DEPARTMENT: Planning

BY: Kris Schenk, Director
PHONE: 966-5151

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Adopt a resolution approving the road name “Poppy Ranch Road” and “Guenthart Way” for the subject easements. The road names are consistent with the road naming requirements of County Resolution No. 92-541. “Poppy Ranch Road” is a botanical reference; “Guenthart Way” refers to the last name of historic family that has resided in the area for more than 50 years, an attached letter provides further information about the family. The requested name does not duplicate established road names. The Mariposa County Fire Department has reviewed and approved the proposed names. All property owners served by the road have been notified of the Road Name request. All the property owners have approved of the name “Poppy Ranch Road” in writing, one property owner did not sign off on “Guenthart Way”, however, the owner verbally approved of the name to staff in a phone conversation. The applicant is naming the road in conjunction with Condition of Approval #20 of Land Division #2005-29 approved September 9, 2005.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board adopted Resolution No. 92-541 in 1992 establishing criteria for naming non-County roads. In accordance with this resolution, road names are to be developed around some historical, botanical, zoological or geological significance as they directly relate to Mariposa County. All property owners served by the road must be notified. If it is shown that a majority of the property owners served by a road cannot reach an agreement on a proposed name, then a property owner served by the road may request that the Board of Supervisors name the road.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
This Road Name request is a condition of approval for Land Division #2005-29. As such, delay in naming the subject road will delay recording of the parcel map until the road name is resolved.

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes ( ) No Current FY Cost: $
Budgeted In Current FY? ( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $
Additional Funding Needed: $
Source:
Internal Transfer
Unanticipated Revenue
Transfer Between Funds
Contingency
( ) General ( ) Other

Annual Recurring Cost: $
List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Resolution Number
Location Maps
Application

CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: ______ Ord. No. ______
Vote – Ayes: ______ Noes: ______
Absent: ______

Approved
( ) Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.
Date: ______
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California
By: ______

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
Requested Action Recommended
No Opinion
Comments: ______

CAO: ______

Revised Dec. 2002
March 13, 2006

TO: THOSE LISTED

Please be advised that at the Board meeting of March 7, 2006, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution Number 06-79 approving the road names “Poppy Ranch Road” and “Guenthart Way”. A map is attached showing the location of these roads.

Sincerely,

Tracy Gauthier
Deputy Clerk to the Board

Attachment
October 24, 2005

Mariposa County Planning Commission
P. O. Box 2039
Mariposa, California 95338

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This letter concerns our request for the name of the road on the Guenthart-O’Hagan land division #2005-29. Due to the history of our family and their contributions to Mariposa County, we would like to use our parent’s last name for the main encroachment road off of Highway 140.

It would be our request to name the road “GUENTHART WAY”. Chester and Linda Guenthart bought the property in Cathey’s Valley in 1946. They moved from the Bootjack area to Cathey’s Valley. Our father farmed 750 acres on the ranch in many different ways in order to provide a living for the family during some really tough years. He encountered a lot of grasshoppers shortly after moving to Cathey’s Valley and decided to buy some turkey poults to try to discourage the grasshoppers. The turkeys did so well on a good crop of grasshoppers that he decided instantly to go into the turkey business. He spent many years raising turkeys, then chickens, cattle, hogs, and more cattle. I can remember when some neighbors in the area did not have any food due to hard times, and my father would give them turkeys to feed their families. In some of the lean years, our mother also worked at the Cathey’s Valley Elementary School and the Cathey’s Valley Post Office to make ends meet. Our sister owned Cap’s Lighthouse at one time and then became postmistress and continued to work that job for 30+ years before her retirement at Cathey’s Valley Post Office. Chet and Linda were involved in the PTA at the school, the baseball program, and the 4-H Club of Cathey’s Valley. When Mariposa County approached him about some land to build a new school, he sold the property to the county for little to nothing in order to have a new school built. For reasons unknown to us, the school project didn’t mature, and later it was used for the rest area and a community park.

Our parents raised three children on the ranch; Lonnie Guenthart (his wife Beverly drove the school bus for several years) who now have five children with their own families making their marks in Mariposa County at the present time,
Sandy Guenthart O'Hagan, who lived on the property for 25 years with her husband Joe and their two children, and Terry Guenthart and his wife Jackie who also lived on the property for 15 years raising their two children. Lonnie and Bev and their family were involved in the 4-H program, school programs, helping when needed. Sandy & Joe were leaders in the Mariposa County 4-H program for 20 years, in three to four years on the board of the Mariposa County Little League helped to take the league from a $1000.00 deficit to a flourishing program when they left in 1995, and helped many years in the school PTA Club and the fund raising activities of Cathey’s Valley and Mariposa County. Stacy O'Hagan, their daughter, is now living on the ranch with her husband and two children, involved in the schools and helping youth in Cathey’s Valley. Terry and Jackie were also 4-H leaders in the county, Little League coaches, and involved in the schools in both Cathey’s Valley and Mariposa. Jackie worked at the Cathey’s Valley Elementary for many years before moving to Merced. Their daughter is now living on the ranch also with her three children and participating in the school activities at the elementary school. The oldest of the family is Gloria Palmer and her late husband Walter also spent many, many years volunteering for the benefit of the area with their family including being instrumental in the organization and performance of the Cathey’s Valley volunteer fire department. Gloria still resides on their ranch on Hornitos Road with her three children and their families, all of which have been involved in many volunteer hours.

As you can see, our family has contributed to the values of Mariposa County for a number of years since 1946. It is our sincere hope you will grant permission to name the road after our parents who are responsible for a history of volunteering and commitment to Mariposa County’s well being in the past sixty years. Our mother passed in 1988 and our father in 1991. We would like them to be remembered in Cathey’s Valley and feel this may help to do so.

If we can answer any further questions to clarify our request, please feel free to call either Sandy O'Hagan at 509 276-1535 or Terry Guenthart at 209 374-3253.

Thank you for your considerations.

With regards,

Sandy L. O’Hagan and Terry Guenthart