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Memo Re: Lincoln Ranch Winery P08-00495- VAR, P08-00494-UP

Please find enclosed a copy of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration which includes mitigation measures for Cultural Resources. Also included are the Project Revision Statement and the Mitigation Monitoring Plan. A question arose to the integrity of the two (2) existing barns located onsite. The project proposal includes demolition of the barns. A Cultural Resource Evaluation was conducted April 18, 2008 by Archaeological Resources Services (ARS) and conclusions are paraphrased here.

The two barns were evaluated as to their potential eligibility to the California Register of Historic Resources (CRHR) for listing as "significant" and/or "unique" historic resources as defined by CEQA. Overall the integrity of the materials, workmanship, feeling and association appear to have been compromised or lost. The barns do not meet the criteria necessary to be eligible for the CRHR. They do not appear to be associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history (Criterion 1); or be associated with the lives of persons important to our past (Criterion 2); or embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represent the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction (Criterion 3); or have yielded, or be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history (Criterion 4). The ARS study concluded that the barns *"do not appear to be associated with an important context and they do not appear to retain the integrity of those characteristics necessary to convey historic significance"*.

A letter received from the State Clearinghouse dated March 19, 2009 reported that the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration was forwarded on to State Agencies, which included the State office of Historic Preservation, and that no state agencies submitted comments. State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to CEQA, have been met.