Resolution
No. 2005-5


WHEREAS an application for land division was received on August 24, 2004 from Clinton and Connie Pearce for a property located at an unassigned address, 0.6 miles southeast of the intersection of Ashworth Road and State Highway 49 South, on the east side of Ashworth Road, also known as modified Assessor Parcel Number 014-260-034; and

WHEREAS the Planning Department circulated the application among trustee and responsible agencies, interested public organizations, and others as appropriate; and

WHEREAS a duly noticed public hearing was scheduled for January 21, 2005; and

WHEREAS the Planning Department prepared environmental documents in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and local administrative procedures; and

WHEREAS a Staff Report and Initial Study were prepared pursuant to the California Government Code, Mariposa County Code, California Environmental Quality Act, and local administrative procedures; and

WHEREAS the Planning Commission did hold a public hearing on the noticed date and considered all of the information in the public record, including the Initial Study and Staff Report, testimony presented by the public concerning the application, and the comments of the applicant,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Planning Commission of the County of Mariposa does hereby approve a Negative Declaration; and

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Planning Commission of the County of Mariposa does hereby approve Land Division Application #2004-167; and

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the project is approved based upon the findings set forth in Exhibit 1 with the terms and conditions set forth in Exhibit 2.

ON MOTION BY Commissioner Crain, seconded by Commissioner Ross, this resolution is duly passed and adopted this May 7, 2004 by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Rudzik, Crain, Skyrud, and Ross
NOES: None

EXCUSED: Commissioner Ludington

ABSTAIN: None

[Signature]
Robert L. Rudzik, Chair
Mariposa County Planning Commission

Attest:

[Signature]
Tracy Gauthier, Secretary to the
Mariposa County Planning Commission
1. **FINDING:** The site is physically suitable for the type and density of development.

**EVIDENCE:** Based on site inspection and the proposed division of the existing parcel into four parcels and a remainder that are all five acres or greater, the site is physically suited for low-density homes and appurtenant improvements such as septic systems provided that the conditions of approval regarding the septic systems and approved locations are met. The proposed project is located within the Mountain Home zone. The subdivision density is designed in accordance with the Mountain Home zone.

2. **FINDING:** The design of the subdivision or the proposed improvements is not likely to cause substantial environmental damage or substantially and avoidably injure fish or wildlife or their habitat.

**EVIDENCE:** The Initial Study prepared for the project found that based on the approved project description, it would have a less than significant effect on the environment. According to the Department of Fish and Game’s Natural Diversity Data Base and Areas of Special Biological Importance Map for Mariposa County, there are no special, rare, or endangered animal or plant species or wildlife resources located on the project site and the surrounding area that would be affected by approval of this project. The land is currently and will continue to be used primarily for residential purposes. The project may have an adverse impact on wildlife resources and potential habitat areas, and is therefore subject to the California Department of Fish and Game filing fees of ($1,250) for a negative declaration as required by AB 3158 and a County Clerk fee of ($25).

3. **FINDING:** The design of the subdivision or the proposed improvements is not likely to cause serious public health problems.

**EVIDENCE:** This land division and its subsequent use for low-density residential purposes are not likely to cause serious health problems. Future residential uses will be required to comply with all Building Code regulations and Health Department standards for the proper installation of wells and sewage disposal systems. The proper location and implementation of these improvements will ensure that serious health problems will not occur on the site.

4. **FINDING:** The proposed map is consistent with applicable general and specific plans as specified in Government Code Section 65451.

**EVIDENCE:** The land division is the initial step in the process to help accomplish the General Plan’s Housing Element overall goal to “…provide an adequate supply of sound, affordable housing units in a safe and satisfying environment for
the present and future residents of the County...” The land division satisfies the following Housing Element Policy: “to ensure that there are adequate sites and facilities available to support future housing needs.” There is no specific plan governing this property.

5. **FINDING:** The design or improvement of the proposed subdivision is consistent with applicable general and specific plans.

**EVIDENCE:** The minimum parcel size proposed by the project is consistent with standards contained in the General Plan and the Zoning Ordinance. The land division’s design complies with the County Subdivision Ordinance’s maximum 4:1 length to width ratio for parcel configuration. The project site is not in an area governed by a Specific Plan.

6. **FINDING:** The design of the subdivision or type of improvements will not conflict with easements, acquired by the public at large, for access through or use of, property within the proposed subdivision.

**EVIDENCE:** The project will not conflict with any public easement. Affected utility companies have reviewed the proposed project and have not objected to the proposal.
The following conditions of approval were approved for this project in order to ensure compliance with county codes and policies. A completed and signed checklist indicates that the conditions have been complied with and implemented.

