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STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF MARIPOSA  
PLANNING COMMISSION

Resolution  
No. 2004-24

**A resolution conditionally approving Land Division Application No. 2003-285, Peter and Donna Thomas, applicants. Assessor Parcel Number 008-260-011.**

WHEREAS an application for land division was received on December 17, 2003 from Peter and Donna Thomas for a property located at 5667 W. Whitlock Road, 4.5 miles east of the intersection of Whitlock Road and State Highway 49 North, on both sides of Whitlock Road, also known as Assessor Parcel Number 008-260-011; 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 June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004; 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; and

WHEREAS the Planning Commission did request that staff provide additional information and continued the hearing until June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004; and

WHEREAS the Planning Commission did reconvene the public hearing for this matter on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004 and considered all of the information in the public record as listed above, in addition to the new information provided by staff,

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

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Planning Commission of the County of Mariposa does hereby approve Land Division Application #2003-285; and

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

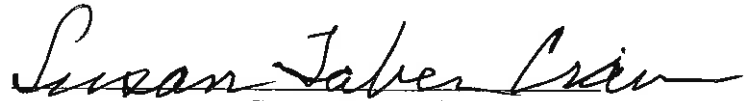
ON MOTION BY Commissioner Turpin, seconded by Commissioner Ludington, this resolution is duly passed and adopted this June 18, 2004 by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Ludington, Rudzik, Crain, Skyrud, and Turpin

NOES: None

EXCUSED: None

ABSTAIN: None



Susan Taber Crain, Chair  
Mariposa County Planning Commission

Attest:



Tracy Gauthier, Secretary to the  
Mariposa County Planning Commission

## **Project Findings – Exhibit 1**

### **LAND DIVISION APPLICATION NO. 2003-285 RECOMMENDED FINDINGS**

Pursuant to Mariposa County Zoning Ordinance, Section 16.16.040, the following Findings are recommended:

1. Based on site inspection and the size and the number of parcels proposed 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.
2. The site is physically suited for the density allowed in this zone. The proposed project is located within the Mountain Home zone. The subdivision density is designed in accordance with the Mountain Home zoning.
3. The Initial Study prepared for the project found that it would have a less than significant effect on the environment with the mitigation measures and conditions of approval imposed. 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 CDFG has determined 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).
4. This land division and its subsequent use for low-density residential purposes will not 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 implementation of these improvements will ensure that serious health problems will not occur on the site.
5. Upon Completion of the General Plan Zoning Amendment process, the proposed map will be consistent with the Mariposa County General Plan. 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.
6. 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.

7. The project will not conflict with any public easement.
8. This land division application has been processed and reviewed in accordance with standards set forth in the Subdivision Map Act and Title 16, County Subdivision Ordinance. When the required conditions are met, the project will be in compliance with the Subdivision Map Act and the County Subdivision Ordinance.

**Project Condition and Mitigation Monitoring Plan – Exhibit 2**

**Project Name: Thomas**                      **File Number: LDA #2003-285**  
**Project Approval Date: June 4, 2004**

The following conditions of approval and mitigation measures were approved for this project in order to ensure compliance with county codes and policies, and to mitigate identified environmental impacts to a level of insignificance. A completed and signed checklist indicates that the conditions and mitigation measures have been complied with and implemented, and fulfills the County of Mariposa’s Mitigation Monitoring requirements with respect to Assembly Bill 3180 (Public Resources Code Section 21081.6)

