

Dear Interested Party,

The County of Napa Planning Division has received a request for a land use permit (Use Permit Application No. P14-00261, Palmaz Helipad) to construct a private use helicopter landing pad and hangar on an approximately 0.5-acre portion of the 220.4-acre property located at 4031 Hagen Road, in unincorporated Napa County. The use permit request is subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which requires permitting agencies to identify potential impacts to the environment that would occur as a result of a proposed project, prior to making a decision to approve or to deny a permit request.

County Planning staff has commenced the process of preparing an environmental impact report (EIR), in order to meet the requirements of CEQA. The attached Notice of Preparation (NOP) provides a description of the proposed Palmaz Helipad and lists those topic areas within which the project is anticipated to result in environmental impacts, based on an initial study of the proposal. Members of the public and other regulatory agencies are invited to provide input on the NOP, and more specifically, on the issues that they believe should be explored in further detail in the EIR.

Interested individuals can provide their input on the NOP via written letters or emails to my attention during the comment period, which begins on December 14, 2015, and concludes at 5:00 p.m. on January 21, 2016. During this initial comment period, County staff will also be facilitating an open house session during which staff and the County's consultant will provide an overview of the proposed project and explain the EIR process. Attendees of the open house will be given an opportunity to ask questions of staff one-on-one and will be provided cards on which to write their comments regarding the scope of the EIR. Information on the date, time and location of the session is included in the attached NOP.

Following close of the comment period on the NOP, County and consulting staff will prepare a draft EIR. Members of the public will also have an opportunity to comment on the draft EIR once it is completed. Similar to this notification, a notice of the availability of the completed draft EIR will be emailed and mailed to interested parties at the beginning of the comment period on that document.

You are receiving this email because you have expressed written interest in the proposed project identified above. If you no longer wish to receive notices regarding this project, please contact Dana Ayers, Project Planner, by reply to this email or by phone at the phone number shown below, to request to have your email address removed from the distribution list.

Thank you,

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