## Sign-Off Checklist for List of Conditions of Approval and Mitigation Measures

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<td><strong>1.</strong> The onsite road easement from Ashworth Road to the Remainder shall be made 60 foot wide and non-exclusive. A cul-de-sac easement with a radius of 60 feet shall be provided to encompass the required cul-de-sac improvements. Additional easement width may be required to encompass the required road improvements, including turnouts and associated cuts and fills, in accordance with the County Improvement Standards and Road Improvement and Circulation Policy. The easement shall be offered for dedication to the County of Mariposa. The offers of dedication shall be non-revocable and specifically state on the parcel map that the dedications are for &quot;public road and utility purposes.&quot;</td>
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<td><strong>2.</strong> An encroachment permit shall be obtained from the Mariposa County Public Works Department prior to any work being done on or adjacent to Ashworth Road. In addition, all grading and road improvement work required as a condition of approval of this project shall comply with the Mariposa County Improvement Standards and all requirements contained therein. The County Engineer may require engineered improvement plans prepared by a Registered Civil Engineer for any improvements required as a condition of approval for this project. If engineered improvement plans are required, the plans shall be approved by the County Engineer prior to commencement of construction work on the required road improvements.</td>
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<td><strong>3.</strong> The road within the easement from Ashworth Road to the proposed Remainder shall be improved to a Rural Class IIB</td>
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standard and shall meet this standard at the time of parcel map recording. The required road improvements shall be completed in accordance with the Road Improvement and Circulation Policy and the County Improvement Standards and shall be approved by the County Engineer prior to the recording of the parcel map. The County Engineer may require engineered improvement plans prepared by a Registered Civil Engineer for any improvements required as a condition of approval for this project. If engineered improvement plans are required, the plans shall be approved by the County Engineer prior to commencement of construction work on the required road improvements.

§16.12.170, County Subdivision Ordinance; Chart A and Section II.D.2.a, Road Improvement and Circulation Policy, Staff Recommendation

4. A cul-de-sac shall be constructed at the terminus of the on-site easement road. The cul-de-sac shall be improved to meet county standards and shall meet these standards at the time of parcel map recording. Additional easement width and access improvements may be required in order to improve the on-site easement road and cul-de-sac to County standards. The required cul-de-sac improvements shall be completed in accordance with the Road Improvement and Circulation Policy and the County Improvement Standards and shall be approved and inspected by the County Engineer prior to recording of the parcel map. If construction of a cul-de-sac is impractical due to the on-site terrain as determined by the County Engineer with the concurrence of CDF, the applicant may request permission to construct a hammerhead T turnaround. Prior to recording of the parcel map, the County Surveyor shall confirm that this condition has been met.

Section 11.4(B)(9) County Improvement Standards

5. Access to Parcel A shall be limited to the proposed onsite easement road; no encroachment permits to Ashworth Road for these parcels will be granted. A declaration shall be recorded with the final map, referenced on the final map and made appurtenant to Parcel A. The declaration shall state the following: Approved access for residential development of Parcel A is from ________ (insert approved road name) as shown on the parcel map. The County Engineer will confirm that this condition has been complied with prior to map recordation.

Public Works Recommendation

6. Prior to the commencement of any road improvements, road construction or other road building or maintenance activities required as a condition of approval for this project and prior to

Public Works
issuance of any encroachment permit for the required improvements, a consultation meeting with the Public Works Department, the applicant, the agent, and the road contractor shall occur. This meeting shall be conducted on-site. This consultation meeting shall be set up by the applicant and/or agent. Any and all costs associated with the consultation shall be the responsibility of the applicant. The County Engineer shall verify that this condition has been met prior to issuance of any road improvement or encroachment permit required for this project and prior to the scheduling of any on-site inspection of road improvements.

Public Works Recommendation

7. All grading and road improvement work required as a condition of approval of this project shall comply with the Mariposa County Improvement Standards and all requirements contained therein. The County Engineer may require engineered improvement plans prepared by a Registered Civil Engineer for any improvement required as a condition of approval for this project. If engineered improvement plans are required, the plan shall be approved by the County Engineer prior to commencement of construction work on the required road improvements.

Public Works Recommendation

8. All required signs, including street name signs, shall be installed on metal, break-away type posts prior to map recordation. The design and placement of signs shall be approved by the County Engineer prior to installation.

