DEPARTMENT: Planning
BY: Megan Tennermann, Assoc. Planner
PHONE: 742-1219

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Adopt a resolution approving the road name “Ramblin’ Road” for the existing road within the subject easement. The road name has been used since the early 1980s, after property served by the road was subdivided by LDA #503, recorded as Parcel Map 11-39 in 1977. Not all property owners served by the road agree with the proposal. The applicant is proposing to name the road to improve identification for emergency services.

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:

If no name is given to the road, then existing homes will retain the “Oak Grove Road” address and new homes will be assigned an “Oak Grove Road” address. This arrangement is less desirable to emergency services as it can make it more difficult to locate a property. Addresses for Oak Grove Road are limited at this time, and the rapid development of residential property in the area has made it difficult to assign new addresses on Oak Grove Road.

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes (X) No Current FY Cost: $
Budgeted In Current FY? ( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $ Additional Funding Needed: $
Source:
Internal Transfer Unanticipated Revenue 4/5’s vote
Transfer Between Funds 4/5’s vote
Contingency 4/5’s vote
( ) General ( ) Other

List Attachments, number pages consecutively
A Location Maps/ B. Project Application/
C. Letter of Disapproval/ D. Staff Report

CLERK’S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 05-444 Ord. No. ______
Vote – Ayes: 5 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: Deputy

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

CAO: ______

Revised Dec. 2002
PROJECT VICINITY MAP

Legend
- Properties served by road
- parcel_area

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Road Name Application No. 2005-2
Applicant: Tom Audas
APN: various
Location: Mt. Lilac Road and Oak Grove Road in White Rock
PORTION SECTION 15, T. 6 S., R. 12 E., M.D.B&M. (Inc. Oak Grove Estates)

Road will begin at Mt. Lilac

NOTE: Assessor's Parcel Numbers Shown in Small Circles.

Assessor's Map
St. 17 - Pg. 400
County of Marin County
California 1984
Road Name Request Application

Date Submitted ___________________ Received By ___________________
Date Complete ___________________ Board Action ___________________

Applicant: Tom Audas
Address: 3500 Oak Grove Rd., Mariposa, CA 95338
Telephone: (209) 966-5845 E-Mail Address: audas@sti.net

PROPOSED ROAD NAME: Ramblin’ Road

Is this application being submitted to comply with a condition for a Land Division Application? □ YES □ NO
If yes, please indicate the Land Division Application Number ___________________

EXPLAIN THE MEANING AND REASON FOR CHOOSING THE PROPOSED ROAD NAME
(as it relates to the Mariposa County Road Naming Policy):

This road was constructed in 1976 and was given the name Ramblin’ Road, but has never been recorded in county documents. Residential addresses on the road are Oak Grove and there are not enough existing numbers for all parcels. Fire prevention maps do not show this road. Ramblin’ Road is the preferred name but as an alternative, naming the road Mt. Lilac would be acceptable if necessary since the road could become an extension of Mt. Lilac.

Number of properties served by the road in question: 13

In accordance with the adopted policy on street/road names, property owners who own a majority of the parcels having access to the road must approve the road name under consideration. The spaces below are provided for the signature of property owners who either approve or disapprove the name. Owners of undeveloped parcels must be included. Separate letters may also provide signatures. Please be advised that naming an existing unnamed road will change your physical street address and mailing address if your mail is delivered to your street address.

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COUNTY OF MARIPOSA PLANNING DEPARTMENT
Road Name Request Application

Date Submitted: 13 Jan 2005
Date Complete: 
Received By: 
Board Action: 

Applicant: Tom Audes
Address: 3500 Oak Grove Rd., Mariposa, CA 95338
Telephone: 
E-Mail Address: 

PROPOSED ROAD NAME: Ramblin' Road

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If yes, please indicate the Land Division Application Number: 

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This road has always been addressed as 3995/3997 Oak Grove Rd. 20+ years. This Rambling Road was cut and easement by Tom Tomlinson with out a permit for grading or an easement. He and Jeff Michelle have moved my mailboxes and county address number over an 1/2 mile to this new entrance. I am filing a preliminary injunction in Superior Court and

