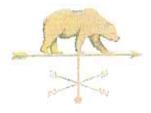


Applicant's Proposed Project Revisions



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Napa County Planning, Building
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Anne Cottrell, Chair Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third Street, suite 210 Napa, CA. 94559

Re:

Maxville Lake Winery Application #P17-00225

Dear Chair Cottrell:

Thank you very much for the comments that you and the other commissioners provided at the August 1, 2018 meeting. While not the result we had hoped for on August 1st, the continuance provides an opportunity to review our short and long term objectives for the property. In hindsight, a lot of information was presented at the August 1st meeting, some of which was a bit confusing. We apologize for any confusion and very much appreciate the opportunity to provide some additional information and clarification on:

- Grape sources for our production increase and
- The proposed marketing events.

Grape Sources

The commission requested clarification relating to grapes sources for the requested production increase. Part of the confusion was the discrepancy between the staff report and the information presented by Mr. Redding on August 1st. We understand the commissioner's interest in more closely matching grape availability with the production increase that we requested.

We remain committed to our original goal, as we believe that adequate grape sources from our estate vineyards and contracted growers are available to fill out our production goals. We of course are very willing to work with staff and the commission on appropriate production levels for our project. In support of our request, we asked our vineyard manager, Paul Garvey to prepare some information for you on current grape yields, acreage, potential planting and replanting program here at Maxville Lake. His analysis is attached as Exhibit A. In addition, Paul can provide the commission with information at the next hearing on non-estate grape availability both locally and countywide. Finally we have included information in Exhibit B on fruit purchased in 2016-2017. The table below summarizes the information presented in those exhibits

TABLE 1—Current Grape Sources

Vineyard Location	Estimated Tons	Gallons
Napa County Fruit Sources		
Maxville Lake	604¹	99,660²
Napa	279	46,035
Total Napa County Fruit	883	145,695
Non-Napa Fruit Sources		
Lake County	58	9,570
Mendocino County	10	1,650
Sonoma County	46	7,590
Total Non-Napa Fruit	114	18,810
Current/Projected Tons Available	997	164,505

Table 2--Estimated Tons Required for Requested Production (240,000 gpy)

Total Tons Required	Napa County Fruit	Non-Napa County Fruit
1.456	1,091	365

Table 3—Current Supply (Tons) vs. Required Supply for Requested Production (Tons)

	Napa County Fruit	Non-county Fruit
Available Supply	883	114
Tons Required for Requested Production	1,091	365
Shortfall	208	251

¹ Represents 2018 production (239 tons) and future production at the Maxville Lake Winery estate by 2024 as a result of replanting of existing blocks and initial plant of areas less than 5% slope.

² While yields within the various vineyard blocks is variable, gallonage calculations are based on 5 tons/acre at full production and 165 gallons per ton

In summary, grapes from Maxville Lake Winery together with other Napa County sources can supply approximately 883 tons of Napa County fruit. Napa County fruit sources can supply 81% of the requested volume under the 75% rule. The recently reviewed Castlevale Winery was approved with identified vineyards accounting for only 60% of its anticipated production Paul Garvey's presentation is evidence that additional Napa County fruit will be available as a result of the cyclical replanting program currently under way.

We hope that we have demonstrated that sufficient Napa County and out of county fruit is available to meet the goals of our business plan. We also believe strongly that as the number of vineyard acres increases in the Chiles Valley AVA (currently 1000 acres in vine) that local growers will seek out local wineries to process their fruit.

Marketing Plan

As was noted at the recent hearing, we have partnered with Terlato Wines to handle marketing and distribution within the United States. In addition to its U.S. market, MLW enjoys an expanding export market in China. The marketing and visitation plan was designed to address these both these outlets for Maxville Lake Wines. Rather than requesting a daily and weekly visitation levels commensurate with wineries of comparable production, MLW chose to emphasize group tours as:

- Allows us to employ shuttle buses/service to reduce traffic impacts;
- 2. Many overseas visitors utilize tour groups rather than individual vehicles;
- Marketing to larger groups allows us to get our 'message' across to more potential consumers at one time;
- 4. Allows for a more comprehensive presentation about our wines than during daily visitations;
- Allows more emphasis on wine and food pairings as marketing events typically include food service;
- 6. Allows more efficient staffing levels

While emphasizing marketing program at the winery rather than relying on smaller groups makes sense given the unique property and its location, the number of marketing event visitors has to 'make sense' to the commissioners, and from an impact and equity point of view as well.

