

Napa County Agricultural Protection Advisory Committee

Board of Supervisors' Resolution No. 2015-31

To address concerns about cumulative impacts of new discretionary development in our county, County Supervisors appointed 17 members representing diverse interests within the community to the newly formed Agricultural Protection Advisory Committee (APAC).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR: *Ted Hall*

VICE CHAIR: *John Dunbar*

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Wineries
Lucio Perez
Agriculture
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District 4

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Wineries
Carl Bunch
Community
Bob Fiddaman
Municipalities
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Wineries

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Agriculture
Jeff Dodd
Community
Clay Gregory
Business
Norma Tofanelli
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Phillip Blake
Environment
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Environment
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COMMITTEE COUNSEL

Laura Anderson

SECRETARY-DIRECTOR

David Morrison

COMMITTEE CLERK

Melissa Frost

APAC will meet twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 9 a.m. (except Memorial Day) in order to finalize its recommendations by September 1, 2015. The general public is welcome and encouraged to attend APAC meetings.

All APAC related information including agendas and documents can be accessed on the county's website at: <http://services.countyofnapa.org/AgendaNet/MeetingSummary.aspx?TID=24>.

This ad hoc committee is intended to serve as an advisory committee to the Planning Commission for the purposes of making recommendations to the Planning Commission on a variety of winery development and agricultural protection measures.

APAC primary tasks are “to evaluate and make recommendations on” the following:

- the 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;
- requiring different development standards for wineries located in the Agricultural Preserve (AP) and Agricultural Watershed (AW) zoning districts.