State.

The proposed project would result in a modest increase on the demand of ground water supplies and therefore would not interfere with groundwater recharge or lowering of the local groundwater level. According to the WAA prepared for the project, "based on review of neighboring property records at Napa County PBES and discussions with PBES staff, there does not appear to be any neighboring wells located within 500 feet of the proposed project well" (Water Availability Analysis for the Flora Springs Winery, 2016). According to Napa County environmental resource mapping (Water Deficient Areas/Storage Areas), the project site is not located within a water deficient area and the County is not aware of, nor has it received any reports of groundwater deficiencies in the area.

- c-d. The project would not substantially alter the drainage pattern on site or cause a significant increase in erosion or siltation on or off the cultivated agricultural vineyard site. Impacts would be less than significant.
- e. The preliminary grading and drainage plan and stormwater control plan have been reviewed by the Engineering Division. As conditioned, impacts would be less than significant.
- f. A water quality analysis was performed on the existing wells in 2016 by CalTest Analytical Laboratory. The water analysis for the winery well showed good water quality with primary constituents (Arsenic and Fluoride) testing below the Maximum Containment Levels (MCLs) set by the EPA Safe Drinking Water Act for a regulated public water system (*Water Availability Analysis for the Flora Springs Winery, 2016*). A review of all parcels within 500-feet of the subject site's property line was conducted to identify any potential hazardous spills and none were identified. Impacts from the project to water quality would be less than significant.
- g/h. The project site is located outside the boundaries of the 100 and 500 year flood hazard zones with the exception of a small area within the 100-year flood zone which traverses the eastern boundary of the site. No structures or housing are proposed within this area of the project site. No impact would occur.
- I/i. The parcel is not located in an area that is subject to inundation by tsunamis, seiches, or mudflows. Impacts would be less than significant.

Mitigation Measures: None required.

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
LAI	ND USE AND PLANNING. Would the project:				
a)	Physically divide an established community?				$\boxtimes$
b)	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?				$\boxtimes$
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#### Discussion:

a-c. The project would not occur within an established community, nor would it result in the division of an established community. The project complies with the Napa County Code and all other applicable regulations. The subject parcel is located in the AW and AP zoning districts, which allow wineries and uses accessory to wineries subject to use permit approval. The proposed project is compliant with the physical limitations of the Napa County Zoning Ordinance. The County has adopted the Winery Definition Ordinance (WDO) to protect agriculture and open space and to regulate winery development and expansion in a manner that avoids potential negative environmental effects.

Agricultural Preservation and Land Use Policy AG/LU-1 of the 2008 General Plan states that the County shall, "preserve existing agricultural land uses and plan for agriculture and related activities as the primary land uses in Napa County." The property's General Plan land use designation is AR and AWOS which allow "agriculture, processing of agricultural products, and single-family dwellings." More specifically, General Plan Agricultural Preservation and Land Use Policy AG/LU-2 recognizes wineries and other agricultural processing facilities, and any use clearly accessory to those facilities, as agriculture. The project would allow for the continuation of agriculture as a dominant land use within the county and is consistent with the Napa County General Plan.

The proposed use of the property for the "fermenting and processing of grape juice into wine" (NCC §18.08.640) supports the economic viability of agriculture within the county consistent with General Plan Agricultural Preservation and Land Use Policy AG/LU-4 ("The County

will reserve agricultural lands for agricultural use including lands used for grazing and watershed/ open space...") and General Plan Economic Development Policy E-1 (The County's economic development will focus on ensuring the continued viability of agriculture...).

The General Plan includes two policies requiring wineries to be designed generally of a high architectural quality for the site and its surroundings. There are no applicable habitat conservation plans or natural community conservation plans applicable to the property. No impacts would occur.

Mitigation Measures: None required.

			Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XI.	MIN	NERAL RESOURCES. Would the project:		•	•	
	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?				$\boxtimes$
Discus	sion:					
a/b.	rec Cor loca	storically, the two most valuable mineral commodities in Napa County in elently, building stone and aggregate have become economically valuable unty Baseline Data Report ( <i>Mines and Mineral Deposits</i> , BDR Figure 2-2) ally important mineral resource recovery sites located on or near the project leasures: None required.	e. Mines and Minera ) indicates that there	al Deposits mappir e are no known mi	ng included in	the Napa
			Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XII.	NO	ISE. Would the project result in:		moorporation	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?			$\boxtimes$	
	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?				
	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?	_			_

a/b. The project would result in a temporary increase in noise levels during installation of the proposed water storage and fire protection tanks and septic tank. Construction activities would be limited to daylight hours using properly muffled vehicles. Noise generated during this time is not anticipated to be significant. As such, the project would not result in potentially significant temporary construction noise impacts

Discussion:

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or operational impacts. Because the nearest residence to the project site is approximately 1,375 feet to the east of the existing winery structures and operations, there is a low potential for impacts related to construction noise to result in a significant impact. Further, construction activities would occur during the period of 7am-7pm on weekdays, during normal hours of human activity. All construction activities would be conducted in compliance with the Napa County Noise Ordinance (Napa County Code Chapter 8.16). The proposed project would not result in long-term significant construction noise impacts. Conditions of approval would require construction activities to be limited to daylight hours, vehicles to be muffled, and backup alarms adjusted to the lowest allowable levels. Impacts would be less than significant.

c/d. The proposed project involves a marketing program including an additional 148 events on an annual basis with the largest events permitting up to 350 guests that has the potential to generate higher noise levels, compared to existing conditions, as a result of the proposed occurrence of marketing events outdoors.

Additional regulations contained within County Code Chapter 8.16 establish exterior noise criteria for various land uses in the County. As described in Project Setting, above, land uses that surround the proposed parcel are predominantly agricultural (vineyard and winery) but include low density residential; of these land uses, the residential land use is considered the most sensitive to noise. Based on the standards in County Code section 8.16.070, noise levels, measured at the exterior of a residential structure or residential use on a portion of a larger property, may not exceed 50 decibels for more than half of any hour in the window of daytime hours (7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.) within which the applicant proposes to conduct events. Noise impacts of the proposed project would be considered bothersome and potentially significant if sound generated by it had the effect of exceeding the standards in County Code more than 50 percent of the time (i.e., more than 50 decibels for more than 30 minutes in an hour for a residential use).

The nearest off-site residence to the proposed winery is approximately 1,375 feet to the east of the existing winery structures. Under the proposed project, the largest outdoor event that would occur on the parcel would have an attendance of no more than 350 people, and all events would end by 10:00 p.m., with up to one hour after the end of the event for clean-up. Winery operations would occur between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (excluding harvest).

Noise sampling performed under County authority, as part of the analysis for the Bell Winery use permit modification (P13-00055), measured sound from an 85-person event using a meter placed 123 feet from the sound source (event). Measurements taken from that sound meter indicated that sound from the event exceeded 56 decibels 50 percent of the time. Using the Bell Winery study as a model, and applying a six-decibel reduction per doubling of distance from the noise source, it is anticipated that exterior noise experienced at the nearest residence 1,375 feet to the winery would not exceed the County Code standard of 50 decibels during 50 percent of daytime hours. Continuing enforcement of Napa County's Noise Ordinance by the Division of Environmental Health and the Napa County Sheriff, including the prohibition against amplified music, should further ensure that marketing events and other winery activities do not create a significant noise impact. Events and non-amplified music, including clean-up are required to finish by 10:00 p.m. Amplified music or sound systems would not be permitted for outdoor events as identified in standard Condition of Approval 4.10 below. While the winery has hosted temporary events in the past, future temporary events would be subject to County Code Chapter 5.36 which regulates proposed temporary events.

"There shall be no amplified sound system or amplified music utilized outside of approved, enclosed, winery buildings."