COUNTY OF MARIPOSA
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Resharing orders. My Attorney are Beliner Cohen of San Jose and Marced. Rambling road begins 20 miles from...
MEMORANDUM

Date: September 13, 2005
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Megan Tennermann, Associate Planner
Subject: Road Name 2005-2 for Audas

Project Introduction and Background
On December 27, 2004, Tom Audas submitted a Road Name Application for the road adjacent to his property, requesting to name it “Ramblin’ Road.” Mr. Audas gave his reason for this request as follows: “This road was constructed in 1976 and was given the name Ramblin’ Road, but has never been recorded in county documents. Residential addresses on the road are Oak Grove and there are not enough existing numbers for all parcels. Fire prevention maps do not show this road. Ramblin’ Road is the preferred name but as an alternative, naming the road Mt. Lilac would be acceptable (sic) if necessary since the road could become an extension of Mt. Lilac.”

Shortly after receiving this application, staff received a statement from a neighboring property owner expressing his disapproval of the name “Ramblin’ Road” and the request to name the road in general. Isaac Park Yonker owns two of the thirteen properties served by the road in question, and wishes to retain his Oak Grove Road address.

County Road Name Policy
Staff reviewed the road name request for compliance with the County Road Name Policy as established by County Resolution 92-541. The County Road Name Policy states that all new road names “shall be developed around some historical, botanical, zoological, or geological significance as they directly relate to Mariposa County (County Resolution 92-541, Paragraph B, Number 1).” “Ramblin’ Road” is not a historical event or name, is not a plant, is not an animal, and is not a rock formation or other geological feature.

In the event that the road is an extension of a previously-named road, the new road shall take the established name (County Resolution 92-541, Paragraph B, Number 3). The road does not connect to the end of Mt. Lilac Road; there is the possibility that Mt. Lilac Road may be extended from the end of the road to serve parcels other than those served by this road within the subject easement. Therefore, Planning cannot consider the road to be an extension of Mt. Lilac Road.

Application Processing
Since this application on its face does not meet the County Road Name Policy established by previous Board action, staff wrote a letter to the applicant requesting an alternate road name. Instead, the
applicant chose to proceed with the proposed road name. Subsequently, staff discussed the application and the Policy with Director Schenk, and determined that if the applicants could find three verifiable written accounts that the road name had been in common usage since the property was developed, that the road could then be named Ramblin’ Road.

Verifiable written accounts are considered satisfactory evidence because they can be verified in ways other than relying on the resident’s memory. A school registration form showing the address as Ramblin’ Road, a local map with the road name shown, an account in a local history document or newspaper—all these are examples of verifiable written accounts, along with any public document that has the road name printed on or in it.

The applicant provided letters from a resident who purchased one of the properties created by Land Division Application No. 503, recorded in 1977 as Parcel Map 11-39. A road name sign was placed at the intersection of this road and Mt. Lilac Road by this resident in order to make the road easier to find. The applicant also provided multiple real estate listings showing the road name as Ramblin’ Road. As these are verifiable accounts, they are considered to be sufficient evidence of the road name.

**Staff Recommendation**

Based on the verifiable written evidence submitted by the applicant, the road name has been in use for some time prior to the adoption of the County Road Name Policy, with a sign in place. Had the applicant named the road at any time prior to the adoption of the County Road Name Policy, the name would likely have been permitted. Based on this evidence, staff recommends approval of the name Ramblin’ Road for the road within the subject easement as indicated on the attached maps.
October 12, 2005

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TO: THOSE LISTED

Please be advised that at the Board meeting of September 13, 2005, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution Number 05-444, approving the road name "Ramblin' Road" for the existing road created by Land Division Application No. 503, recorded in 1977 as Parcel Map 11-39. A map is attached showing the location of this road.

Sincerely,

Rachel Petty
Deputy Clerk to the Board

Attachment