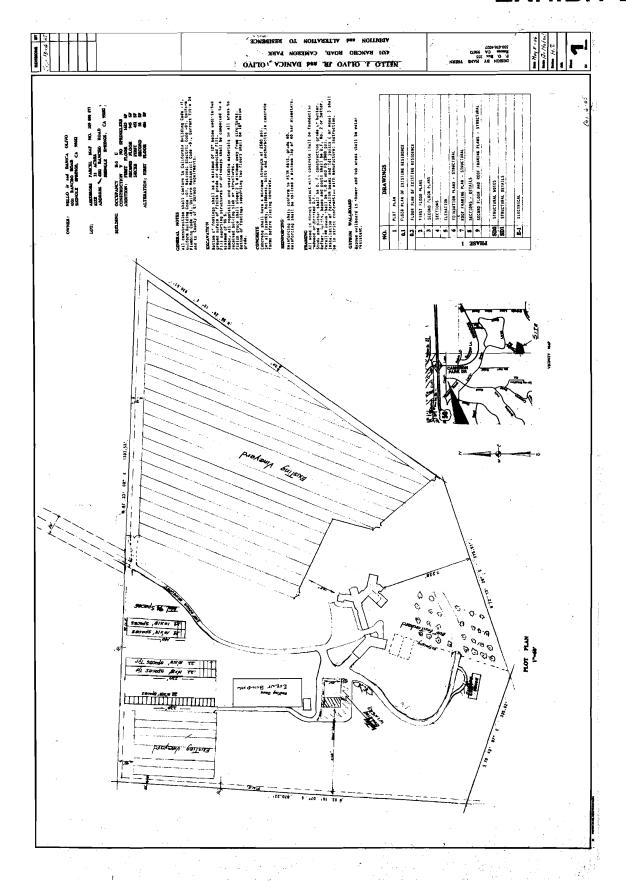


EXHIBIT E



Environmental Noise Assessment

Nello Olivo Winery Events

Cameron Park, California (El Dorado County)

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Introduction

Bollard Acoustical Consultants, Inc. has completed an environmental noise assessment for the proposed receptions/parties at the Nello Olivo Vineyard and Winery in Cameron Park, California (El Dorado County). The project site is located at 4331 Rancho Road, Cameron Park, CA. Figure 1 shows an aerial photograph of the project site location.

The project applicant wishes to host daytime/evening (until 10 p.m.) functions and receptions at the project site. The applicant has agreed that there would be no sound amplified music played in the exterior areas of the project site, and that all amplified sound would occur indoors within the existing reception building. Any musical instruments played during outdoor ceremonies such as weddings would not be amplified. The project site area and location of the reception building are shown on Figure 1.

Criteria for Acceptable Noise Exposure

The El Dorado County Noise Element of the General Plan establishes hourly noise exposure limits for non-transportation (stationary) noise sources affecting community residential land uses. These limits are summarized in Table 1. In this case, the noise level criteria have been reduced by 5 dB to account for the speech/music nature of primary project noise sources.

Table 1
Exterior Noise Exposure Criteria (Adjusted for Speech/Music)
Applicable at Property Lines of Rural Residential Land Uses
El Dorado County Noise Element of the General Plan

Noise Level Descriptor	Daytime	Evening	
	(7 a.m 7 p.m.)	(7 p.m 10 p.m.)	
Hourly L _{eq} , dB	50	45	
Maximum Level, dB (L _{max})	60	55	

The noise criteria summarized in Table 1 are quite restrictive when compared to other northern California jurisdictions. In many other cities and counties there are no adjustments (reductions) for "evening" hours; that is, the criteria for evening are the same as for daytime (daytime is defined as 7 a.m.-10 p.m.). In this case, the evening Hourly L_{eq} and L_{max} criteria would be 50 dB and 60 dB, respectively. For those jurisdictions that distinguish between daytime and evening hours, the evening noise criteria are typically 5 dB below the daytime criteria. In this case, the evening Hourly L_{eq} and L_{max} criteria would be 45 dB and 55 dB, respectively.



Analysis of Project Noise Generation

The components of the proposed project identified as being noise-generating include amplified music associated with indoor outdoor receptions/events and noise generated by the reception attendees. The focal points for the amplified music is the indoors dance/reception area indicated on Figure 1. The focal point for reception patrons is the outdoor arbor-area located immediately east of the reception building.

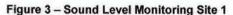
Amplified Music Assessment

To quantify the sound levels generated by music played within the reception building, amplified music was played on the house system located within that building (See Figure 2) at volume levels typical of wedding receptions. While the music was played, BAC staff conducted noise level measurements at six (6) locations around the project site, including the nearest property lines. The tests were conducted on January 29, 2014. Figure 3 shows a photograph of the noise measurement Site 1, which was located on the western property boundary.



Figure 2 - Sound System within Reception Building

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Noise level measurement equipment included a Larson-Davis Laboratories (LDL) Model 820 precision integrating sound level meter equipped with an LDL Model 2560 ½" microphone. The system was calibrated in the field before use with an LDL Model CAL200 acoustical calibrator. The measurement equipment/microphone was placed on a tripod approximately 5 feet above the ground. Atmospheric conditions during the acoustical measurements consisted of cool temperatures, high relative humidity, calm winds and cloudy skies. There were no anomalous atmospheric conditions which would have adversely affected the noise measurement survey results.

While the music was being played at the reception locations, noise level measurements were conducted at six (6) locations on the project site. Maximum and average noise levels were recorded at each location with the results presented in Tables 2 and 3 for a summary of the measured noise exposure levels associated with project music.

