Hi Connie,

I would like to submit the following comment for tomorrow’s webinar-

On behalf of community members and farmers, we encourage the CRGC to continue to allow commercial activities on agricultural lands and other lands in the GMA. Wineries, cideries, and other commercial enterprises contribute to the economy and help diversify people’s incomes. We have concerns with the direction of the CRGC discussions on economic vitality and land use designations that would roll back the current allowances and undermine the growth our industry has been seeking to promote for our geographic region. We encourage the CRGC to consider revised GMA Policy 8 from the December version of Chapter 2 Economic Development (which would replace current GMA Policies 6 and 7). We also look forward to reviewing actual redline language for the land use chapter – the changes proposed by staff in the land use chapter staff report are difficult to understand and not clear what is exactly being proposed.

Thank you for your consideration.