The proposed project would not result in long-term significant permanent noise impacts.

e/f. The project site is not located within an airport land use plan or the vicinity of a private airstrip. No impact would occur.

XIII.	POI	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?				$\boxtimes$

		Potentially	Less Than Significant	Less Than	
		Significant Impact	With Mitigation Incorporation	Significant Impact	No Impact
	c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				$\boxtimes$
Discuss	sion:				
a.	Staffing for the winery would include up to a maximum of 16 full-time, nine subject application proposes eight (8) additional full-time employees and three of eight (8) full-time and three (3) part-time employees over the existing cond 2003 figures indicate that the total population of Napa County is projected to Data Report, November 30, 2005). Additionally, the County's Baseline Data in county and municipal housing elements exceed ABAG growth projections three (3) additional part-time employees which are part of this project could the County's projected low to moderate growth rate and overall adequate praise to a level of environmental significance. In addition, the project would be provides funding to meet local housing needs.	ee (3) additional part- litions. The Associati increase some 23% Report indicates that is by approximately 1 lead to minor popul programmed housing	time employees rion of Bay Area Goby the year 2030 total housing unit 5%. The eight (8) lation growth in North groups supply that pop	epresenting ar overnments' P (Napa County is currently pro additional full apa County. R ulation growth	n increase Projections I Baseline Ogrammed I-time and Relative to does not
	Cumulative impacts related to population and housing balance were identified Code §65580, the County of Napa must facilitate the improvement and converge to the community. Similarly, CEC environment damage with the provision of a "decent home and satisfying living Code §21000(g).) The 2008 General Plan sets forth the County's long-range and future housing cycles, while balancing environmental, economic, and fis identified in the General Plan Housing Element function, in combination adequate cumulative volume and diversity of housing. Cumulative impacts be less than significant.	levelopment of house 2A recognizes the ing environment for earth e plan for meeting record according to cal factors and com with the County's h	sing to make ade mportance of bala every Californian." egional housing ne munity goals. The nousing impact m	equate provision of the previous of the previous formatter that the province of the province o	on for the vention of Resources are present programs to ensure
b/c.	This application would not displace a substantial volume of existing housing the construction of replacement housing elsewhere. No impacts would occur. <b>ion Measures</b> : None required.		mber of people an	d would not ne	ecessitate
wiitigat	ion Measures. None required.				
XIV.	PUBLIC SERVICES. Would the project result in:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
AIV.	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?				
	Police protection?				
	Schools?				
	Parks?			$\boxtimes$	
	Other public facilities?			$\boxtimes$	
Discuss	sion:				

a. Public services are currently provided to the project area and the additional demand placed on existing services as a result of the proposed project would be minimal. Fire protection measures would be required as part of the development pursuant to Napa County Fire Marshall conditions and there would be no foreseeable impact to emergency response times with compliance with these conditions of approval. The

Fire Department and Engineering Services Division have reviewed the application and recommend approval, as conditioned. School impact fees, which assist local school districts with capacity building measures, would be levied pursuant to building permit submittal. The proposed project would have minimal impact on public parks as no residences are proposed. Impacts to public services would be less than significant.

wiitigati	OII IVI	easures. None required.				
			Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XV.	REC	CREATION. Would the project:		<u>r</u>		
	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?				$\boxtimes$
Discuss	ion:					
a.		e project would not significantly increase use of existing park or recreation a significant.	al facilities based or	n its limited scope.	Impacts wou	ld be less
b.	No	recreational facilities are proposed as part of the project. No impact would	d occur.			
<u>Mitigati</u>	on M	easures: None required.				
XVI.	TD/	ANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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	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?				
	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?				
	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)?				
	e)	Result in inadequate emergency access?				
	f)	Conflict with General Plan Policy CIR-23, which requires new uses to meet			$\boxtimes$	
	')	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?				$\boxtimes$

#### Discussion:

a/b. The project site is located at the western terminus of West Zinfandel Lane, approximately one half mile west of its intersection with State Highway 29. State Route (SR) 29/Zinfandel Lane is a two-way stop controlled intersection with stop signs on the eastbound and westbound Zinfandel Lane approaches. There are left-turn lanes on both approaches of SR-29. SR-29 runs north-south with one lane in either direction and a center two-way left-turn lane. The posted speed limit in the area is 45 miles per hour.

