



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lawrance Florin - Director
Housing and Intergovernmental Affairs

REPORT BY: Michael Karath, STAFF ASSISTANT - BOS - 299-1477

SUBJECT: Presentation of a Proclamation to Mary Maher, Grower of the Year for 2014

RECOMMENDATION

Presentation of a Proclamation to Mary Maher for being named the 2014 Napa Valley Grower of the Year by the Napa Valley Grapegrowers.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Napa Valley Grapegrowers (NVG) has selected Mary Maher, Vineyard Manager for Harlan Estate, as the

recipient of the Napa Valley Grower of the Year award for 2014.

Mary was one of the first two female vineyard managers in Napa Valley, originally managing vineyards at Buena Vista in Carneros for 10 years. She then worked as a vineyard manager and oversaw projects and vineyard development for seven years at Etude, Acacia, Moraga and Harlan among other small vineyards.

Mary has built a career rooted in quality, sustainability, and innovation, and was an early leader in organic farming practices. She is currently the Vineyard Manager for Harlan Estate, a position she has held for 12 years. Mary joined the team at Harlan in 2001 and developed their in-house vineyard farming and development company, now employing over 50 men and women who oversee the vineyards of Harlan, The Napa Valley Reserve, and Promontory.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . 2014 Grower of the Year - Mary Maher

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Leanne Link