

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

The Agricultural Commission held a special meeting on December 7, 2006, to receive input on the Public Review Draft Ordinance from the Industry Subcommittee, the Subcommittees' first recommended draft ordinance, the El Dorado Winery Association, the Fair Play Winery Association, the Grape Growers Association, and the general public. No action was taken by the Commission, and the item was continued to December 13, 2006, for discussion.

At the December 13, 2006, meeting, the Commission discussed the recommendations of the Industry Subcommittees' second draft ordinance and expressed concerns that the recommendations are based on creation of "new" permitting processes which are currently not defined in the County Code. The Commission scheduled another special meeting for January 4, 2007, and directed that the amended (second draft) Industry Subcommittee be made public.

At the special meeting held on January 4, 2007, the Commission considered the third draft of the Industry Subcommittees' recommended ordinance, conceptually approving the draft with modifications, and including the Subcommittees' winery ordinance permits recommendations. Agriculture Department staff was directed to prepare the recommended draft for final consideration by the Commission at their regular meeting on January 10, 2007, for review and approval of the recommendation for consideration by the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

On January 5, 2007, staff met with the Economic Advisory Committee to discuss the status of the wineries ordinance update process and the current draft ordinances including the Public Review Draft Wineries Ordinance, the Agricultural Commission draft recommendation, and the Industry Subcommittees' recommendation. Also discussed were the permitting processes and the relationship between the wineries ordinance and ranch marketing.

The Committee will meet again on January 18, 2007, and provides recommendations to Development Services for consideration by the Planning Commission.

TITLE 17 - EL DORADO COUNTY CODE / SECTION 17.14.190 WINERIES

The existing Wineries Ordinance is contained within Chapter 17.14, *Miscellaneous Development Requirements*, of the zoning ordinance code.

The Wineries Ordinance identifies what zone district categories (commercial, agricultural, and residential zone districts) allow establishment of a winery by right or by special use permit and under what requirements (minimum parcel size and planted acreage for example). Wine tasting rooms and accessory uses are also listed either by right or by special use permit at an established winery under the three general zone district categories.

Development standards for wineries are also provided in the ordinance. The complete text is provided in Attachment A.

Staff has provided a comparison table that should aid the Commission identify the basic differences between the Public Review Draft and the industry draft.

ATTACHMENTS

- A: County Code Section 17.14.190 Wineries
- B: Public Review Draft dated June 28, 2006
- C: Agricultural Commission Recommended Winery Ordinance dated January 10, 2007,
with Attachments A and B
- D: Industry Subcommittee Adopted Proposed Winery Ordinance dated January 3, 2007
- E: Wineries Ordinance Comparison Table