Board of Supervisors April 4, 2023

Zone Change & Use Permit

565 Mountain Avenue, Sonoma

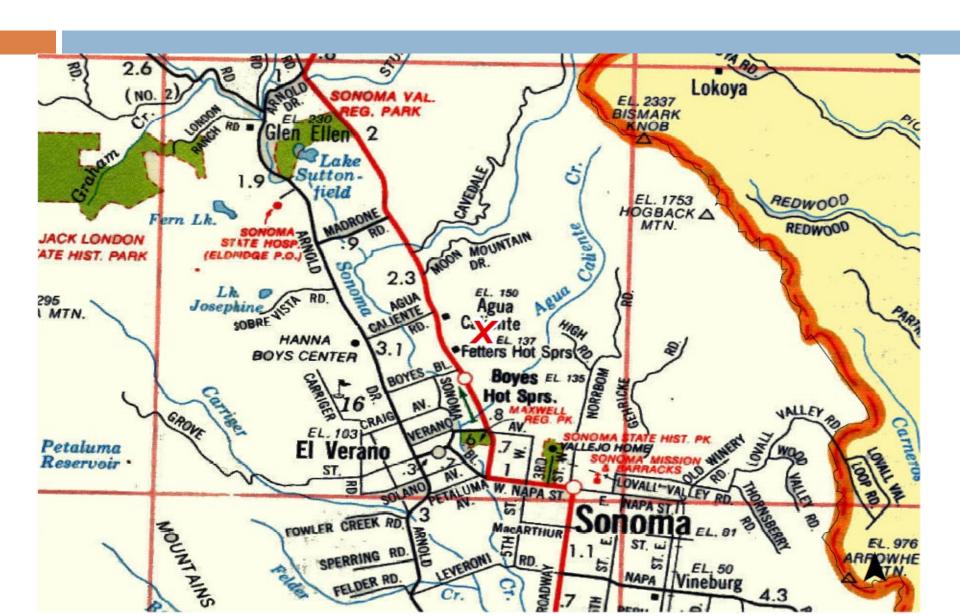
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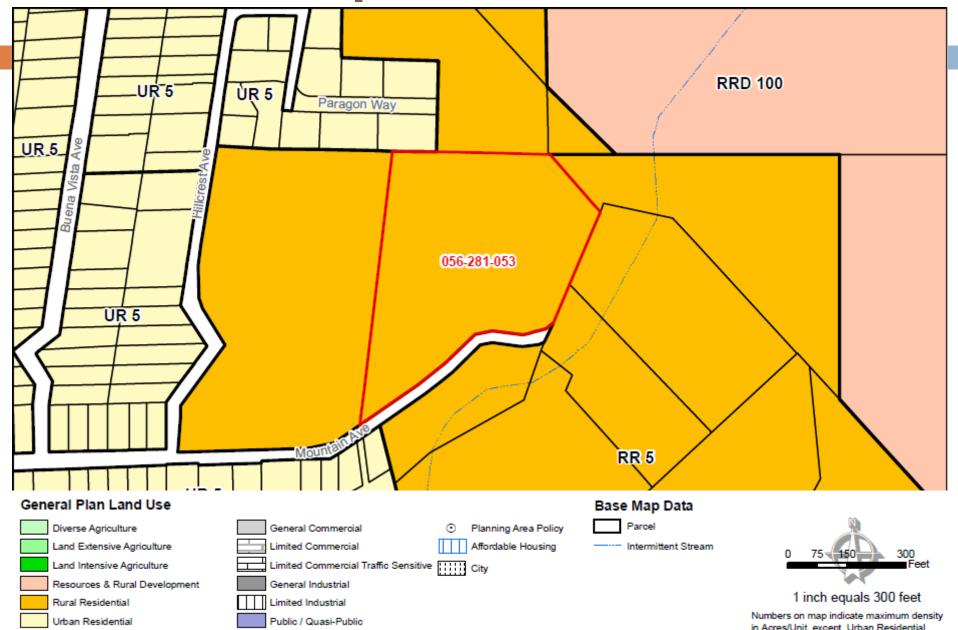
Vicinity Map



