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To: Interested Parties

From: Joseph Farace, Group Program Manager, Advance Planning Division

Subject: PUBLIC REVIEW of County of San Diego Zoning Ordinance Amendment related to Limited Wholesale, Boutique and Small Wineries (POD 14-005)

On August 4, 2010, the Board of Supervisors approved Zoning Ordinance Amendments to establish a Tiered Winery Ordinance. A primary component of the ordinance was the creation of a Boutique Winery tier, which allowed for tasting rooms in conjunction with ongoing agricultural vineyard operations. Since its adoption, a number of issues have arisen that affect the adequate implementation of the ordinance.

Planning & Development Services (PDS) held workshops on January 17, 2014 and July 1, 2015 in order to gather information and comments to utilize in formulating the proposed amendments to the Tiered Winery Ordinance.

PDS has prepared draft Ordinance amendments in order to resolve discrepancies with existing ordinance language. These amendments would not change the purpose or intent of the Ordinance, but have been proposed to eliminate any ambiguity in the requirements for different winery types and to strengthen the County's ability to document compliance with the Ordinance.

Attached is a revised draft ordinance in "strikeout/underline" format. This document is also available on the PDS website at http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/Public_Review_Non-CEQA.html

Written (or email) comments on the proposed draft ordinance must be received no later than **Monday, November 23, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.** (a 45 day public review period). For additional information, please contact Heather Lingelser at (858) 495-5802 or by e-mail at heather.lingelser@sdcounty.ca.gov.

To view the documents associated with the adoption of the Tiered Winery Ordinance, go to <http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/advance/Winery.html>