<b>Sign-Off Checklist for List of Conditions of Approval and Mitigation Measures</b>		
	<b>Monitoring Dept.</b>	<b>Verified Implemented</b>
<b>CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL / PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT</b>		
1. The easement from W. Whitlock Road to the driveway of the Jones property shall be made a minimum of 60 feet wide and non-exclusive. The easement shall be designated for access for the use and benefit of the subject property. 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. Provisions for a public utility easement along the access easement shall be made; the public utility easement shall be offered for dedication to the County of Mariposa and shall specifically state on the parcel map that the dedication is for public utility purposes only. Prior to map recordation, the location and width of the easements shall be approved by the County Engineer (Section 16.12.160.B, County Subdivision Ordinance; Section II.A.3, Road Improvement and Circulation Policy).	Public Works	
2. The driveway easement from the unnamed onsite easement road to the parcel boundary proposed by Lot Line Adjustment #2003-285 (easement to Jones property) shall be made a minimum of 40 feet wide. 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 easements shall be offered for dedication to the County of Mariposa. The offers of dedication shall be irrevocable and specifically state on the parcel map that the dedications are for "public road and utility purposes."  (Section 16.12.160.B, County Subdivision Ordinance; Road Standard Cross-sections, Road Improvement and Circulation Policy).	Public Works	
3. A variable width dedication of 30 to 60 feet from the centerline of West Whitlock Road shall be offered to the County of Mariposa. The offer of dedication shall be irrevocable and specifically state on the parcel map that the dedication is for "public road and public utility purposes." The location and width of the offer of dedication shall be approved by the County Engineer (Section 16.12.150, County Subdivision Ordinance; Section II.A.3, Road Improvement and Circulation Policy).	Public Works	
4. The applicant shall record an easement from proposed Parcel A to the	Public Works	

<p>easement road serving the property to the north (LDA #2003-266). This easement shall comply with the Road Improvement and Circulation Policy and the County Improvement Standards and shall be approved by the Public Works Department prior to the recordation of the parcel map. <u><i>If at any time the applicant shall take access from this easement, the applicant shall be subject to all improvement and maintenance requirements of an onsite easement road, including but not limited to signage, road naming, maintenance, and frontage improvements.</i></u></p>		
<p>5. The access easement from W. Whitlock Road to the driveway of the Jones property shall be improved to a Rural Class I SRA standard and shall meet this standard at the time of parcel map recordation. 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 recordation 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 (Section 16.12.170, County Subdivision Ordinance; Chart A and Section H.D.2.a, Road Improvement and Circulation Policy).</p>	Public Works	
<p>6. Encroachment permits for the unnamed easement road on Parcel B and the driveway encroachments for Parcels A, C, and D <i>all parcels</i> shall be obtained from the Mariposa County Public Works Department prior to any work being done on or adjacent to W. Whitlock 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 (Chapter 11, County Improvement Standards).</p>	Public Works	
<p>7. 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 issuance of any encroachment permit for the required improvements, a consultation meeting with the Public Works Department, the applicant, the agent, and 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.</p>	Public Works	
<p>8. 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</p>	Public Works	

<p>Engineer prior to commencement of construction work on the required road improvements.</p>		
<p>9. 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 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.</p>	<p>Public Works</p>	
<p>10. 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 prior to the recordation of the parcel map. 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 recordation 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 recordation of the parcel map, the County Surveyor shall confirm that this condition has been met.</p>	<p>Public Works</p>	
<p>11. All required signs, with the exception of 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.</p>	<p>Public Works</p>	
<p>12. A stop sign shall be placed at the intersection of the on-site easement and W. Whitlock 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.</p>	<p>Public Works</p>	
<p>13. If the onsite easement is accepted by the County for public access but not for maintenance, a sign stating "THIS ROAD IS NOT COUNTY MAINTAINED" shall be installed at the intersection of the easement and W. Whitlock 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).</p>	<p>Public Works</p>	
<p>14. A road name sign for the on-site easement road shall be placed at the intersection of the easement road and W. Whitlock 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).</p>	<p>Public Works</p>	
<p>15. A road maintenance association shall be formed to provide for the maintenance of the road in easement number 1. Maintenance shall include, but</p>	<p>Public Works</p>	

<p>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 recordation of the parcel map and shall:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>b. Provide for annual maintenance and the immediate correction of emergency and hazard situations.</p> <p>c. Include 100% of the parcels in the subdivision served by the access road.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>e. Provide a mechanism for new parcels to be added to the association.</p>		
<b>CONDITION OF APPROVAL / MARIPOSA PLANNING</b>		
<p>16. The onsite easement 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 Board of Supervisors. The name of the road shall be shown on the parcel map (County Resolution No. 92-541).</p>	Mariposa Planning	
<p>17. Prior to recordation of the Parcel Map, an address shall be obtained from the County Assessor's Office for each existing onsite and off site residence that takes access from the newly named road. The applicant shall provide to the County Assessor's Office any information necessary to assign a new address, such as the location of existing driveway encroachments.</p>	Mariposa Planning	
<p>18. 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.).</p> <p>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 cashiers 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</p>	Mariposa Planning	
<b>CONDITION OF APPROVAL / CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY (CDF)</b>		
<p>19. Prior to Parcel Map recordation, the applicant shall have complied with all applicable <i>SRA Fire Safe Regulations</i>. A document shall be recorded and referenced on the Parcel Map that states:          "Future residential development shall be required to conform with all applicable SRA Fire Safe Regulations (Public Resource Code 4290 and 4291).</p>	California Department of Forestry	