Aerial Map



Land Use Map



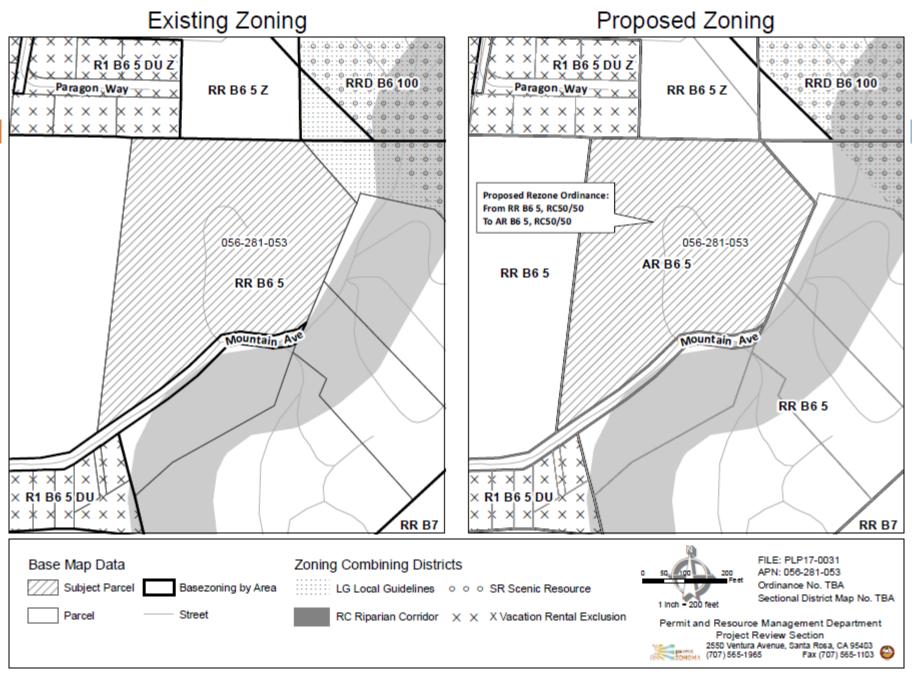
Project Description

Current Operation

- 2.5 acres of vineyards
- exportation of grapes offsite
- 500 case offsite production at custom crush facility
- 1 If employee

Proposed Project

- Zone Change
 - Rural Residential (RR) toAgriculture and Residential (AR)
- Use Permit
 - 1,000 case max annual onsite production
 - Conversion of 1,775 sq ft of primary SFR, 1,500 sq ft crush pad
 - No increase in employees
 - No visitor serving uses



RR v. AR Zoning

General Plan - Land Use

Rural Residential

RR - Rural Residential

Preserves the rural character in areas best utilized for low-density residential development

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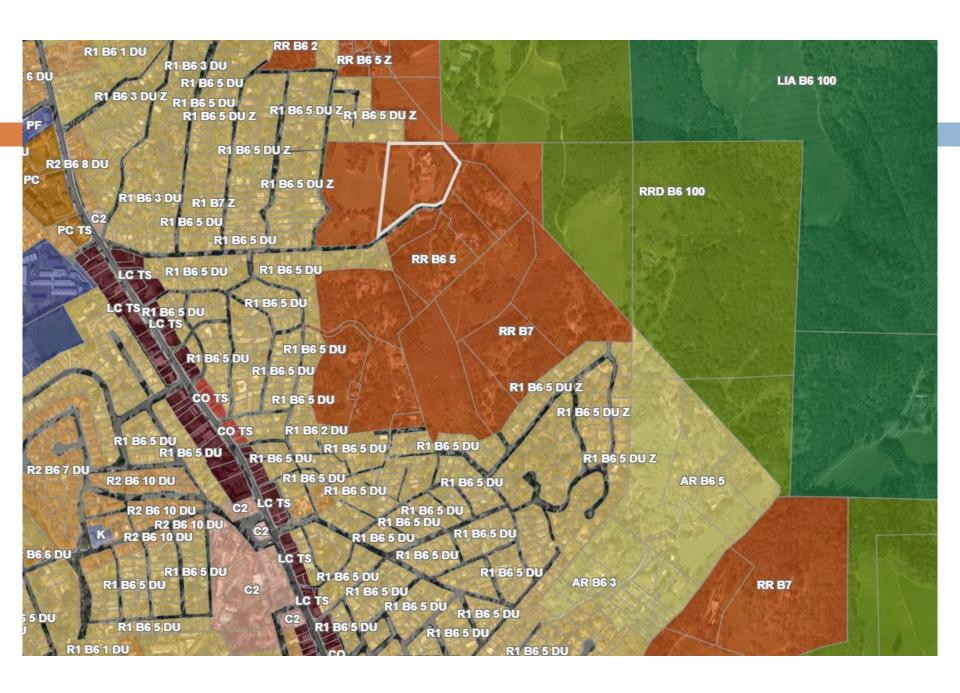
- Agricultural Crop Production
- Farm Stands
- Day-care centers
- Studios for art crafts, dance, music
- Specialized Education and Training
- Parks and Playgrounds

