



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: David Morrison - Director
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SUBJECT: Discussion of Land Use Policy Changes

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Planning, Building, and Environmental Services requests direction regarding possible land use policies.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To ensure our success into the future, Napa County must continue to be a leader in developing policies that promote sustainable agriculture, provide balanced land use, and allow for businesses to grow. The past several years have seen a strong and passionate debate about how these goals can best be achieved.

Based on prior policy discussions before the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors, staff has developed a series of options for discussion to address current challenges and further the County's goals of protecting agriculture, the environment, and the economy.

PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Staff report.
2. Public comments.
3. Motion, second, discussion and vote on the item.

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

The 50th anniversary of the Agricultural Preserve is a strong reminder of the leadership that Napa County has demonstrated time and again. The Agricultural Preserve was followed by a series of actions, including Measure A, the Winery Definition Ordinance, Measure J, the Conservation Regulations, and Measure P. Cumulatively, this is an impressive legacy, which is the basis for our economic success as well as the quality of life that attracts people to visit and live here.

Napa remains one of the pre-eminent wine regions in the world, not only because of our soil and fruit, but because we are innovative. These changes bring with them both opportunities and challenges. As a result, the County is obligated to regularly review our land use policies to minimize the impacts of change, as well as to better reflect the priorities of our residents.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi