

Agricultural Promotion Program

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- On June 26, 2013 (7), the Board of Supervisors directed the Chief Administrative Officer to look at reducing regulations and providing more opportunities for agricultural ventures, such as microbreweries and cheese-making, to further support small-scale agricultural operations and promote agricultural tourism throughout the unincorporated portions of the County.

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- The proposed Agriculture Promotion Program Ordinance zoning amendments, Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) is available for CEQA public review, between **April 28, 2016 (8:00 AM) and June 13, 2016 (4:00 PM)**. As part of that public review period, PDS also requests comments on the proposed Agriculture Promotion Program Ordinance zoning amendments.
- (will consider late comments)

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- Please provide written comments or questions to Dennis Campbell
- dennis.Campbell@sdcounty.ca.gov
- or call 858-505-6380.

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- Staff will respond to public comments received, review, research. Hope to finish in two weeks
- County Counsel review of EIR, 40 days
- Planning Commission hearing and Board of Supervisors hearing
- Schedule is Winter 2017, goal is to beat that date

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- Includes language regulating:
 - Agricultural Microbrewery
 - Cidery
 - Micro-Distillery
- “Accessory to a Commercial Agricultural operation”

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- Uses not regulated under Boutique Winery Ordinance, regulated under APP
- Amendments would have triggered EIR of Winery Ordinance
- Similar language to Winery Ordinance proposed as part of APP

Ag Microbrewery or Microdistillery

■ Key Points

- Small: Allowed with Zoning Verification Permit
- Not more than 2,000 barrels or 62,000 gallons annually
- Minimum 1 acre planted with hops, barley, or other grain...or other vegetables used in the on-site production of distilled spirits
- Of total ingredients used in brewing or distilling, at least 25% shall be grown in San Diego County, with up to 75% may be grown outside of San Diego County

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- The structures permitted in Subsection d) above may contain one tasting/retail sales area in addition to the Microbrewery or Micro-Distillery structures. The tasting/retail sales area shall be accessory to beer or spirits production, and shall not exceed 30% of the total square footage of all permitted Microbrewery or Micro-Distillery production facility structures

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- Key Points

- Microbrewery or Micro-Distillery, Agricultural, Large. A Large Agricultural Microbrewery or Micro-Distillery accessory to a Commercial Agriculture operation may be allowed with an Administrative Permit and shall comply with the following provisions:
 - Minimum 2 acres planted
 - Beer production or distilled spirit production shall be up to 8,000 beer barrels or 124,000 gallons annually
 - 25% grown in SD County, 75% may be grown outside county

Winery Ordinance

- On August 4, 2010, the Board of Supervisors approved Zoning Ordinance Amendments to establish a Tiered Winery Ordinance. A primary component of the ordinance was the creation of a Boutique Winery tier, which allowed for tasting rooms in conjunction with ongoing agricultural vineyard operations.
- Planning & Development Services (PDS) is working on draft amendments to the Tiered Winery Ordinance in an effort to clarify the intent of the ordinance and to resolve discrepancies with existing ordinance language.

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- On February 5, 2016, the Planning Commission voted to recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve staff's proposed amendments to the Winery Ordinance with the modification to the Boutique Winery tier to permit wine to be imported as part of the 25 percent out-of-County allowance, and that the Ordinance be modified to specify that sourced wine from within San Diego consist of wine made with San Diego County grapes.

Winery Ordinance

- Staff's proposed amendments also addressed events and prepared food available at wineries.
- See FAQ's page for summary of tiers and allowances