FINAL MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

PROJECT TITLE:

Use Permit Application No. U-16-04 of Caymus Suisun Winery

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION:

Cordelia Winery, LLC (Caymus Vineyards) has applied for a Use Permit (U-16-04) to construct a large winery with special events located at 4991 Suisun Valley Road in unincorporated Fairfield. The project will also require land use, grading, building and encroachment permits from the County of Solano.

The proposed winery/distillery will be developed in phases and have an ultimate production capacity of 200,000 gallons of wine per year. The winery will also conduct retail sales and tasting for guests as well as events. This facility will provide access to Solano County grapes as well as grapes from other California counties.

FINDINGS:

The Solano County Department of Resource Management has evaluated the Initial Study which was prepared in regards to the project. The County found no potentially significant adverse environmental impacts likely to occur. The County determined that the project qualifies for a Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Initial Study of Environmental Impact, including the project description, findings and disposition, are attached.

MITIGATION MEASURES INCORPORATED INTO PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

2.1 Aesthetics

Mitigation Measures 2.1a. Require Project to Comply with the Suisun Valley Design Guidelines. The County will require the project to comply with the adopted Suisun Valley Design Guidelines.

Mitigation Measures 2.1c. Require Lighting and Building Materials that Minimize Glare and Reflectance. The County shall require project applicants to implement the following measure as a condition of approval:

(1) Light fixtures shall be installed that have light sources aimed downward and shielded to prevent glare or reflection or any nuisance, inconvenience, and hazardous interference of any kind on adjoining streets or property.

2.3 Air Quality

Mitigation Measures 2.3.a. Require Implementation of Measures to Reduce Construction-Related Exhaust Emissions. The applicant, as a condition of project approval, shall be required to implement the following measures to further reduce exhaust emissions from construction-related equipment:

- Commercial electric power shall be provided to the project site in adequate capacity to avoid or minimize the use of portable gas-powered electric generators and equipment.
- Where feasible, equipment requiring the use of fossil fuels (e.g., diesel) shall be replaced or substituted with electrically driven equivalents (provided that they are not run via a portable generator set).
- To the extent feasible, alternative fuels and emission controls shall be used to further reduce NO_X and PM_{10} exhaust emissions.
- On-site equipment shall not be left idling when not in use.
- The hours of operation of heavy-duty equipment and/or the amount of equipment in use at any one time shall be limited.
- Construction shall be curtailed during periods of high ambient pollutant concentrations; this may involve ceasing construction activity during the peak hour of vehicular traffic on adjacent roadways or on Spare the Air Days.
- Staging areas for heavy-duty construction equipment shall be located as far as possible from sensitive receptors.
- Before construction contracts are issued, the project applicants shall perform a review of new technology, in consultation with BAAQMD, as it relates to heavy-duty equipment, to determine what (if any) advances in emissions reductions are available for use and are economically feasible. Construction contract and bid specifications shall require contractors to utilize the available and economically feasible technology on an established percentage of the equipment fleet. It is anticipated that in the near future, both NO_X and PM₁₀ control equipment will be available.

Mitigation Measures 2.3.b. Require Implementation of Measures to Reduce Fugitive PM₁₀ Dust Emissions. The applicant, as a condition of project approval, to implement the following enhanced and additional control measures recommended by BAAQMD and YSAQMD to further reduce fugitive PM₁₀ dust emissions:

- Hydroseeding shall be used or nontoxic soil stabilizers shall be applied to inactive construction areas (previously graded areas inactive for 10 days or more).
- Exposed stockpiles (e.g., dirt, sand) shall be enclosed, covered, or watered twice daily, or nontoxic soil binders shall be applied to such stockpiles.

- Traffic speeds on unpaved roads shall be limited to 15 mph.
- Sandbags or other erosion control measures shall be installed to prevent runoff of silt to public roadways.
- Vegetation shall be replanted in disturbed areas as quickly as possible.
- Wheel washers shall be installed on all exiting trucks, or the tires or tracks of all trucks and equipment leaving the site shall be washed off.
- Windbreaks shall be installed or trees/vegetative windbreaks shall be planted at windward side(s) of construction areas.
- Excavation and grading activity shall be suspended when winds (instantaneous gusts) exceed 25 mph.
- The area subject to excavation, grading, and other construction activity at any one time shall be limited, as necessary.

2.4 Biological Resources

Mitigation Measures 2.4.a. Require the Applicant to Apply for and Obtain a Corps 404 permit, Water Board 401 certification and CDFW Streambed Alteration Agreement. The applicant shall apply for and obtain permits from the Corps (CWA Section 404 permit), Water Board (CWA Section 401 water quality certification), and CDFW (Fish and Game Code Section 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement) prior to construction.