<p>Furthermore, the development of the parcels is subject to all applicable <i>SRA Fire Safe Regulations</i> and the risk of fire hazards shall be reduced through compliance with Public Resource Code 4291.”          Evidence that this condition has been satisfied shall be in the form of a letter from the California Department of Forestry (CDF) to the County Surveyor.</p>		
<p>20. A fuel management zone of 100-foot wide along project boundaries shall be delineated on the parcel map. A statement shall be recorded for in Official Records concurrently with the parcel map and referenced on the parcel map as follows:          "A fuel management zone of 100-foot wide exists along the project's boundaries. The construction of residential structures or accessory structures (except for fences, utilities, a well house) shall not occur in this area unless otherwise approved by the California Department of Forestry. This fuel management zone shall be in perpetuity and has the potential to restrict the use of the land within it. If a building is placed outside the fuel management zone, fuel reduction measures are still required."</p>	<p>California Department of Forestry</p>	
<p><b>CONDITION OF APPROVAL / HEALTH DEPARTMENT</b></p>		
<p>21. Percolation tests and soils analysis tests shall be performed on Parcels A, 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/final 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 parcel. A statement shall be recorded in Official Records concurrently with the parcel/final map and referenced on the parcel/final map as follows:          "Approved percolation tests and soils analysis tests have been performed on Parcels ____ 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)</p>	<p>Mariposa County Health</p>	
<p><b>CONDITION OF APPROVAL / MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT</b></p>		
<p>22. 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.</p>	<p>NRCS/RCD</p>	

<b>REMAINDER CONDITIONS:</b>		
None		
<b>MITIGATION MEASURES:</b>		
Prior to recordation of the parcel map, a portion of West Whitlock Road shall be improved to a minimum width of 18 feet and a minimum Rural Class I SRA standard. The cost of performing these improvements on the portion of the applicant's property adjoining West Whitlock Road shall be determined by the applicant, and the required road improvements shall not exceed that cost. The location of these improvements on West Whitlock Road shall be determined by the Public Works Department in conjunction with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. Prior to map recordation, the applicant also has the option of amending conditions of project approval for consideration of using the countywide program (currently being discussed and crafted by the Board) for frontage improvements, which may be less than the original requirement.	Public Works	
<b>Recommendations of Offers of Dedication</b>		
The Planning Commission recommends 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 road.	Public Works	
The Planning Commission recommends that the Public Works Director accept the offer of dedication of 30 to 60 feet for public access, maintenance and utilities for West Whitlock Road.	Public Works	

Agency Contact List				
AGENCY	CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER EMAIL	SITE ADDRESS	MAILING ADDRESS
Mariposa Planning	Megan Tennermann	209-966-0306 mtennermann@mariposacounty.org	5100 Bullion Street Mariposa CA 95338	P.O. Box 2039 Mariposa CA 95338
Public Works	Jerry Freeman	209-966-5356	4639 Ben Hur Road Mariposa CA 95338	Same as site
Health Department	Dave Conway	209-966-2220	5100 Bullion Street Mariposa CA 95338	P.O. Box 5 Mariposa CA 95338
Mariposa County Resource Conservation District	Jerry Progner	209-966-3431	5009 Fairgrounds Rd Mariposa CA 95338	P.O. Box 746 Mariposa CA 95338
Cal. Dept of Forestry	Dennis Townsend	209-966-3622	5366 Highway 49 North Mariposa CA 95338	Same as site

**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*.

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 Environmental Coordinator

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 Date

***Explanation of Headings:***

Condition and Mitigation Measure Monitoring Plan for Thomas

LDA #2003-285

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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.