RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-403

MEETING:  August 5, 2014

TO:  The Board of Supervisors

FROM:  Leonard DeJoria, Fire Chief

RE:  Naming of a New Fire Station

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Select a name for Mariposa County Fire Station #28.

The new fire station located on Old Highway near the intersection with Yaqui Gulch and Buckeye Roads is nearing completion. At this time the station does not have a name. Most, if not all, stations already had a name prior to being included in the County Fire Department. Most Mariposa County fire stations are named for the geographic area they serve and, in many instances, that geographic area is easily identified. This new station, however, could easily carry a number of moniker’s.

Throughout most of the construction process it has been referred to as the Bridgeport Station. At one time it was also referred to as the Guadalupe Valley Station. There has, however, been no official designation.

At this time several options have been identified. Possible names include:
Bridgeport
Buckeye
Guadalupe Valley
Old Highway
Yaqui Gulch

The original suggestion for the Buckeye name was to call it the Buckeye District Station. Staff strongly recommends not including the word "District" in the name as doing so could cause confusion in that it suggests that the station is part of an independent Fire District and not a part of the County Fire Department.

The volunteer fire fighters have been polled and it is their recommendation that the station be named the Bridgeport Station. Selection of the name, however, is entirely up to your Board. It is recommended, however, that a name be selected as soon as possible in order to provide for identification materials prior to opening of the station.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board has not taken any action regarding the naming of this station.
ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
If no name is selected officially it will only be known as station #28. Most likely, some unofficial name will become general usage.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
None

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER: John Carrier, District V Supervisor
AYES: Stetson, Jones, Bibby, Cann, Carrier
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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: COUNTY FIRE

FROM: RENE’ LaROCHE, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Select a Name for Mariposa County Fire Station #28

RES. 14-403

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on August 5, 2014

ACTION AND VOTE:

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Len DeJoria gave the staff report. He noted that the members and the Mariposa County Fire Captains Association unanimously voted to keep the name Bridgeport.

Supervisor Bibby stated that she doesn't care what the station is named and doesn't want it held up on the naming; noted that she asked the volunteers to weigh in on the issue because they will be manning the station; asked people to keep in mind that the name "Bridgeport" is mentioned throughout things like the Hazard Mitigation Plans so there would be a cost associated with changing everything that currently references Bridgeport; and remarked that her preference is to go with what the volunteers desire.

Supervisor Cann remarked that whatever name is chosen should not include the word "district," as that starts alluding to a special district.

Public comment opened.

Marshall Long stated that he cares about the history of the county; discussed suggestions of Guadalupe Valley and Buckeye, noting that the Buckeye Schoolhouse used to be there but that there is no longer anything left of it and no recognition of that name; remarked that the fire house is in the Buckeye Drainage; and requested that the station be named the Buckeye Firehouse.

Public comment closed.

Supervisor Cann remarked that he has no preference.

Supervisor Jones noted that it has been called Bridgeport since he came into office, and he moved that the station be named the Bridgeport Fire Station.

Supervisor Carrier seconded the motion.

Supervisor Bibby noted that they tried to hold off naming as long as possible to allow as much input as possible, so she hopes that people don't get caught up in the name.

Chair Cann called the vote, and the motion passed unanimously.
RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER: John Carrier, District V Supervisor
AYES: Stetson, Jones, Bibby, Cann, Carrier