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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 6, 2008 Agenda of: March 13, 2008

TO: Chair and Planning Commission Item #: 10.

FROM: Roger Trout, Principal Planner

SUBJECT: Winery Ordinance Notice of Preparation Scoping Meeting
SCH# 2008022064

El Dorado County is the Lead Agency for the anticipated preparation and review of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Winery Ordinance. The Board of Supervisors directed that an EIR be prepared at their October 16, 2007, meeting.

The County is soliciting the views of interested persons and agencies on the scope and content of the environmental information that is relevant to the proposed ordinance.

The Winery Ordinance consists of the draft ordinance dated September 11, 2007 (attached) and would replace the current winery ordinance in section 17.14.190 of the County Code (attached).

A Notice of Preparation for the Draft EIR for the project was distributed for a period of 30 days, beginning February 20, 2008, and ending March 20, 2008.

The purpose of the scoping meeting is to identify the issues that need to be considered in the EIR; it is not the time to comment on the project itself. Subsequent hearings will be held on the Draft EIR at which time the public may comment on the content of the EIR.

Environmental impacts anticipated to be addressed in the Draft EIR will include: Aesthetics, Agricultural Resources, Air Quality, Biology, Cultural Resources, Land Use, Noise, Public Services, Traffic, and Cumulative Impacts.

The Planning Commission will not take any action on the project. This meeting has been scheduled in order to supplement the NOP comment period required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Written comments are encouraged since comments submitted in writing will be directly incorporated into the EIR.