

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2014**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 1

**SUBJECT: AGRICULTURE PROMOTION PROGRAM: POD 14-001
(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW:

On June 26, 2013 (7), Chairwoman Dianne Jacob, Second District, recommended that the Board of Supervisors (Board) direct the Chief Administrative Officer to identify ways to streamline regulations; provide more opportunities for agricultural ventures, such as microbreweries and cheese-making, to further support small-scale agricultural operations; and promote agricultural tourism throughout the unincorporated portions of the County. In response to Board direction, staff has prepared a proposed work plan, including time and cost estimates to amend and update agricultural regulations. An additional option presented for the Board's consideration would allow an expansion of winery uses into areas zoned with S92 General Rural use regulations (S92 winery option). Properties zoned S92 are currently allowed to grow grapes, but cannot establish wineries. The expansion of winery uses into these areas could provide a significant new opportunity for farmers.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds for updating agricultural regulations and implementing Policy & Ordinance Development project POD 14-001 are not included in the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Operational Plan for Planning & Development Services. Development of the Agriculture Promotion Program (Program) will result in costs of up to \$450,000 for procuring professional services for preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and associated staff time for the next two years. If the Board approves inclusion of the S92 winery option in the Program, additional costs of up to \$85,000 will be required to complete the project. Therefore, total cost for the Program, including the S92 winery option, is up to \$535,000 for professional services and associated staff cost. Appropriations of up to \$535,000 will be required to develop the Agriculture Promotion Program if the winery option is included. Appropriations of up to \$450,000 will be required if the winery option is not included. The funding sources are unanticipated grant revenue of \$55,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture and up to \$480,000 in Fiscal Year 2013-14 General Fund fund balance available. There will be no additional staff years required.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT:

A future ordinance pursuant to the elements of the program would provide additional opportunities compared to those that exist today for development of agricultural uses and agricultural tourism. Streamlining agricultural permitting requirements reduces processing times and costs for applicants and encourages opportunities for new agricultural operations and businesses.

**RECOMMENDATION:
PLANNING COMMISSION**

1. Find, in accordance with Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, that developing the Agriculture Promotion Program is exempt from the provisions of CEQA, because this activity is not a project as defined under CEQA and it can be seen with certainty that developing the program will have no possible significant effects on the environment.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop the Agriculture Promotion Program, POD 14-001, and return to the Board within 30 months.
3. Direct staff to include in the Agriculture Promotion Program the S92 winery option.
4. Direct staff to include in the Agriculture Promotion Program updates to the Tiered Winery Ordinance that have been under discussion by PDS staff and certain members of the public.
5. Establish appropriations of up to \$535,000 in Planning & Development Services, Services and Supplies, to fund the Agriculture Promotion Program, POD 14-001, based on Fiscal Year 2013-14 General Fund fund balance available. **(4 VOTES)**

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

PDS concurs with the Planning Commission recommendations except for the following changes. For Planning Commission recommendation 4, staff recommends not including updates to the Tiered Winery Ordinance as part of the Agriculture Promotion Program, because the updates will be handled separately and will return to the Board sooner than the overall program. For Planning Commission recommendation 5, staff recommends reducing the request for appropriations to reflect receipt of United States Department of Agriculture grant funding for this project in the amount of \$55,000 that occurred subsequent to the Planning Commission hearing on this matter. Therefore, PDS recommends the following modification to Planning Commission recommendation 5:

Establish appropriations of up to \$535,000 in Planning & Development Services (PDS), services and supplies, to fund the Agriculture Promotion Program, POD 14-001, based on unanticipated grant revenue from the United States Department of Agriculture (\$55,000) and Fiscal Year 2013-14 General Fund fund balance available (\$480,000). **(4 VOTES)**

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Jacob, seconded by Supervisor Horn, the Board took the following action:

- Found, in accordance with Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, that developing the Agriculture Promotion Program is exempt from the provisions of CEQA, because this activity is not a project as defined under CEQA and it can be seen with certainty that developing the program will have no possible significant effects on the environment;
- Directed the Chief Administrative Officer to develop the Agriculture Promotion Program, POD 14-001, and return to the Board within 30 months;
- Directed the Chief Administrative Officer to include in the Agriculture Promotion Program the S92 winery option;
- Directed the Chief Administrative Officer to not include in the Agriculture Promotion Program updates to the Tiered Winery Ordinance that have been under discussion by PDS staff and certain members of the public; and
- Established appropriations of up to \$535,000 in Planning & Development Services (PDS), services and supplies, to fund the Agriculture Promotion Program, POD 14-001, based on unanticipated grant revenue from the United States Department of Agriculture (\$55,000) and Fiscal Year 2013-14 General Fund fund balance available (\$480,000).

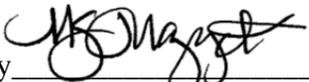
AYES: Cox, Jacob, D. Roberts, R. Roberts, Horn

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

THOMAS J. PASTUSZKA
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



By 
Marvice E. Mazyck, Chief Deputy