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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 25, 2008

TO: Monique Wilber, Development Services/Planning

FROM: Greg Boeger, Chair

SUBJECT: GENERAL PLAN POLICY 8.1.3.1 – MOTION OF NOVEMBER 12, 2008

During the Agricultural Commission's regularly scheduled meeting held on November 12, 2008, the following discussion and motion occurred regarding the Draft Winery Ordinance:

The Commission had asked that their recommended changes to the draft criteria of General Plan Policy 8.1.3.1 be itemized for discussion at this meeting. One of the streamlining suggestions was regarding parcel requests in General Plan Land Use Designations of Adopted Plan (AP). These applications could be approved by the Development Services Director with concurrence by the Ag Commissioner without an Agricultural Commission hearing. Also, after further review, staff recommends that parcels designated and zoned as Open Space and a minimum of 200'wide also be included as not requiring Agricultural Commission review and recommendation. This would be protecting Ag lands by acting as a buffer to residential uses. Staff could possibly make additional recommendations as a conditional for approval regarding increased setbacks, etc. This would be a discretionary act so conditions could be placed on approval of those parcel splits.

Staff also noted that the last section, 2(b) mentions the 1996 General Plan and should be updated to the 2004 General Plan. Also, (I) Industrial was added to the Land Use Designations.

The Commission agreed with the additional, recommended changes made by staff.

It was moved by Mr. Pratt and seconded by Mr. Walker to recommend the ADOPTION of the proposed criteria to allow the analysis of the creation of less than 10 acre buffer parcels adjacent to agriculturally zoned lands pursuant to General Plan Policy 8.1.3.1.

AYES: Draper, Pratt, Bacchi, Heflin, Ward, Walker, Boeger

NOES: None ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

If you have any questions regarding the Agricultural Commission's actions, please contact the Agriculture Department at (530) 621-5520.

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cc: Char Tim, Clerk to the Planning Commission