
Objection to CUP for Black Oak Mountain Vineyard in Cool

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Subject: Objection to CUP for Black Oak Mountain Vineyard in Cool

To whom it may concern,

My wife and I have lived just inside the third gate of Auburn Lake Trails for over 35 years hence we travel past the Black Oak Mountain Vineyard every day sometimes passing it 4 times a day(2 round trips).

We also own 10 acres just west of the vineyard. Since sinking at least 5 wells without a CEQA study being required, we have several neighbors who have been forced to buy water because their wells suddenly stopped producing enough to flush their toilets! Who can say whether this is resultant from drought conditions or the amount of water which is now being sucked out of the ground for grapes... and the vineyard is nowhere near capacity yet!

Why not require a CEQA study?

Now what was a vineyard has turned into a commercial event center.

We are adamantly opposed to allowing this vineyard to expand the number of events with up to 150 people from 24 events a year to 150 events!

Highway 193 is a two lane road with no room for expansion and there isn't even room for a turnout at the entrance to the vineyard. What about the wear and tear on the road with allowing thousands of additional cars over the course of the year as a result of this massive expansion? Who's paying for that?

At the very least a study should be done to determine what impact 24 events per year of this size may have on traffic as well as any disturbance to the peace of the immediate community before considering such a dramatic increase in use!

The overwhelming majority of people who live between Cool and Georgetown have chosen to live in the "country". A commercial operation of this size, in our opinion, has no place at this specific location.

The letter the Agricultural Commission sent out is dated 11/25/24 and was only received a few days ago! This is hardly enough notice for people in our community to weigh in as it not only impacts immediate properties but everyone who travels on 193.

Please press the pause button on this request until a study, at least, has been done regarding the impact of 24 events with 150 people...and even then 150 events is TOO MUCH!!

We appreciate your consideration!

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