

**Notice of Availability of a
Draft Environmental Impact Report for the
Walt Ranch Erosion Control Plan Application #P11-00205-ECPA Project**

AGENCY: Napa County Planning, Building, and Environmental Services Department

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that Napa County (County) as lead agency for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Walt Ranch Erosion Control Plan Application #P11-00205-ECPA Project located northeast of the City of Napa, in unincorporated Napa County, California. The County hereby invites comment on the Draft EIR during the 45-day comment period, which commences on July 11, 2014 and concludes August 25, 2014.

Copies of the Draft EIR are available for review at the County office located at the address below. In addition, a copy of the Draft EIR is available at the Napa County Library at 580 Coombs Street, Napa, CA 94559. An electronic copy of the document is available online at: www.countyofnapa.org/PBES/WaltRanch/

DATES: Written comments on the implementation of this proposal must be postmarked or hand-delivered by August 25, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may mail, fax, email, or hand-deliver, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, written comments to:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Summary – The purpose of the Walt Ranch #P11-00205-ECPA Project is to develop approximately 356 net acres of new vineyard within 507 gross acres of disturbance on a 2,300 acre property. An Initial Study and Notice of Preparation was circulated in 2008 (State Clearinghouse #2008052075) for the development of 538 gross acres of vineyard on the property; the project has been reduced in scope and the NOP was recirculated in 2012 (State Clearinghouse # 2012102046). The project under consideration includes earth moving and grading activities on slopes greater than five percent associated with tree and brush removal, blasting and ripping, rock removal, soil cultivation, installation and maintenance of drainage, and irrigation systems; the installation and maintenance of temporary and permanent erosion control measures; and vineyard plantings, maintenance, and harvesting operations. Approximately 21 miles of existing roads would be improved and maintained on the property, and select road segments would be realigned. Other project components include installation of rocked low-water crossings across Milliken and Capell creeks and tributaries; installation of surface drainage pipelines, subsurface drainage pipelines, and cutoff collars; construction of sediment basins and other erosion control features described in the ECP; installation of up to three new wells on the property; construction of four offstream reservoirs to store groundwater; and construction of deer fencing. A full description is found within the Draft EIR and the ECP.