W-Trans prepared a *Traffic Impact Study* on February 2, 2016. Existing project trips are identified in Table 9 of the study and include 10 inbound trips and 28 outbound trips during the weekday PM peak hour (4:00 PM to 6:00 PM) and 18 inbound trips and 17 outbound trips during the weekend midday peak hour (2:00 PM to 4:00 PM). The study found that the proposed project would result in an increase of two (2) inbound trips and nine (9) outbound trips during weekday PM peak hour (4:00 PM to 6:00 PM) and five (5) inbound and six (6) outbound trips during the weekend midday peak hour (2:00 PM to 4:00 PM). The requested additional marketing events would have up to 350 attendees at the largest event which would occur one time a year. These events would typically be held in the evenings on weekends and would be anticipated to generate 290 two-way trips.

Cumulative operating conditions were determined by the calculating the project's percentage contribution to the total growth in traffic from existing conditions.

Traffic conditions on roads and at intersections are generally characterized by their "level of service" or LOS. LOS is a convenient way to express the ratio between volume and capacity on a given link or at a given intersection, and is expressed as a letter grade ranging from LOS A through LOS F. Each level of service is generally described as follows:

- LOS A- Free-flowing travel with an excellent level of comfort and convenience and freedom to maneuver.
- **LOS B-** Stable operating conditions, but the presence of other road users causes a noticeable, though slight, reduction in comfort, convenience, and maneuvering freedom.
- LOS C- Stable operating conditions, but the operation of individual users is substantially affected by the interaction with others in the traffic stream.
- **LOS** D- High-density, but stable flow. Users experience severe restrictions in speed and freedom to maneuver, with poor levels of comfort and convenience.
- **LOS E-** Operating conditions at or near capacity. Speeds are reduced to a low but relatively uniform value. Freedom to maneuver is difficult with users experiencing frustration and poor comfort and convenience. Unstable operation is frequent, and minor disturbances in traffic flow can cause breakdown conditions.
- LOS F- Forced or breakdown conditions. This condition exists wherever the volume of traffic exceeds the capacity of the roadway. Long queues can form behind these bottleneck points with queued traffic traveling in a stop-and-go fashion. (2000 Highway Capacity Manual, Transportation Research Board)

Under existing conditions, the study intersection of SR-29/Zinfandel Lane is operating acceptably at LOS A overall during the weekday PM peak period and LOS C during the weekend midday peak period. The westbound approach is operating at LOS F during both peak periods while the eastbound approach operates at LOS E during the weekend midday peak period. A summary of the intersection level of service calculations is provided in the table below.

Study Intersection	PM Peak	Midday Peak
SR -29/Zinfandel Lane	LOS A	LOS C
Westbound Approach	LOS E	LOS F
Eastbound Approach	LOS D	LOS F

The Traffic Impact Report prepared for the recently approved Raymond – Ticen Ranch Winery project concluded that the intersection of SR 29/Zinfandel Lane operates at LOS E during Friday and Saturday PM peak hours (*Traffic Impact Report Raymond – Ticen Ranch Winery, 2016*). However, the traffic counts for that study were conducted in August (harvest) while the traffic counts for the Flora Springs project were conducted in June. As a result, the traffic volumes for the Raymond – Ticen Ranch Winery study were higher.