AR – Agriculture and Residential

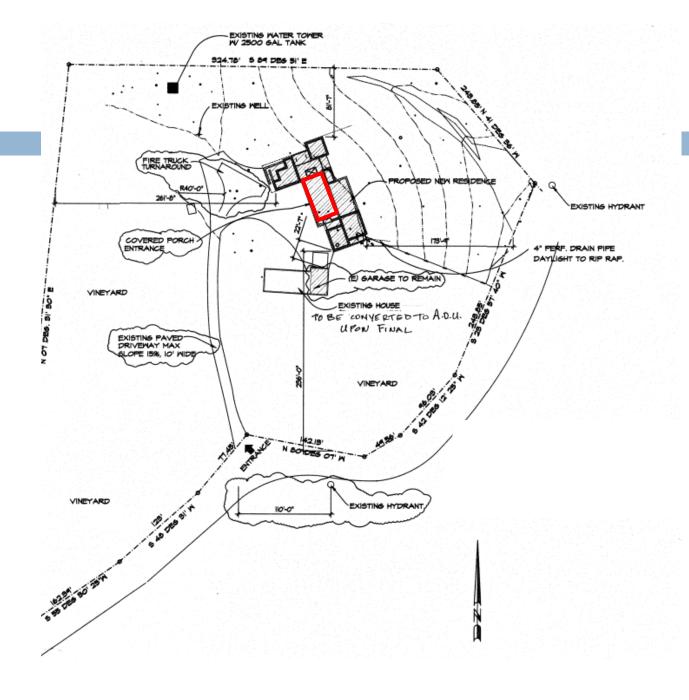
Provides lands for raising crops and farm animals in areas designated for rural residential use

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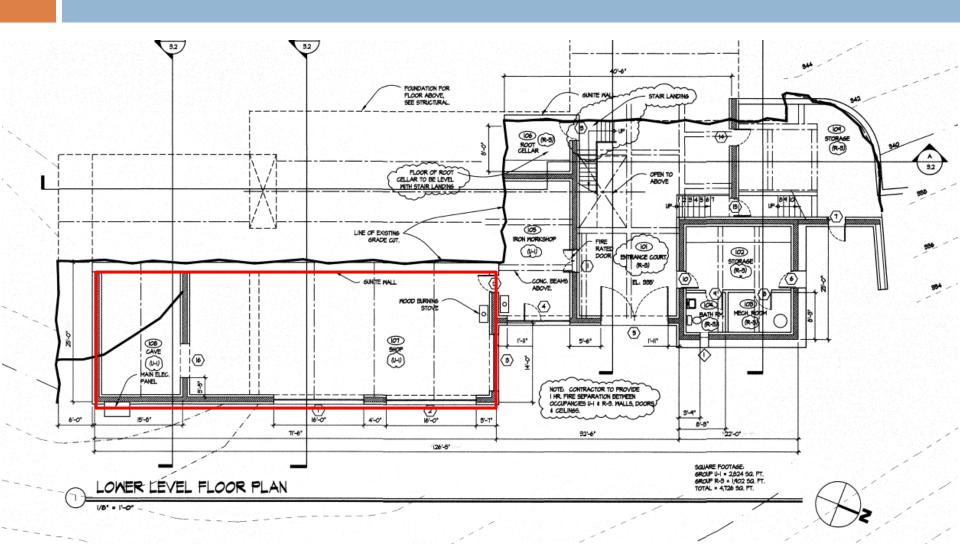
- Agricultural Crop Production
- □ Farm Stands
- Agricultural Processing
- Non-commercial composting
- Mushroom Farming
- Farm Retail Sales



Site Plan



Floor Plan



General Plan Consistency – Use Permit

- ✓ Rural Residential Land Use
 - Allowed use within the AR Zone with a UPE
- ✓ Consistent with General Plan Policy AR-5c
 - Winery is sized appropriately to accommodate needs of onsite production
- ✓ Consistent with General Plan Policy AR-5g
 - No wineries located on Mountain Ave
 - Negligible expansion in water use of .05 acre-feet per year
 - 10 or less average daily trips
- √ Consistent with General Plan Noise Element
 - Parcel size, no visitor serving uses or amplified sound

Zoning Consistency – Use Permit

- ✓ Winery allowed with UPE in AR
- ✓ Consistent with standards for Agricultural Processing
 Up to 5,000 sq ft processing buildings on parcels ±5 acres
 Import up to 30% of the average onsite production
- √ Visitor serving uses not allowed in the AR zone district
- Existing development consistent with development standards

Environmental Determination

Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental
 Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15301 Existing Facilities,
 Section 15303 New Construction Conversion of Small
 Structures and Section 15061(b)(3) Common Sense Exemption

The project:

- The project provides for minor alterations of 1,775 square feet of a single-family residence & construction of a 1,500 sq ft crush pad, no new structural development to support use;
- No impact on local traffic conditions;
- Zone change will not result in any changes in the site's land use designation or density.

Staff Recommendation

 Recommend that the Planning Commission recommend the Board of Supervisors find the project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act and approve the requested Zone Change and Use Permit subject to Conditions of Approval

End of Presentation: Extra Reference Slides







Agricultural Uses allowed by Zone

Land Use	AR Zone	RR Zone
Agricultural & Resource-Based Land Use Category		
Agricultural Crop Production and Cultivation	Р	Р
Agricultural Processing	С	-
Animal Keeping: Beekeeping	Р	Р
Animal Keeping: Confined Farm Animals	С	-
Animal Keeping: Farm Animals	Р	Р
Animal Keeping: Pet Fancier	Р	Р
Composting, Non-commercial	Р	-
Farm Retail Sales	С	-
Farm Stands	Р	С
Indoor Crop Cultivation	P/C	Р
Mushroom Farming	С	-
Nursery, Wholesale	Р	р
Timberland Conversions, Minor	P	Р