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Tuscan Village Development Moves Forward

County Commissioners Formally Approve Development Plan

Chelan-In a major victory for the economic future of the Chelan Valley, the Chelan County Commissioners signed and formally approved the Tuscan Village Development Plan this morning. The County's approval follows formal approval of the plan last week by the City of Chelan. The Tuscan Village mixed-use development project now has all of its entitlements in place and is ready to move forward.

"There have been some significant challenges along the way that we've had to overcome," said Bob Jankelson, a principal of Tuscan Village. "We are very pleased that we can now proceed with this environmentally responsible and economically beneficial project."

This approval is a victory for the future of the entire Chelan Valley. Tuscan themed to attract wine-country tourists, the development will combine the experience of fine wineries and generous open space with energy efficient single and multi-family homes, diverse restaurants and shops, and a high-end hotel with conference facilities.

"By attracting the wine tourism market, Tuscan Village will contribute to extending the Chelan Valley's tourism potential beyond the summer months and add to the economic vitality of the region," said Fred Ross, a principal of Tuscan Village. "We will accomplish our project goals while promoting responsible development and preserving the precious water resources of Lake Chelan."

The economic impact of Tuscan Village will be significant to the local economy. During build-out the project will create a substantial number of new family-wage local construction jobs, and once completed, Tuscan Village to be a major employer in the hospitality job-market in the region. Tuscan Village will also contribute to the local economy through the payment of property, sales, lodging, and hospitality taxes. These taxes will support local schools, utilities, roads, parks and community centers.

"This decision is a victory for Chelan Valley's agricultural legacy," said Guy Evans, a principal of Tuscan Village. "A central theme of the project is preserving and maintaining the agricultural heritage and culture of the Chelan Valley for future generations to appreciate and enjoy."

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