Our technical experts carefully evaluated the potential impacts of the proposed marketing program on traffic, water, wastewater and parking. We have attached our proposed traffic mitigation plan as Exhibit D. That said we understand that the commission too must also feel comfortable with its content. Accordingly, we propose to revise the marketing plan reviewed by the commission on August 1st as follows:

August 1st Proposal

Eight (8) events/month for 30 guests
Two (2) events/month for 95 guests
Six (6) events/year for 100 guests
Two (2) wine auction-related events/year for 75 guests

Total number of events annually:

128

Annual Marketing Event Visitors:

9,150

Revised Proposal

Three (3) events/month for 30 guests
Two (2) events/month for 75 guests
Six (6) events/year for 95 guests
Two (2) wine auction-related events/year for 75 guests

Total Number of events annually:

68

Annual marketing events visitors:

3,520

After reviewing the proposed marketing plan following the August 1st meeting, it was clear to us that some adjustment is necessary. And the commissions' comments that perhaps we should 'road test' the marketing plan and the ability to return to the commission in the future as well as the comments from Ms. Gallina that some of our marketing events visitors would 'fit' under the daily visitor limitation convinced us to tailor our marketing plan more in line with wineries that bear the closest resemblance to us in terms of location from the list of comparable wineries identified in attachment 'L' to the staff report.

Reviewing the list of comparable wineries in attachment 'L' we believe the two wineries that are most comparable to Maxville Lake Winery in terms of location and production are Bouchaine Vineyards and Liana Estates Winery (formerly Acacia Winery). Table 4 compares the revised marketing and visitation program with these two wineries:

Table 4—Winery Comparison Chart3

Winery Name	Production (gpy)	Daily Visitors	Weekly Visitors	Annual Number of Marketing Events	Annual Marketing Event Visitors	Annual Visitors
Bouchaine Vineyards	225,000	250	1,150	136	7,770	52,720
Liana Estate Winery	250,000	75	525	63	3,612	30,987
Maxville Lake Winery (8/1)	240,000	25	325	128	9,150	26,050
Maxville Lake Winery (rev)	240,000	25	325	68	3,520	4,820

³ Data from Winery Comparison Analysis—Attachment 'L', PBES Staff Report Dated 8/1/18. Includes visitors associated with annual wine auction events

Pursuant to the direction of the Board of Supervisors that winery comparisons are only one element to be evaluated by the commission, we believe that it addresses both the equity issue and precedent-setting considerations. We think the table up clearly demonstrates that are request is well in line with other wineries in comparable locations. As important, even at the visitation levels proposed on August 1st, all technical studies and PBES staff have concluded that the project as then proposed would not have any individual or cumulatively significant impacts on the environment. Reducing the these levels as suggested by the commission will further reduce potential impact its on traffic, water usage and wastewater treatment and disposal.

Conclusion

While not the result we had hoped for on August 1st, the continuance provided us with an opportunity to review our short and long term objectives for the property. In hindsight, a lot of information was presented at the August 1st meeting some of which was a bit confusing. We appreciate the opportunity to provide some additional information and clarification on grape sourcing and marketing.

We hope we have demonstrated that our production goals are reasonable and attainable using estate-grown fruit, fruit available from other Napa County and out of county sources. We have significantly reduced our marketing program to better conform to unique property, its location and more in line with comparable wineries identified by county staff. In addition the project as designed is consistent with the WDO, and even at the August 1st visitation levels the project will have no significant or potentially significant individual or cumulative impacts on the environment. We hope that our project as revised is acceptable to the commission. We look forward to sharing the unique history of the Chiles Valley environment, its terrior and offer our neighbors another opportunity to process locally grown grapes.

