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### **Re: Amici Cellars Use Permit Minor Modification and Variance – Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)**

Dear Melanie Jackson:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for this project. We are committed to ensuring that impacts to the State's multimodal transportation system and to our natural environment are identified and mitigated to support a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system. The following comments are based on our review of the June 2021 Draft IS/MND.

#### **Project Understanding**

The proposed project is to request the approval of a use permit modification to the existing use permit, a variance to the State Route (SR)-29 600-foot road setback and a request to reduce the 50-foot wetland setback. This project would allow the construction of a 1,667-square-foot additional winery structure approximately 170 feet from the SR-29 where 600 feet is normally required.

#### **Hydrology**

Any runoff from the project site draining towards SR-29 must be metered to preconstruction levels. If a Caltrans-issued encroachment permit is needed, please provide detailed information regarding any connections and/or modifications to the State drainage system when submitting the permit application, such as flow rates for shed areas, detention time for detention basins.

### **Lead Agency**

As the Lead Agency, the County of Napa is responsible for all project mitigation, including any needed improvements to the State Transportation Network. The project's fair share contribution, financing, scheduling, implementation responsibilities and lead agency monitoring should be fully discussed for all proposed mitigation measures.

### **Encroachment Permit**

Please be advised that if the setbacks are deeded to the State, the property owner would need to purchase the rights to build within the setbacks. Also, any permanent work or temporary traffic control that encroaches onto SR-29 requires a Caltrans-issued encroachment permit. As part of the encroachment permit submittal process, you may be asked by the Office of Encroachment Permits to submit a completed encroachment permit application package, digital set of plans clearly delineating the State Right-of-Way, digital copy of signed, dated and stamped (include stamp expiration date) traffic control plans, this comment letter, your response to the comment letter, and where applicable, the following items: new or amended Maintenance Agreement (MA), approved Design Standard Decision Document (DSDD), approved encroachment exception request, and/or airspace lease agreement. Your application package may be emailed to [D4Permits@dot.ca.gov](mailto:D4Permits@dot.ca.gov).

To download the permit application and to obtain more information on all required documentation, visit <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications>.

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Yunsheng Luo at [Yunsheng.Luo@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Yunsheng.Luo@dot.ca.gov). Additionally, for future notifications and requests for review of new projects, please email [LDIGR-D4@dot.ca.gov](mailto:LDIGR-D4@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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