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**Notice of Availability of a Recirculated Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration
Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration
And Notice of Public Hearing
Agritourism Zoning Text Amendment (Z1703)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Siskiyou County Planning invites public review and comment on the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the Agritourism Zoning Text Amendment project (Z1703). The public review period begins on June 30, 2020 and ends on July 30, 2020. The Initial Study and all attachments are available for review on the County of Siskiyou Planning Commission's Public Documents section found at <https://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/planningcommission/page/public-documents>. Written comments concerning the project and the environmental documents will be accepted until 5:00 P.M. on July 30, 2020, at Siskiyou County Community Development - Planning Division, 806 South Main Street, Yreka, California, 96097. The documents are posted in the County Clerk's Office and are also available at Siskiyou County Community Development Department.

Project Location and Description: The project encompasses all parcels in the unincorporated area of Siskiyou County, California, 10 acres and larger, that are zoned Prime Agricultural (AG-1), Non-Prime Agricultural (AG-2), and/or Rural Residential Agricultural (R-R). The project area (i.e., unincorporated Siskiyou County) is roughly centered on Section 17 of Township 44 North, Range 7 West of the Mount Diablo Meridian.

The project is a proposed zoning text amendment intended to both address the lack of specificity in the Code for uses traditionally interpreted by the Planning Director as "incidental to agriculture" and to facilitate the marketing and promotion of agricultural products grown and produced in Siskiyou County through on-site agritourism activities. It would allow limited agritourism incidental to active agricultural operations on parcels 10 acres and larger that are zoned AG-1, AG-2, and/or R-R. Agritourism uses would include but not be limited to farm tours, field days, farm sponsored hospitality dinners, educational classes, U-Pick produce sales, agricultural farmstays, and agritourism camping. Further, in an effort to minimize, to the greatest extent practicable, off-site impacts associated with agritourism-related activities, the zoning text amendment would differentiate between generally permissible, less intensive "Level I Agritourism" and more intensive "Level II Agritourism" and would subject "Level II Agritourism" to Agritourism Performance Standards and approval of either an administrative use permit or a conditional use permit depending upon the intensity of use.

The project has not been scheduled for a public hearing in front of the Planning Commission at this time. When the project is scheduled for a Planning Commission hearing, a public hearing notice will be provided consistent with the County's noticing requirements and pursuant to state law. Staff anticipates the project to be scheduled for the August 19, 2020 Planning Commission hearing.

For more information regarding the proposed project or the public hearing, please contact Kirk Skierski, Planning Director, at (530) 842-8203 or kskierski@co.siskiyou.ca.us.

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