According to the study, the study intersection of SR-29/Zinfandel Lane is expected to continue to operate acceptably under Existing and Existing plus Approved conditions without and with project-added trips. The intersection is expected to operate unacceptably under Future conditions and Future plus Project conditions. Because project trips account for less than one percent of future volumes, this impact is considered less than significant (*Traffic Impact Study for Flora Springs Winery, 2016*). Public Works staff evaluated the potential impacts of the recently approved Raymond – Ticen Ranch Winery project when included in the analysis of this project and found it would not change the conclusions reached in the traffic study prepared for the project. The addition of the Raymond – Ticen Ranch Winery project driveway

onto SR 29 is anticipated to slightly improve the level of service at the SR-29/Zinfandel Lane intersection. The proposed changes to the existing conditions would generate a net increase of 42 daily trips, including 11 weekday PM peak period trips and 11 weekend midday peak period trips. Therefore, the project would result in a nominal increase in trips on the study roadways. Additionally, a project specific condition would ensure that all additional marketing events be scheduled outside peak weekend and weekday traffic hours. Impacts would be less than significant.

- c. No air traffic is proposed and there are no new structures proposed for this project that would interfere with or require alteration of air traffic patterns. No impact would occur.
- d-f. After implementation of the proposed project, the site would continue to be accessed via the existing driveway on Zinfandel Lane. The winery is currently accessed by a private driveway that connects to Zinfandel Lane where it terminates. According to the traffic impact study, there is no need to evaluate the sight distance because of the driveway alignment which does not provide for right or left turns. All visitors and employees continue to drive straight on Zinfandel Lane until it becomes the project driveway. Proposed site access was reviewed and approved by the Napa County Fire Department, Engineering Services Division, and Public Works Department, as conditioned.

The project site includes 33 existing parking spaces and proposes an additional five parking spaces for a total of 38 parking spaces. The project also proposes the use of an approximately 20,600 square foot staging area for an additional 69 spaces during marketing events. Based upon the County standard of 2.6 persons per vehicle during weekdays and 2.8 persons per vehicle during weekends and 1.05 persons per vehicle for employees the minimum parking required for daily activities would be 62 parking spaces. However, it is unlikely that the winery would host 100 visitors at one time.

g. As proposed, the project would not conflict with any adopted policies, plans or programs supporting alternative transportation. The project is within close proximity to the Route 10 Vine Transit stop at Zinfandel Lane. No impact would occur.

Mitigation Measures: None required.

			Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XVII.	adv Res that sac	BAL CULTURAL RESOURCES. Would the project cause a substantial terse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public sources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape it is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, red place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, I that is:		incorporation		
	a)	Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k); or				$\boxtimes$
	b)	A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.		$\boxtimes$		

#### Discussion:

a/b. In consultation with tribal representatives pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.3.1, potential Native American cultural resources identified in current and previous archeological surveys were determined to exist within the general vicinity of the Flora Springs parcel. As discussed in the Background section of this initial study, the parcel has a long history of agricultural development and previous ground disturbance, as has occurred to remove native vegetation and grade the site to accommodate installation of the existing winery, residences, and vineyard. If the project is approved and any resources not previously uncovered during this prior disturbance are found during any earth disturbing activities associated with the project, construction of the project is required to cease, and a qualified archaeologist will be retained to investigate the site in accordance with the County's standard condition of approval referenced in Section V, above. All construction activities would occur on previously disturbed portions of the site near the existing water tanks and within the vineyards. Approximately 5,000 square feet of vineyards would be removed for the proposed dispersal field expansion. In addition to the County's standard condition, and in an effort to further protect potential Native American heritage resources that might be discovered

during grading of the Flora Springs parcel for the new septic tank and water storage and fire protection tanks, the following measure, developed in consultation with Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation representatives during a site visit and discussions in December 2016, shall be implemented to reduce potential impacts to a less than significant level.

Mitigation Measures: Implement MM CUL-1 as described under the Cultural Resources section above.

			Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XVIII.	UTI	LITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS. Would the project:				
	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?	П	П	$\bowtie$	П
	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?			$\boxtimes$	

#### Discussion:

a/b. The project would not exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the Regional Water Quality Control Board and would not result in a significant impact on the environment relative to wastewater discharge. Wastewater disposal would be accommodated on-site and in compliance with State and County regulations. According to the Wastewater Feasibility Study prepared by Bartelt Engineering in May 2016, the project site and proposed system has adequate disposal capacity to serve the project. The study concluded that "sanitary wastewater generated as a result of the proposed staffing and marketing plan increase for the existing 120,000 gallon winery can be feasibly accommodated by expanding the existing pressure distribution system. There is adequate room for the installation of a new sanitary septic tank [adjacent to the existing parking area] and new leach line laterals [near the existing dispersal field] which will allow Flora Springs Winery to host marketing events while maintaining Napa County Standards for their wastewater system" (Wastewater Feasibility Study, 2016). The Division of Environmental Health reviewed this report and concurred with its findings.

The facility's domestic water system is classified as transient, non-community and is managed by employees of the winery. The subject parcel currently sources water from an existing spring and three (3) existing wells (winery well, vineyard well, and well 2). According to the WAA prepared by Bartelt Engineering, the winery well was constructed in 2015, has a depth of 617 feet and a yield of 75 gpm. The vineyard well was constructed in 2016, has a depth of 700 feet, and a yield of 325 gpm. The project proposes to use the winery well as the main project water source capable of providing winery related water demand and the vineyard well to provide irrigation water and reserve (emergency) domestic water. The winery well is located within the AW zoning district while the vineyard well and well 2 are located within the AP zoning district. The Water Availability Analysis concluded that sufficient water would be available to serve the proposed project. Impacts would be less than significant.

- c. The preliminary grading and drainage plan and storm water control plan have been reviewed by the Engineering Division. As conditioned, impacts would be less than significant.
- d. As discussed in **Section IX** above, the project is categorized as being partially located within the Valley Floor in an area that has an established acceptable water use criteria of 1.0 acre foot per acre per year based upon current County Water Availability Analysis (WAA)

policies. Based upon those criteria, the Allowable Water Allotment for the area of the project site located within the Valley Floor (32.7 acres zoned AP) is 32.7 acres feet per year (af/yr), determined by multiplying the 32.7 acre Valley floor area by a one AF/YR/acre fair share water use factor. The remainder of the parcel is considered "all other areas" based upon current County WAA policies and therefore water use criteria is parcel specific. A Tier 1 analysis was completed by Bartelt Engineering in May 2016 which included a parcel specific recharge evaluation. According to the recharge evaluation, the estimated annual recharge for the remaining area of the subject parcel zoned AW (170.3 acres) located in All Other Areas is estimated to be 16.3 AF/YR while the potential groundwater available during a typical dry year (2013) is 10.3 AF/YR (*Water Availability Analysis for the Flora Springs Winery, 2016*). Existing water demand for the site is 34.05 AF/YR. The Water Availability Analysis concluded that sufficient water would be available to serve the proposed project. According to the Water Availability Analysis, a total future demand of 34.12 AF/YR, representing a 0.07 AF/YR increase, would be required to serve the site which is below the parcel's estimated water recharge and allowable water allotment noted above. In summary, the existing yield would be sufficient to serve all uses on the property. Any project which reduces water usage or any water usage which is at or below the established threshold is assumed not to have a significant effect on groundwater levels. Impacts would be less than significant as there is sufficient water supply available to serve the proposed project.

- e. Wastewater would be treated on-site and would not require a wastewater treatment provider. Impacts would be less than significant.
- f. The project would be served by Keller Canyon Landfill which has a capacity which exceeds current demand. As of January 2004, the Keller Canyon Landfill had 64.8 million cubic yards of remaining capacity and has enough permitted capacity to receive solid waste though 2030. Impacts would be less than significant.
- g. The project would comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

Mitigation Measures: None required.

XIX.	MA	NDATORY 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?			$\boxtimes$	
	b)	Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively 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. As identified in **Section V** above, two archaeological sites could potentially be disturbed by the proposed project. Previous work has demonstrated the presence of potentially significant archaeological sites flanking the project location in the event archaeological artifacts are found, a standard condition of approval would be incorporated into the project. A mitigation measure is also included to further address the potential of project implementation disturbing the identified archaeological sites. Impacts would be less than significant with the incorporation of the cultural resources and tribal cultural resources mitigation measure and the standard condition of approval related to cultural resources.
- b. The project does not have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable. Potential air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, hydrology, and traffic impacts are discussed in the respective sections above. The project would also increase the demands for public services to a limited extent, increase traffic and air pollutions, all of which contribute to cumulative effects when future development in Napa Valley is considered. Cumulative impacts of these issues are discussed in previous sections of this Initial Study, wherein the

impact from an increase in air pollution is being addressed as discussed in the project's Greenhouse Gas Voluntary Best Management Practices including but not limited to: implementation of a vehicle miles traveled reduction plan; installation of water efficient fixtures; and close proximity to the Route 10 Vine Transit stop at Zinfandel Lane. The following GHG reduction methods have already been implemented at the project site: generation of on-site renewable energy; use of caves for wine storage to minimize energy use; and the organic farming of red wine grapes.

Potential impacts are discussed in the respective sections above. The project trip generation was calculated from winery operations, where the calculated trips reflect total visitation, on-site employees and wine production trips generated by the winery. Under the Napa County General Plan, traffic volumes are projected to increase and will be caused by a combination of locally generated traffic as well as general regional growth. The General Plan EIR indicates that much of the forecasted increase in traffic on the arterial roadway network will result from traffic generated outside of the county, however the project would contribute a small amount toward the general overall increase.

General Plan Policy CIR-16 states that "The County will seek to maintain an arterial Level of Service D or better on all County roadways, except where the level of Service already exceeds this standard and where increased intersection capacity is not feasible without substantial additional right of way." State Route 29 near the project site is listed as two-lane Rural Throughways on the General Plan Circulation Map and the intersection of State Route 29/Zinfandel Lane already operates at a LOS F during the midday peak hour. As discussed above under Section XVI Transportation, the project's additional traffic at the peak hours would avoid a deterioration of the level of service at the study intersection by adding less than one percent to the existing volume, reducing potential cumulative impact to a less than significant level.

c. All impacts identified in this MND are either less than significant after mitigation or less than significant and do not require mitigation. Therefore, the proposed project would not result in environmental effects that cause substantial adverse effects on human being either directly or indirectly. Impacts would be less than significant.

### PROJECT REVISION STATEMENT Flora Springs Winery Major Modification Use Permit #P15-00111

I hereby revise Flora Springs Winery Major Modification Use Permit #P15-00111 for the expansion of a 120,000 gallon winery on a 203-acre parcel (Assessor's Parcel No. 027-100-037) located at 1978 West Zinfandel Road, St. Helena CA, to include the measures specified below:

#### MM CUL-1:

Prior to commencement of construction of project improvements at the project site, the permittee shall coordinate with an archaeological monitor and a representative of Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. Pre-construction coordination shall, at a minimum, include the following:

- Submittal of copies of grading plans to the archaeological monitor and tribal representative, concurrently with submittal of the grading permit application to the Napa County Planning, Building & Environmental Services (PBES) Department:
- b. Execution of a Standard Monitoring Agreement with Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation;
- c. Training of construction field crews, by an archaeological monitor and tribal representative, of the potential for presence of Native American resources on the property, the potential types of resources that could be found onsite, and the procedures to follow in the event of discovery of such resources; and
- d. Presence of an archaeological monitor and tribal representative on-site during survey/marking and initial rough grading of improvements (parking stalls, water storage and fire protection tank installation, septic tank installation, and dispersal field expansion) on the Flora Springs parcel.

