

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NAPA COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING FORMATION OF THE AGRICULTURAL PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, over the past year there has been increasing concern among the public and among members of the Napa County Planning Commission (Planning Commission) regarding the rate, intensity and location of winery development projects in the unincorporated area; and

WHEREAS, although development has occurred consistent with the projections of the 2008 General Plan, there are new concerns about the impacts of these foreseen developments, both in terms of impact to the environment and impact to the quality of life in Napa County; and

WHEREAS, in response to these concerns, on March 10, 2015, the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission held a special joint session public meeting for purposes of addressing concerns about the cumulative impacts of new development on the County and providing direction to staff on potential solutions; and

WHEREAS, at the joint session public meeting on March 10, 2015, the Board and the Planning Commission heard and considered testimony related to cumulative impacts, quality of life and support for the creation of an ad hoc committee to review issues related to the development and expansion of wineries, appropriate winery operations and activities, setbacks and other standards applicable to wineries and related matters; and

WHEREAS, the ad hoc committee is intended to be comprised of members of the wine industry, agriculture, environmental groups, neighborhood/community groups, each of the five municipalities, general business community, and an at-large member from each Supervisorial District; and

WHEREAS, the ad hoc committee is intended to serve as an advisory committee to the Planning Commission for purposes of making recommendations to the Planning Commission regarding proposed revisions to the development and expansion of wineries, appropriate winery operations and activities, setbacks and other standards applicable to wineries and related matters; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2015, the Board declared its intent to form an ad hoc committee as described herein and directed staff to return with a draft resolution and guidelines to establish an ad hoc advisory committee to review the development and expansion of wineries, appropriate winery operations and activities, setbacks and other standards applicable to wineries and related matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby takes the following actions:

1. Forms the ad hoc Agricultural Protection Advisory Committee (Committee) which shall be comprised of the following members:

A. Four (4) members representing each of the wine/agriculture organizations (Napa County Farm Bureau, Napa Valley Grape Growers, Napa Valley Vintners, and Winegrowers of Napa County);

B. Two (2) members from the general business community (e.g., Chambers of Commerce, Hotel Association, Visit Napa Valley);

C. Two (2) members from the five municipalities;

D. Two (2) members from environmental groups (e.g., Sierra Club, Audubon Society, Living Rivers Council, Mt. Veeder Stewardship Council, Friends of the Napa River, Land Trust of Napa County, Sustainable Napa County, etc.);

E. Two (2) members from neighborhood/community groups (e.g., Save Yountville Hill, Save Rural Angwin, Watersheds Alliance of Atlas Peak, Defenders of East Napa Watersheds, Soda Canyon Road, Protect Rural Napa, Vision 2050);

F. Five (5) at-large members, one from each Supervisorial District; and

G. Twelve (12) alternate members with one member from each of the groups identified in A through E above.

2. Tasks the Committee with evaluating and making recommendations on the following: minimum parcel size for new wineries; the minimum percentage of grapes used in the winery to 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 Agricultural Preserve and Agricultural Watershed zoning districts. The Committee shall at a minimum make its recommendations on these items and time permitting may make recommendations on other matters that it deems appropriate.

3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to immediately commence the recruitment process and to return to the Board on April 7, 2015 with the pool of applicants who have applied to be on the Committee.

4. Directs the Committee to conduct its first organizational meeting no later than April 15, 2015.

5. Directs the Committee to provide its recommendations on proposed revisions to the Planning Commission on or before September 2, 2015.

6. Directs the Planning Commission to provide its recommendations on the Committee's proposed revisions along with the Commission's recommendations on new guidelines for winery visitation and outdoor hospitality areas to the Board on or before November 10, 2015.

7. Requests that the Director of Planning, Building and Environmental Services appoint a Secretary to the Committee.

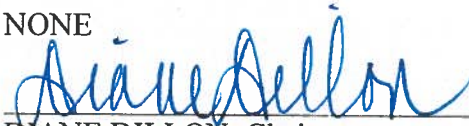
8. To the extent that the Committee requires funds for operations and expenses of the Committee, it shall submit a proposed budget to the Board of Supervisors for consideration and approval.

The foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted by said Board of Supervisors of Napa County, State of California, at a regular meeting of said Board held on March 17, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS WAGENKNECHT, CALDWELL, LUCE,
PEDROZA and DILLON

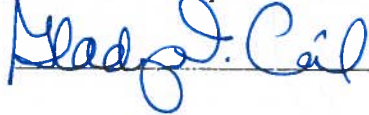
NOES: SUPERVISORS NONE

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS NONE



DIANE DILLON, Chair
Board of Supervisors


ATTEST: GLADYS I. COIL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: 

APPROVED BY THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS

Date: March 17, 2015

Processed By:


Deputy Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Office of County Counsel

By: Laura J. Anderson, Deputy

Date: March 17, 2015