Mitigation Measures 2.4.b. Require the Applicant to Apply for and Obtain a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). The applicant shall apply for and obtain a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) in accordance with National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and Water Board requirements. The SWPPP shall include the following major components:

- A comprehensive erosion and sediment control plan, depicting areas to remain undisturbed and providing specifications for revegetation of disturbed areas.
- A list of potential pollutants from building materials, chemicals, and maintenance practices to be used during construction and the specific control measures to be implemented to minimize release and transport of these constituents in runoff.
- Specifications and designs for the appropriate best management practices (BMPs) for controlling drainage and treating runoff in the construction phase.

- A program for monitoring all control measures that includes schedules for inspection and maintenance and identifies the party responsible for monitoring.
- A site map that locates all water quality control measures and all restricted areas to be left undisturbed.

Mitigation Measures 2.4.c. Require Pre-Construction Surveys for Bats. To avoid "take" of special–status bats, the following mitigation measures shall be implemented prior to the removal of any existing trees or structures on the project site:

- a) A bat habitat assessment shall be conducted by a qualified bat biologist during seasonal periods of bat activity (mid–February through mid–October ca. Feb. 15 Apr. 15, and Aug. 15 October 30), to determine suitability of each existing structure as bat roost habitat.
- b) Structures found to have no suitable openings can be considered clear for project activities as long as they are maintained so that new openings do not occur.
- c) Structures found to provide suitable roosting habitat, but without evidence of use by bats, may be sealed until project activities occur, as recommended by the bat biologist. Structures with openings and exhibiting evidence of use by bats shall be scheduled for humane bat exclusion and eviction, conducted during appropriate seasons, and under supervision of a qualified bat biologist.
- d) Bat exclusion and eviction shall only occur between February 15 and April 15, and from August 15 through October 30, in order to avoid take of non-volant (non-flying or inactive, either young, or seasonally torpid) individuals.
- e) A qualified wildlife biologist experienced in surveying for and identifying bat species should survey the portion of the oak/bay woodland habitat where tree removal is proposed to determine if any special—status bats reside in the trees. Any special—status bats identified should be removed without harm. Bat houses sufficient to shelter the number of bats removed should be erected in open space areas that would not be disturbed by project development.

2.5 Cultural Resources

Mitigation Measures 2.5.a. Accidental or Unexpected Encounter of Human Remains. If human remains are encountered, excavation or disturbance of the

location must be halted in the vicinity of the find, and the county coroner contacted. If the coroner determines the remains are Native American, the coroner will contact the Native American Heritage Commission. The Native American Heritage Commission will identify the person or persons believed to be most likely descended from the deceased Native American. The most likely descendent makes recommendations regarding the treatment of the remains with appropriate dignity.

2.7 Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Mitigation Measures 2.7.a. Require Tier-3 Compliant Construction Equipment. Equipment utilized during grading and construction shall meet Tier-3 standards of emission control.

2.9 Hydrology and Water

Mitigation Measures 2.9.a. Require the Applicant to Apply for and Obtain a Wastewater Discharge Permit from the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board. The applicant shall obtain a Wastewater Discharge Permit from the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Mitigation Measures 2.9.b. Require the Applicant to Apply for and Obtain a Grading permit from the County of Solano. The applicant shall obtain a grading permit issued by the County of Solano prior to operation.

2.12 Noise

Mitigation Measure 2.12.a. (Construction Noise): The project contractor(s) shall limit all noise-producing construction related activities, including the operating of any tools or equipment used in construction, grading or demolition work, to between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. No activity shall take place on Sunday, except by written permission of the Director of Resource Management.

During all project site excavation and grading, the project contractors shall mitigate potential noise impacts from all construction equipment, fixed or mobile, by muffling and shielding intakes and exhaust (per the manufacturer's specifications) and by shrouding or shielding impact tools.

The project contractor shall place all stationary construction equipment (such as compressors and generators) so that emitted noise is directed away from sensitive receptors (residential areas) nearest the project site.

The contractor shall locate equipment staging in areas that will create the greatest distance between site-related noise sources and noise-sensitive receptors (residential areas) nearest the project site during all project construction.

2.16 Utilities and Service Systems

See Mitigation Measure 2.9.a. (Water Quality-Drinking Water).

See Mitigation Measures 2.9.b. (Require the Applicant to Apply for and Obtain a Grading permit from the County of Solano).

PREPARATION:

This Negative Declaration was prepared by the Solano County Department of Resource Management. Copies may be obtained at the address listed below or at www.solanocounty.com.

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