Table 2
Summary of Tasting Area Noise Level Measurements
Nello Olivo Vineyard and Winery – Cameron Park, California (El Dorado County)
January 29th, 2014

Measurement Site - Description	L _{eq} (dBA)	L _{max} (dBA)	
Ref. – Center of dance area inside reception building	83	87	
1 - West Property Line - 200 ft. from Reception Building	41	47	
2 - North Property Line - 275 feet from Reception Building	39	45	
3 – North Property Line at Site Entrance – 400 ft. from Bldg.	39	47	
4 – Corner of Rancho and Lariat Roads – 900+ feet from Bldg.	35	42	
5 – 350 feet South of Reception Building	34	44	
6 – 400 feet southeast of Reception Building	35	38	
County Evening Noise Standard (adjusted downward for music / speech	45	. 55	

Notes: Please see the measurement locations in Figure 1.

The Table 2 data indicate that the noise levels measured at, or near, the project site boundaries were well within compliance with the applicable El Dorado County noise standards while amplified music was played at high levels within the reception building. The reasons for the low measured noise levels were the distance between the reception building and nearest property lines, and the fact that the doors of the reception building were closed and the window areas treated with acoustic coverings. As a result of the low measured noise levels, additional noise mitigation measures would not be required for amplified music played within the reception area.

Guest Noise Assessment (Cheering, Elevated Voice, Applause, Etc.)

The project proponent proposes to have events with as many as 200 guests. Persons engaged in conversation with raised voices generally produce average noise levels of approximately 70 dB Lmax at a distance of 5 feet from one-another. Based on 75 people (37.5% of maximum capacity) speaking in elevated voices at any given time, the reference voice level at the nearest property line to the outdoor dining area (300 feet to the north) would be approximately 53 dB Lmax. Average (Leq) values would depend on the duration of the hour the elevated speech were to occur, but would be lower than the predicted maximum value of 53 dB Lmax. As a result, typical sound level generated by guests speaking in raised voices during outdoor receptions held at the project site are not expected to exceed the County's noise standards at the nearest property lines. However, such speech will likely be audible at those nearest residences, so any patrons speaking in exceptionally loud voice (or yelling), should be reminded of the proximity to the nearby neighbors and ultimately asked to leave if the loud behavior continues.

Conclusions & Recommendations

Noise exposure from indoor amplified music and reception patrons speaking in raised voices in the outdoor areas of the site are predicted to satisfy the El Dorado County's daytime and evening noise exposure limits at the closest existing residences and property lines to the project site. Nonetheless, the following specific measures are recommended to ensure that noise levels generated during events held at this facility comply with County requirements and to reduce the potential for adverse public reaction at the nearest residences.

- All events and on-site activities shall be completed by 10 p.m. as proposed, including amplified music and guests departing the premises.
- 2. Background music played in the outdoor dining or ceremony area shall not be amplified.
- All amplified music shall occur within the designated reception building with doors in the closed position.
- 4. Amplified music in the indoor reception building shall not exceed 90 dBA in the center of the reception space.
- 5. During larger outdoor events, speech will likely be audible at the nearest residences, so any patrons speaking in exceptionally loud voices (or yelling), should be reminded of the proximity to the nearby neighbors and asked to lower their voices. If the behavior continues the guest(s) should be required to leave the premises.

These conclusions are based on the proposed locations of the amplified music and exterior dining and ceremony locations, the noise level test results, and recommendations contained herein. Deviations from these locations, data and recommendations will cause actual noise levels to differ from those described herein. BAC is not responsible for exceedance of County noise standards caused by amplified music or for noise generated by event activities or by event attendees.

This concludes our environmental noise assessment for the Nello Olivo Winery Events in El Dorado County, California. Please contact us at (916) 663-0500 or paulib@bacnoise.com with any questions or requests for additional information.

Appendix A

Acoustical Terminology

Acoustics The science of sound.

Ambient Noise The distinctive acoustical characteristics of a given space consisting of all noise sources audible at that location. In many cases, the term ambient is used to describe an existing

or pre-project condition such as the setting in an environmental noise study.

Attenuation The reduction of an acoustic signal.

A-Weighting A frequency-response adjustment of a sound level meter that conditions the output signal

to approximate human response.

Decibel or dB Fundamental unit of sound, A Bell is defined as the logarithm of the ratio of the sound

pressure squared over the reference pressure squared. A Decibel is one-tenth of a Bell.

CNEL Community Noise Equivalent Level. Defined as the 24-hour average noise level with

noise occurring during evening hours (7 - 10 p.m.) weighted by a factor of three and

nighttime hours weighted by a factor of 10 prior to averaging.

Frequency The measure of the rapidity of alterations of a periodic signal, expressed in cycles per

second or hertz.

Lan Day/Night Average Sound Level. Similar to CNEL but with no evening weighting.

Leq Equivalent or energy-averaged sound level.

Lmax The highest root-mean-square (RMS) sound level measured over a given period of time.

Loudness A subjective term for the sensation of the magnitude of sound.

Masking The amount (or the process) by which the threshold of audibility is for one sound is raised

by the presence of another (masking) sound.

Noise Unwanted sound.

Peak Noise The level corresponding to the highest (not RMS) sound pressure measured over a given

period of time. This term is often confused with the Maximum level, which is the highest

RMS level.

RT₁₀₀ The time it takes reverberant sound to decay by 60 dB once the source has been

removed.

Sabin The unit of sound absorption. One square foot of material absorbing 100% of incident

sound has an absorption of 1 sabin.

SEL A rating, in decibels, of a discrete event, such as an aircraft flyover or train passby, that

compresses the total sound energy of the event into a 1-s time period.

Threshold of Hearing

The lowest sound that can be perceived by the human auditory system, generally

considered to be 0 dB for persons with perfect hearing.

Threshold of Pain

Approximately 120 dB above the threshold of hearing.

