

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE
PROPOSED PALMAZ PRIVATE HELIPAD, USE PERMIT APPLICATION P14-00261**

The Amalia Palmaz Living Trust has submitted to the Napa County Planning Division a request for a use permit (P14-00261-UP) to construct a 50-foot long by 50-foot wide helicopter landing pad and approximately 4,000 square foot hangar on an approximately 0.5-acre portion of the 220.4-acre property located at 4031 Hagen Road (Assessor's Parcel No. 033-110-080), in unincorporated Napa County. The helipad and hangar are proposed for the private use of the residents of the property and are proposed to be located on a hillside that is currently occupied by terraced vineyards and adjacent, disturbed area. Less than a third of an acre of the existing vineyards would be removed to accommodate the project, and no trees would be removed.

Issuance of a use permit by Napa County is a discretionary action subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Public Resources Code Section 21000 *et seq.*) The Planning Director has determined that an environmental impact report (EIR) is appropriate and will be prepared for the proposed project. An initial study of the proposal has been completed and concluded that the proposed project could potentially have significant adverse environmental impacts in the following areas: agriculture, biology, cultural resources, noise, air quality/greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, and land use. The initial study identifies mitigation measures that would reduce the significance of the project's potential impacts to cultural resources; thus, the EIR will be focused on potentially significant agricultural, biological, noise, air quality/greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, and land use impacts of the proposed project. The County will be the Lead Agency for this proposed project.

Pursuant to state and local guidelines for implementing CEQA, the EIR will analyze the various project elements including site construction and operation. The EIR will also include an analysis of potential alternatives, including a No Project Alternative, as well as an alternative helipad and hangar site on the property.

COMMENT PERIOD: The Planning Division is interested in your views as to the scope and content of the EIR. Due to time limits mandated by State law, and in order for your comments to be considered, comments on the NOP must be sent at the earliest possible date beginning December 14, 2015, but must be received by the EIR Project Manager identified below, not later than **5:00 p.m. on January 21, 2016.**

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As part of the EIR scoping process, the County of Napa will hold a public scoping session and open house to obtain comments from the public on the information that should be included in the EIR.

PUBLIC SCOPING SESSION AND OPEN HOUSE:

Thursday, January 14, 2016, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Napa County Administration Building
Third Floor Board Chamber
1195 Third Street, Napa

The NOP and Initial Study are available for review, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Planning, Building & Environmental Services Department, Suite 210 of the County Administration Building located at 1195 Third Street, Napa, California. The NOP and Initial Study can also be reviewed at the Napa County Library, 580 Coombs Street, Napa, or on the project webpage online at

www.countyofnapa.org/cdpdprojects/. For any questions about this notice or the EIR process, please contact the EIR Project Manager.

DATED: December 12, 2015

DAVID MORRISON, DIRECTOR
PLANNING, BUILDING & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

PLEASE DO NOT PUBLISH BELOW THIS LINE. THANK YOU

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