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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Sharon Bull for Ernie Loveless - Fire Chief  
County Fire Department  
**REPORT BY:** Sharon Bull, Staff Services Analyst, 967-1417  
**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of Donation of Combustible Gas Detector

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

County Fire Chief requests authorization to accept a donation on behalf of the County Fire Department of a four-gas air monitor valued at \$2,215 from Palmaz Winery.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This combustible gas detector is being donated by Palmaz Winery to mitigate the difficulty in ventilating its four-story underground facility. The monitor will provide life-saving information to emergency responders regarding the presence of certain dangerous, otherwise undetectable, gasses. The detector will be located at Napa Station and will be available to use for other emergencies in the area.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	No
What is the revenue source?	This is a donation, valued at \$2215.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Mandatory
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	There will be minor maintenance costs after the fifth year of service when the warranty expires.
Consequences if not approved:	The winery will not meet its mitigation requirements and will not be adequately protected.
Additional Information:	None

**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 Palmaz Winery, located at 4031 Hagen Road, was built within a cave which reaches four stories underground. The winery is 81,639 square feet, 55,453 of which is designated for winery purposes. Due to the difficulty in ventilating an underground winery facility which also includes a wastewater treatment area and a tractor storage barn, the Fire Department required the winery to purchase a combustible gas indicator as a mitigation measure. The monitor will be used to detect the presence of dangerous gasses whenever an emergency involves the possibility of a hazardous atmosphere.

This equipment will be donated to the county and kept at Napa Station, the first responder to this winery. The monitor can then also be used for other emergencies.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Andrew Carey