#### Monitorina:

Concurrently with submittal of the grading application for Flora Springs parcel improvements to Engineering and Building staff of PBES, the permittee shall submit confirmation of submittal of the grading plans to the archaeological monitor and tribal representative previously identified. If the permittee neglects to submit such confirmation to PBES, then Planning staff of PBES will convey a copy of the plans to the archaeological monitor and tribal representative upon receipt of the grading permit application.

Prior to issuance of the grading permit, the permittee shall submit to Planning staff of PBES confirmation of preconstruction training of construction field crews about potential presence of Native American resources on the project site and the correct procedures to follow in the event of discovery of such resources. Confirmation shall be in the form of a written letter or certification from the archaeological monitor and tribal representative conducting the training.

No fewer than 10 days prior to commencement of grading, the permittee shall concurrently contact the archaeological monitor and tribal representative and Planning staff of PBES in writing, receipt confirmed, to advise of the start date of project grading and to invite the archaeological monitor, tribal representative and staff member to be present during survey of and initial rough grading of the site improvements.

Komes Ranch 2007, LLC further commit themselves and successors-in-interest to (a) inform any future purchasers of the property of the above commitments; (b) include in all property leases a provision that informs the lessee of these restrictions and binds them to adhere to them, and (c) inform in writing all persons doing work on this property of these limitations.

Komes Ranch 2007, LLC understand and explicitly agree that with regards to all California Environmental Quality Act and Permit Streamlining Act (Government Code Sections 63920-63962) deadlines, this revised application will be treated as a new project. The new date-on-which said application will be considered complete is the date on which an executed copy of this project revision statement is speciety by the Napa County Department of Planning, Building and Environmental Services.

Korres/Ranch 2007, LLC (John Komes)

Date

## Flora Springs Winery Use Permit Major Modification #P15-00111 Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

Potential Environmental Impact	Adopted Mitigation Measure	Monitoring and Reporting Actions and Schedule	Implementation	Monitoring	Reporting & Date of Compliance/ Completion
Impact CUL1: Cultural Resources. Expansion of #P15-00111-UP has the potential to cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines§15064.5.	<ul> <li>MM CUL-1: Prior to commencement of construction of project improvements at the project site, the permittee shall coordinate with an archaeological monitor and a representative of Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. Pre-construction coordination shall, at a minimum, include the following:         <ul> <li>Submittal of copies of grading plans to the archaeological monitor and tribal representative, concurrently with submittal of the grading permit application to the Napa County Planning, Building &amp; Environmental Services (PBES) Department;</li> <li>Execution of a Standard Monitoring Agreement with Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation;</li> <li>Training of construction field crews, by an archaeological monitor and tribal representative, of the potential for presence of Native American resources on the property, the potential types of resources that could be found on-site, and the procedures to follow in the event of discovery of such resources; and</li> <li>Presence of an archaeological monitor and tribal representative on-site during survey/marking and initial rough grading of improvements (parking stalls, water storage and fire protection tank installation, septic tank installation, and dispersal field expansion) on the Flora Springs parcel.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Concurrently with submittal of the grading application for Flora Springs parcel improvements to Engineering and Building staff of PBES, the permittee shall submit confirmation of submittal of the grading plans to the archaeological monitor and tribal representative previously identified. If the permittee neglects to submit such confirmation to PBES, then Planning staff of PBES will convey a copy of the plans to the archaeological monitor and tribal representative upon receipt of the grading permit application.	Р	PD	PC _/_/_

Notes: P = Permittee, PD = Planning Division, BD = Building Division, AC = Agricultural Commissioner, DFW = Dept of Fish & Wildlife, CT = CALTRANS, EH = Environmental Health, PW = Public Works Dept, PE/G = Project Engineer/Geologist

PC = Prior to Project Commencement CPI = Construction Period Inspections FI = Final Inspection OG = Ongoing