We respectfully request approval of our revised project,

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Maxville Lake Winery

CC: Jason Hade, Planning, Building and Environmental Services

Attachments:

- Exhibit A—Long Range Plan for Redevelopment and Development of New Acreage
- Exhibit B—2016-2017 Grapes Sourced by Maxville Lake Winery, Inc. (Non-Estate Grown Grape Suppliers)

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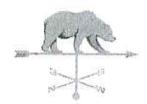


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GWT10037		MLW-BOND	16CSKUL022	NAPA	V3195	The Capra Company	1,827.	0.9135
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GWT10039	-1	MLW-BOND		NAPA	V3195	The Capra Company	1,514.	0.7570
GWT10040		MLW-BOND	16CSKUL023	***************************************	V3195	The Capra Company	8,529.	4.2645
GWT10049	10/6/16	MLW-BOND	16CSKUL029	NAPA		The capita company		24.1115
					V3038	Sacrashe Household	8,291.	4.1455
GWT10062		MLW-BOND	16CSSAC042	NAPA	V3038	Sacrashe Household	6,974.	3.4870
GWT10092	10/12/17	MLW-BOND	17CSSAC019	NAPA	V3U38	Sacrasile Household		7.6325
					V3050	Chiles Valley Vineyard	28,585.	14.2925
GWT10046		MLW-BOND	16MACVV026	NAPA	V3050	Chiles Valley Vineyard	12,452.	6.2260
GWT10047		MLW-BOND	16CSB15027	NAPA	V3050	Chiles Valley Vineyard	36,488.	18.2440
GWT10060		MLW-BOND	16CSCVV040	NAPA	V3050	Chiles Valley Vineyard	22,243.	11.1215
GWT10061	10/12/16	MLW-BOND	16PVCVV041	NAPA	V3030	Critics valley vineyard		49.8840
					V3340	Yellow Alpha II, LLC	37,936.	18.9680
GWT10116		MLW-BOND	17CSCVV032	NAPA	V3340	Yellow Alpha II, LLC	3,879.	1.9395
GWT10124		MLW-BOND	17CFCVV047	NAPA		Yellow Alpha II, LLC	3,603,	1.8015
GWT10125	11/3/17	MLW-BOND	17MECVV048	NAPA	V3340	reliow Alpha II, LLC		22,7090
						j	L TONS NAPA COUNTY	279.3040
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							39,546.	19.7730
GWT10111		MLW-BOND	17CSCHA033	SONOMA	V3339	Chappellet	43,123.	21.5615
GWT10112	10/24/17	MLW-BOND	17CSCHA034	SONOMA	V3339	Chappellet		41.3345
							3,042.	1.5210
GWT10017	9/6/16	MLW-BOND	16PNMAR006	SONOMA	V3044	Dutton Ranch	973.	0.4865
GWT10020	9/13/16	MLW-BOND	16PNMAR011	SONOMA	V3044	Dutton Ranch		**************
GWT10076	9/5/17	MLW-BOND	17PNGMF013	SONOMA	V3044	Dutton Ranch	4,004.	
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						TOTAL TO	ONS SONOMA COUNTY	45.5440

Exhibit C Maxville Lake Winery Traffic Management Plan

- Shuttle Buses will be used to transport guests to all larger marketing events (75 guests and above);
- The on-site tasting room will be closed during larger marketing events;
- All marketing events will conclude before 3:30 pm or after 6:00 p.m. on weekdays to minimize outbound vehicle trips during evening peak hour;
- Employees will not exit the winery between 3:30 and 6:00 pm weekdays to minimize impacts to study intersections during evening weekday peak hour periods



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August 17, 2018

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Re: Proposed Phasing Plan--Maxville Lake Winery Application #P17-00225.