Public Works Recommendation

9. A stop sign shall be placed at the intersection of the onsite easement and Ashworth Road. The stop sign shall be installed on metal breakaway type posts prior to map recordation. The design and placement of signs shall be approved by the County Engineer prior to installation.

Public Works Recommendation

10. A sign stating "THIS ROAD IS NOT COUNTY MAINTAINED" shall be installed at the intersection of the onsite easement and Ashworth Road prior to map recordation. The design and specifications of the sign shall be in accordance with the County Improvement Standards and shall be approved by the County engineer prior to installation. (Section III.A.4. Road Improvement and Circulation Policy).

11. A road maintenance association shall be formed to provide for the maintenance of the road in the onsite easement up to its intersection with Ashworth Road. Maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, drainage and erosion control devices, fuel...
modification, and upkeep of road surfaces. The Road
Maintenance Association provisions shall be developed by the
applicant so those parcels served by the easement roads shall be
responsible for road maintenance. These provisions shall be
reviewed and approved by the County Engineer prior to
recodation of the parcel map and shall:

a. Be in effect for a period of not less than thirty (30) years
unless said maintenance is taken over by the County, a
special district, or other governmental entity.

b. Provide for annual maintenance and the immediate
correction of emergency and hazard situations.

c. Include 100% of the parcels in the subdivision served by
the access road.

d. Provide a mechanism for the road maintenance
association to collect delinquent payments or assessments
for the maintenance described above by filing a lien on the
delinquent properties with the power of sale.
e. Provide a mechanism for new parcels to be added to the
association.

Public Works Recommendation

12. A Verification of Taxes Paid Form, acquired no sooner than
30-days prior to the recodation of the parcel map, shall be
submitted to the County Surveyor.

§16.12.395, Mariposa County Subdivision Code

13. A road name sign for the onsite easement road shall be
placed at the intersection of the onsite easement road and
Ashworth Road prior to map recordation. The design and
specifications of the sign shall be in accordance with the
Mariposa County Improvement Standards and shall be approved
by the County Engineer prior to installation.

(Section 16.12.175, County Subdivision Ordinance)

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| 14. The onsite easement road shall be named in accordance with
the criteria of County Resolution No. 92-541. A Road Name
Request application shall be submitted to the Planning
Department and be approved by the Planning Director. The
name of the road within the project site shall be shown on the
parcel map. | Mariposa
Planning |
# County Resolution 92-541

15. Project approval is valid for a period of three years from January 21, 2005. This approval shall expire on January 21, 2008.

§16.12.430, Mariposa County Subdivision Code

16. Prior to recordation of the Parcel Map, all fees associated with the County's processing of the map and filing of associated documents shall be paid. The Department of Fish and Game filing fee ($1,250) and County Clerk fee ($25) should be paid within five (5) working days of the approval of the application, because if the fee is not paid within 5 working days, the environmental determination is not operative, vested, or final (Section 21089(b) Public Resources Code).

The County Clerk requires that one check be submitted to cover both of these fees, for a total of $1,275.00, and that it be in the form of a cashier's check or money order payable to "Mariposa County." The County Clerk will not accept a personal check for these fees. Submit the check to Mariposa Planning who will file this fee and other required documents with the County Clerk.

§16.12.390, Mariposa County Subdivision Code

17. A declaration shall be recorded with the parcel map and shall be referenced on the parcel map:

"A Certificate of Compliance must be obtained prior to issuance of a development permit on the designated remainder in accordance with Section 16.04.030 of Mariposa County Code." (Section 16.04.030, County Subdivision Ordinance)

18. Upon completion of all conditions applied to the Remainder, a Certificate of Compliance shall be recorded on the Remainder, in accordance with Section 16.04.030, County Subdivision Ordinance. Fees associated with the recordation of the certificate of compliance shall be paid by the applicant. If the Remainder is not shown on the parcel map, a legal description prepared by a land surveyor or other qualified individual will be required.

## CONDITION OF APPROVAL / MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

19. Immediately upon completion of the required road and encroachment improvements, the applicant shall re-vegetate all exposed soils and install other erosion control as recommended by the Natural Resource Conservation Service/Resource Conservation District (NRCS/RCD). The applicant shall also contact the NRCS/RCD for an inspection. Inspection fees shall be the responsibility of the application. A letter shall be submitted to the County Surveyor by NRCS/RCD stating that the re-
vegetation and erosion control provisions have been completed.

