RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2017-299

MEETING: May 16, 2017

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mike Healy, Public Works Director

RE: Approve a Monument to be Constructed at the Mariposa Town Cemetery

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve a Monument to be Constructed at the Mariposa Town Cemetery dedicated by Matuca Chapter 1849 E Clampus Vitus which is the Local Chapter of the Clampers.

The Clampers have asked Parks & Recreation if they may construct a monument at the Mariposa Town Cemetery which will consist of a cinder block, faced with slate flagstone and other native rock material with a tombstone that will have historical text of the history of the people and area of the time.

The EVC Clampers have done several monuments throughout the County over the years and do an outstanding job.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not approve, monument will not be erected.

ATTACHMENTS:
Monument at Town Cemetery (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Dallin Kimble
Dallin Kimble, Interim CAO  5/9/2017
RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey
Build a wall, 5 feet wide and 4 ½ feet tall, between the southwest corner of the chapel to quarried stone main gate pillar.

Wall would be constructed with cinder block, faced with slate flagstone and other native rock material. A tombstone (with historical text) would be installed on the north side of the wall, with the arched crown protruding over the top wall line.

Wall would be built on the present location of the 52 inch by 4 foot wire gate. The gate could then be relocated to the east of the new wall, next to the existing hose bib (This would leave an unfenced gap between the chapel and the new wall).

Reference dimensions

Wall 4 ½ feet high, by 5 feet long

Wire gate 52 inches by 4 feet high (including attachment post)

End of relocated gate would be 8 inches from existing hose bib.

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The Location of

Marioposa Cemetery

Also known as "The Grave Yard on the Hill", the date the Marioposa Town Cemetery was founded is unknown, but it is believed to be as early as 1850. The location of many of the earliest graves have been lost to time.

Two fraternal organizations, the Odd Fellows and the Masons, added their own sections in 1867 and 1869 respectively. Many of those interred here include immigrants from varied countries, including England, Ireland, Germany, Prussia, Canada, and Finland. These pioneers made their living as miners, sawyers, merchants, ranchers, and many other occupations.

Some met their untimely demise by accident, disease, or exhaustion. Others succumbed to gunplay or the result of unwise habits. They were leaders and followers, scoundrels or innocents. Some died alone and penniless, others were surrounded by family with fame and fortune. All were part of the fabric that helped to weave the mother lode into what it is today.

Dedicated by
Mutuca Chapter 1849
E Clampus Vitus
June 3, 2017 (6022)
Credo quia absurdum