APN 025-020-

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Dear Mr. Hade:

Following up on our recent submittal that we believe confirms that we have access to sufficient grapes to support our request for the original 240,000 gallons of production. And as you realize, approval of a production increase does not immediately result in wineries reaching that level over night. And like other wineries of comparable size, we expect to phase in our production goals commensurate with both the growth of our estate-based planting and replanting program and sales programs. Due to cost of preparing application and related materials, locking in long-term non-estate fruit sources and efficiency of infrastructure installation, we like other wineries prefer to have our longer-range production goals approved on September 5, 2018. However, to better match our projected growth in estate fruit and sales, we are prepared to explicitly phase-in our production goals. To our knowledge the county staff and commission has not previously required an explicit phasing program for comparable wineries but relies instead upon its monitoring program and applicant's signed and binding commitments to comply with the 75% grape sourcing rules now in place.

To that end we propose the following:

- We propose an initial approval to increase our approved gallonage from the current 1998 level
 of 59,000 gallons annually to 155,000 gallons. This production level would provide sufficient
 production for an initial 5 years, through 2024 when our replanted blocks and new planting
 come on line;
- Production would be allowed to increase to 225,000 gallons (reduced from the original request
 of 240,000 gallons) in year 5 (2024), upon proof submitted to the County Zoning Administrator
 that planting of 49 additional acres at the MLW property has been completed;
- We would retain the option of providing the Zoning Administrator with alternative Napa County fruit sources prior to 2024 for any increase in production beyond the initial 155,000 gallons requested;

- All information regarding grape sources would be reported annually as the county currently requires. We request that all grape sourcing information be treated as confidential by the county;
- Approval of our requested initial increase in production to 155,000 gallons annually would include approval, at our risk to install the necessary infrastructure to support the ultimate production level of 225,000 gallons

Our rationale for this explicit phasing plan and ultimate production levels proposed is as follows:

- 1. Using the 239 tons that MLW currently produces within its onsite vineyards; and
- 2. 279 tons of Napa County fruit purchased by MLW in 2016-2017
- 3. This translates into 85,470 gallons of Napa County fruit using 165 gallons per ton;
- 4. Add this to the ability to use/purchase 25% non Napa fruit will provide an additional 21,367 gallons (25% of 85,470) gives us the ability to produce right now 106,000 gallons and change;
- When the newly planted and replanted vineyard blocks reach maturity in 2024, approximately 409 toms of MLW estate-grown fruit will be available to the winery or approximately 40% of the fruit required to fill out the long-term production goal of 225,000
- Testimony will be provided by our vineyard manager, Paul Garvey as to the availability of Napa County and non-Napa fruit to fill out our interim and long-range production goals;
- The initial production level of 155,000 gallons supports the winery's 5-year growth plan and represents a very conservative growth year over year at 10% compounded annually;
- In addition to the availability of fruit to fill out both interim and longer term production goals,
 MLW would provide a local production facility for local growers in Chiles Valley to process fruit grown within the Chiles Valley AVA which now has over 1000 vine acres planted;
- MLW has the national and oversees distribution system in place to market the wines that it produces.

In summary, we hope we have demonstrated that our production goals are reasonable and attainable and in line with the existing and projected growth of estate-grown fruit, and the current and future availability of Napa County and out of county fruit sources. MLW has a sound business plan in place to support the interim and longer-range production goals outlined above. We have both the national and international distribution systems in place to marketing wines produced at MLW. The fact that MLW has an international presence in the market is a benefit to the Napa Valley wine induction as it will increase exposure of Napa Valley wines in general and those from Chiles Valley. Finally, the project as designed is consistent with the WDO; all potential impacts of the project will result in less than significant individual and cumulative impacts on the environment. We hope that our project as revised is acceptable to the commission. We look forward to sharing the unique history of the Chiles Valley environment, its terrior and offer our neighbors another opportunity to process locally grown grapes.

We respect fully request approved of our revised project,

Sincerely

Anthony Hsu for May Ne Lake Winery