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NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING & INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

On Wednesday morning, the 6th day of December, at 9:00 a.m. at 1195 Third Street, Suite 305, Napa, California, a public hearing will be conducted by the Napa County Planning Commission regarding the project identified below. All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and be heard.

Vida Valiente Winery - Use Permit #P20-00079

Location: 407 and 461 Crystal Springs Road, St. Helena – Accessor's Parcel Numbers: 021-410-013-000 & 021-372-001-000, 16.93 & 1.15-acre parcels, the project site is approximately 0.9 miles east of the Silverado Trail and Crystal Springs crossroads.

Zoning and General Plan Designation: Agricultural Watershed (AW) zoning district and Agriculture, Watershed and Open Space (AWOS) general plan designation.

CEQA STATUS: Consideration and possible adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration. According to the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, the proposed project would not have any potentially significant environmental impacts after implementation of mitigation measures. Mitigation measures are proposed for the following areas: Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Noise, and Transportation. The project site is not included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

REQUEST: Approval of a Use Permit to allow a new winery with an annual production capacity of 30,000 gallons per year with the following characteristics: 1) Construction of a new 17,722 sq. ft. winery facility containing 10,762 sq. ft. of production space and 6,960 sq. ft. for accessory uses; 2) Construction of a new 13,675 sq. ft. wine cave containing 9,113 sq. ft. of production space and 1,335 sq. ft. for accessory uses; 3) Removal of 0.8 acres of woodland habitat, and the planting/preservation of 2.4 acres of woodland canopy on the project parcel and neighboring parcel under common ownership; 4) Removal of approximately 0.15 acres of vineyard for site access improvements; 5) Excavation of approximately 19,400 cubic yards of spoils associated with the cave and construction of structural pads; 6) Onsite parking for 10 vehicles; 7) Up to five (5) full-time employees, two (2) part-time employees and two (2) seasonal employees; 8) On-site domestic and process wastewater treatment systems; 9) Hours of operation seven days a week: production 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (non-harvest), visitation 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and marketing events 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (conclusion of cleanup); 10) Tours and tastings by appointment only for a maximum of 28 visitors per day with a maximum of 120 visitors per week; 11) Establishing a marketing program, which may include catered events, as follows; i) Two (2) Wine and Food Pairings monthly for up to 24 guests; ii) Three (3) Wine Release/Wine Club Events annually for up to 60 guests; iii) Two (2) Large Auction Events annually for up to 125 guests; 12) On-premise consumption of wines produced on-site within the outdoor hospitality areas, in accordance with Business and Professions Code Sections 23358, 23390 and 23396.5 (AB 2004); and 13) Driveway expansion to meet commercial standards, landscaping, and other improvements associated with wineries.

Application materials, including the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and staff report are available on the Department's Current Projects Explorer at: <https://www.countyofnapa.org/2876/Current-Projects-Explorer>

Copies of documents and other information relating to the project described above may be examined between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at the office of the Planning, Building, and Environmental Service Department, Napa County Administration Building, 1195 Third St, Ste 210, Napa, California. For documents that are publicly available on the Current Projects Explorer, there will be a Public Record Copying Fee associated with the physical printing of documents. While drops-in may be accommodated to the extent possible on a case-by-case basis, we strongly encourage you to schedule an appointment for document review.

Written and verbal comments regarding this project and comments regarding the environmental effects of this project and the adequacy of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are solicited. Comments or appointment requests to review documents should be directed should be directed to Matt Ringel, Napa County Planning, Building, and Environmental Service Department, 1195 Third Street, Suite 210, Napa, California; (707) 299-1351 or matthew.ringel@countyofnapa.org. Comments must be received by Noon on December 5, 2023.

If you challenge the particular proceeding in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to the public hearing.

DATED: October 30, 2023

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Director of Planning, Building, and Environmental Services