TO:        TONY LASHBROOK, PLANNING DIRECTOR
FROM:      MARGIE WILLIAMS, CLERK OF THE BOARD
RE:        ROAD NAMING POLICY

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPosa COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on October 13, 1992.

ACTION AND VOTE:

10:52 a.m.  Tony Lashbrook, Planning Director;
Resolution Clarifying Road Naming Policy for Non-County
Roads, and Streamlining Procedures for Naming of Such
Roads
BOARD ACTION: (M)Baggett, (S)Radanovich, Res. 92-541
adopted, with policy to be effective November 1, 1992,
and with options for funding the road name signs to be
presented to the Board. Motion was amended, agreeable
with maker and second, directing that the authority for
naming roads remain with the Board of Supervisors/Ayes:
Unanimous.

cc:        Policy File
          File
          Public Works
MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING & BUILDING
BY: TONY LASHBROOK
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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes No )

(1) Adoption of a resolution clarifying road naming policies and streamlining road naming procedures.

(2) Consideration of establishing a fund to install road signs on newly named non-County roads (not associated with a development project). Estimated cost is less than $2,000 annually.

Proposal to limit first names for road names based upon previous Board action. Streamlining of process based upon Board priority. Establishment of specific fund for sign installation proposed to facilitate appropriate road signage.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Board requested change to policy at your July 28, 1992 meeting.
Board adopted previous road naming policy in 1985.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Take no action - Road naming policies and procedures would remain the same. Board direction and priorities would not be implemented.
MARIPosa COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 92-541

A RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE PROCEDURE FOR THE NAMING OF NON-COUNTY ROADS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the following policy for the naming of non-county roads:

A. This resolution sets forth the procedures for naming unnamed non-county roads which provide primary access to two or more parcels.

B. Standards for the naming of all non-county roads are established as follows:
   1. Road names shall be developed around some historical, botanical, zoological or geological significance as they directly relate to Mariposa County.
   2. Roads shall not be named after any numbers or letters, except as they may pertain to Number 1, above. First names of historically significant people shall not be used unless in conjunction with the last name.
   3. Where road names have already been established, proposed extensions of said roads shall keep continuity with the existing name(s).
   4. The name of the road shall not be a duplication of a name already established for any other County road or non-County road in the County.

C. The procedure for naming roads in conjunction with tentative subdivision maps shall be as follows:
   1. Prior to the recordation of a subdivision map, the project applicant, or a representative, shall submit a
name or names of all roads within the division if such roads meet the criteria of A above.

2. Where the road is newly created by the subdivision, proposed names shall be at the discretion of the applicant, providing the name is consistent with Paragraph B as determined by the Planning Director.

3. On non-County roads which are in existence prior to the submittal of the subdivision, it shall be the applicant's responsibility to contact all property owners having access off of the road in writing and provide verification of such notification to the Planning Department. Prior to acceptance of the application by the Planning Director, the applicant shall obtain written approval of the proposed name by a majority of the property owners served by the road. If the applicants can provide documented evidence that the property owners have been contacted, but failed to respond within twenty-one (21) days of the receipt of the request, then those non-responding property owners shall not be included in computing the majority of the property owners served by a road under consideration for naming. Sufficient evidence is considered to be an executed certified mail receipt. Once a complete application is submitted, it shall be scheduled for action by the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation by the Planning Department. 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.

D. The procedure for naming existing unnamed roads (not in conjunction with a subdivision) shall be as follows:

1. Any individual, or group of individuals, may submit a name for an unnamed road, so long as that person, or persons, own property which fronts on or has driveway access from the road to be named.

2. A complete application form and a map showing the location of the road to be named shall be submitted to the Planning Department. A complete application shall include written verification that all property owners having direct access to the subject road, have been notified of the proposed name and that a majority of the property owners have agreed in writing to the proposed name. Evidence of notification shall be provided in accordance with Paragraph C 3.

3. Upon submittal of the complete application to the Planning Department, the Planning Department shall review the application and forward a recommendation for approval to the Board of Supervisors if it complies with Section B contained herein.

E. Road Signs:

Within 60 days from the approval of the road name, a sign complying with the County Improvement Standards (Section 11.5D and Standard Drawing R-23 and R-29) shall be
installed at all intersections with other officially named roads. For roads named in conjunction with a subdivision, it shall be the applicant’s responsibility to install such signs in accordance with the Mariposa County Improvement Standards. For roads that are not associated with a development project, the road signs will be installed by the County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective November 1, 1992 and hereby replaces and rescinds previous resolutions regarding the naming of non-county roads.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors this 13th day of October, 1992 by the following vote:

AYES: BAGGETT, PUNTE, ERICKSON, RADANOVICH, TABER

NOES: NONE

ABSTAINED: NONE

EXCUSED: NONE

SALLY S. PUNTE, Chairperson
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

JEFFREY GREEN, County Counsel