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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** David Morrison - Director  
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**REPORT BY:** David Morrison, Director, Planning, Building & Environmental Servi - (707) 253-4805  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution to Establish Winery Definition Committee

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Planning, Building and Environmental Services requests adoption of a resolution establishing the Agricultural Protection Advisory Committee.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On March 10, 2015, the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission met in a joint session to discuss concerns about the cumulative impacts of new development on the County. The session included presentations from staff and consultants on the land use history in Napa County, a recent traffic behavioral study and a tourism overview, public comment and discussion and direction from the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commissioners.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?                      No

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

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- | Four (4) members representing each of the wine/agricultural industry groups (Napa County Farm Bureau, Napa Valley Grape Growers, Napa Valley Vintners and Winegrowers of Napa County)
- | Two (2) members from the general business community
- | Two (2) members representing the five municipalities
- | Two (2) members representing local environmental groups
- | Two (2) members from neighborhood/community groups
- | Five (5) at-large members, one from each Supervisorial District
- | Twelve (12) alternates for each of the categorical appointments (no alternates for the Supervisorial District members). Alternates will only participate as a member of the committee if the regular appointee is unable to attend. The appointees will be responsible for notifying alternates when they need to attend.

The Committee's purpose will be to evaluate and make recommendations on increasing the minimum parcel size for establishment of new wineries; requiring a minimum percentage of grapes used in the winery be grown on-site ("estate grapes"); requiring that new or expanded wineries result in no net loss of vineyards; requiring that a majority of employees be directly engaged in vineyard or production operations; limiting the amount of variance allowed for setbacks on new wineries; requiring that wineries include the number of temporary events in their use permit approval, as part of marketing and tasting room visitation; and requiring different development standards for wineries located in the AP and AW zones.

Staff will open the application period upon approval of this item with a closing date of March 30, 2015. Staff will return to the Board on April 7, 2015 with a list of applicants for each seat for appointment.

The Committee will meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month at 10:00AM beginning April 13, 2015.

Staff will return to the Board on March 24, 2015, with proposed bylaws governing the Committee's business for the Board's consideration and adoption.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

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CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan