



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

June 5, 2012

**Operations of the Mendocino County Winegrape and Wine Commission
Suspended on June 30, 2012**

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has completed votes to determine if Mendocino County vintners and winegrape growers favored the continuation or the suspension of the Mendocino County Winegrape and Wine Commission. According to Section 78961 of the Commission Law, for the Commission to continue, a majority of the vintners voting and a majority of the growers who vote must be in favor of continuation. In the vintner vote, 40 vintners, or 68 percent of all vintners voting were in favor of the continuation of the operations of the Commission. Nineteen vintners, or 32 percent of all vintners voting, were opposed to the continuation. In the grower vote, 82, or 45 percent of those voting were in favor of the Commission continuing, and 100, or 55 percent of all growers voting were opposed to the continuation. The grower vote result did not meet the vote requirement of Section 78961 for continuation.

As a result of the voting outcome, the operation of the Mendocino County Winegrape and Wine Commission will be suspended on June 30, 2012. It will now be the responsibility of the Commission Board to wind down the operations of the Commission, close the Commission offices, pay all outstanding expenses, perform a close-out audit and refund any remaining monies to those who paid assessments in 2011. The Commission will appoint a wind down committee that will carry out the wind down procedures for the Commission.

If you have any questions regarding the public hearing process, the referendum votes or the suspension of the Mendocino Winegrape and Wine Commission please call Megan Metz at the Commission office at (707) 468-9886, or you may call Glenn Yost at this office.

Sincerely,

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