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| 20. Percolation tests and soils analysis tests shall be performed on Parcels A, B, C, and D in accordance with Health Department rules and regulations. The results of these tests shall be submitted to the Mariposa County Health Department and be approved by the County Sanitarian prior to recordation of the parcel map. A letter from the County Sanitarian shall be submitted to the County Surveyor stating that approved percolation tests and soils analysis tests have been performed on the parcels. A statement shall be recorded in Official Records concurrently with the parcel map and referenced on the parcel map as follows:

“Approved percolation tests and soils analysis tests have been performed on Parcels A, B, C, and D as shown on the Parcel Map for ________, recorded in Book ____ of Parcel Maps at Page ____, Mariposa County Records, to verify the feasibility of installing an on-site septic disposal system. A map identifying the location of the approved percolation tests is on file in the County Health Department. If an on-site septic system is proposed for a portion of a parcel that has not had an approved percolation tests, additional percolation tests and design recommendations may be required.”

(Section 16.12.330, County Subdivision Ordinance; Health Department Recommendation)

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| 21. Soil profile holes shall be excavated on the Remainder to the standards of the County Health Department and in the presence of the County Sanitarian, his authorized representative, or an authorized consultant to verify the feasibility of installing an on-site septic system on the parcels. If the County Sanitarian approves the parcel for septic disposal based on the soil profile holes, a letter from the County Sanitarian stating no additional tests are required and this condition has been fulfilled for that parcel shall be submitted to the County Surveyor.

If the results of the soil profile holes do not demonstrate to the approval of the County Sanitarian that a conventional septic system can be installed on the Remainder, percolation tests and additional soils analysis tests shall be performed on the Remainder in accordance with Health Department rules and...
regulations. The results of these tests shall be submitted to the Mariposa County Health Department and be approved by the County Sanitarian prior to recordation of a Certificate of Compliance on the Remainder. A letter from the County Sanitarian shall be submitted to the Planning Director stating that approved percolation tests and soils analysis tests have been performed on the parcel(s). A statement shall be recorded in Official Records concurrently with the Certificate and referenced on the Certificate as follows:

"Approved percolation tests and soils analysis tests have been performed on the Remainder as shown on the Parcel Map for _________, recorded in Book ____ of Parcel Maps at Page ____ , Mariposa County Records, to verify the feasibility of installing an on-site septic disposal system. A map identifying the location of the approved percolation tests is on file in the County Health Department. If an on-site septic system is proposed for a portion of a parcel that has not had approved percolation tests, additional percolation tests and design recommendations may be required."

(Section 16.12.330, County Subdivision Ordinance; Health Department Recommendation)

22. If the 60-foot wide area adjacent to the centerline of the onsite easement road in the cul-de-sac within the remainder is not offered for dedication at the time the parcel map is recorded, then these areas shall be offered for dedication prior to or concurrent with issuance of the certificate of compliance for the remainder, and a legal description(s) (typed, stamped and signed legal descriptions along with lot closure computations) of this 30-foot wide area shall be provided to the County Surveyor. The offer of dedication shall be made on a form approved by the County Surveyor. Public Works

23. If the remainder is not shown on the recorded parcel map, then the applicant or agent shall provide the County Surveyor with a legal description (typed, stamped and signed legal descriptions along with lot closure computations) of the remainder. Public Works

24. A Verification of Taxes Paid Form, acquired no sooner than 30-days prior to the recordation of a Certificate of Compliance for the Remainder, shall be submitted to the Planning Department. Mariposa Planning

§16.12.395, Mariposa County Subdivision Code

25. Upon completion of the required road improvements for the remainder, the applicant shall re-vegetate all exposed soils and install other erosion control as recommended by the Natural Resources Conservation Service/Resource Conservation District. NCRS/RCD
(NRCS/RCD). The applicant shall also contact NRCS/RCD for an inspection. Inspection fees shall be the responsibility of the applicant. A letter shall be submitted to the County Surveyor by NRCS/RCD stating that the re-vegetation control provisions have been completed prior to the recordation of the Certificate of Compliance for the remainder.

RECOMMENDATION ON OFFERS OF DEDICATION

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission recommend that the Public Works Director accept the offer of dedication for public access and utilities, but reject the offer for public maintenance for the on-site access roads.

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Certificate of Completion:
By signing below, the environmental coordinator confirms that the required conditions of approval and mitigation measures have been implemented as evidenced by the "Schedule of Tasks and Sign-Off Checklist", and that all direct and indirect costs have been paid. This act constitutes the issuance of a Certificate of Completion.

Environmental Coordinator: ___________________________ Date: __________

Explanation of Headings:

Monitoring Dept: Department or Agency responsible for monitoring a particular mitigation measure.
Verified Implemented: When a mitigation measure has been implemented, this column will be initialed and dated.