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STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF MARIPOSA  
PLANNING COMMISSION

Resolution  
No. 2005-16

**A resolution conditionally approving Land Division Application  
No. 2004-216, John Kim, applicant. Assessor Parcel Number 008-  
440-002**

WHEREAS an application for land division was received on November 11, 2004 from John Kim for a property located approximately 1000 feet northwest of the intersection of Sherlock Road and West Whitlock Road in the Midpines area, also known as Assessor Parcel Number 008-440-002; 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 April 22, 2005; 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,

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

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Planning Commission of the County of Mariposa does hereby approve Land Division Application No. 2004-216; and

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

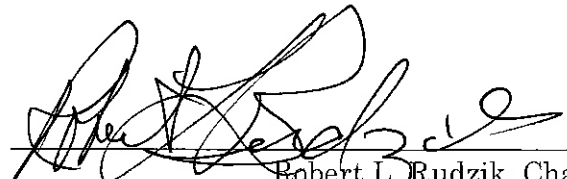
ON MOTION BY Commissioner Ludington, seconded by Commissioner Ross, this resolution is duly passed and adopted this April 22, 2005 by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Ludington, Ross, Rudzik, and Skyrud


NOES: None

EXCUSED: None

ABSTAIN: None

  
Robert L. Rudzik, Chair  
Mariposa County Planning Commission

Attest:

  
Tracy Gauthier, Secretary to the  
Mariposa County Planning Commission

## Exhibit 1—Findings of Approval

1. **FINDING:** The site is physically suitable for the type and density of development.

**EVIDENCE:** Based on site inspection and the proposed division of the existing parcel into three parcels that are all approximately five acres, 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. The proposed project is located within the Mountain Home zone. The subdivision density is designed in accordance with the Mountain Home zone.

2. **FINDING:** The design of the subdivision or the proposed improvements is not likely to cause substantial environmental damage or substantially and avoidably injure fish or wildlife or their habitat.

**EVIDENCE:** The Initial Study prepared for the project found that based on the approved project description, it would have a less than significant effect on the environment. 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 land is currently and will continue to be used primarily for residential purposes. 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).

3. **FINDING:** The design of the subdivision or the proposed improvements is not likely to cause serious public health problems.

**EVIDENCE:** This land division and its subsequent use for low-density residential purposes are not likely to 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 location and implementation of these improvements will ensure that serious health problems will not occur on the site.

4. **FINDING:** The proposed map is consistent with applicable general and specific plans as specified in Government Code Section 65451.

**EVIDENCE:** 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.

5. **FINDING:** The design or improvement of the proposed subdivision is consistent with applicable general and specific plans.

**EVIDENCE:** 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.

6. **FINDING:** The design of the subdivision or type of improvements will not conflict with easements, acquired by the public at large, for access through or use of, property within the proposed subdivision.

**EVIDENCE:** The project will not conflict with any public easement. Affected utility companies have reviewed the proposed project and have not objected to the proposal.

## Exhibit 2—Conditions of Approval

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>		
	Monitoring Dept.	Verified Implemented
<b>CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL / PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT</b>		
<p>1. The road easement from West Whitlock Road to Parcel C shall be made 60 foot wide and non-exclusive. A cul-de-sac easement with a radius of 60 feet shall be provided at the end of the onsite easement road to encompass the required cul-de-sac improvements. 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 easement shall be offered for dedication to the County of Mariposa. The offers of dedication shall be non-revocable and specifically state on the parcel map that the dedications are for "public road and utility purposes."</p> <p>§16.12.160.B, County Subdivision Ordinance; Road Standard Cross-sections, Road Improvement and Circulation Policy.</p>	Public Works	
<p>2. An encroachment permit shall be obtained from the Mariposa County Public Works Department prior to any work being done on or adjacent to West 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.</p> <p>Chapter 11, County Improvement Standards</p>	Public Works	
<p>3. A dedication of a minimum of 30 feet from the centerline of West Whitlock Road within the project site shall be offered to the County</p>	Public Works	

<p>of Mariposa. The offer of dedication shall be non-revocable 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.</p> <p>§16.12.150, County Subdivision Ordinance; Section II.A.3, Road Improvement and Circulation Policy.</p>		
<p>4. The easement from West Whitlock Road to Parcel C shall be improved to a Rural Class IA 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 at the time of 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.</p> <p>§16.12.170, County Subdivision Ordinance; Chart A and Section II.D.2.a, Road Improvement and Circulation Policy.</p>	Public Works	
<p>5. A cul-de-sac shall be constructed at the terminus of the on-site easement road at the Parcel B/C property line. The cul-de-sac shall be improved to meet county standards and shall meet these standards at the time of parcel map recordation. 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 inspected and approved 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>Section 11.4(B)(9) County Improvement Standards</p>	Public Works	
<p>6. Access to Parcels B and C shall be limited to the existing and proposed onsite easement. No further encroachment permits to West Whitlock Road for these parcels will be granted. A declaration shall be recorded with the parcel map, referenced on the final map and made appurtenant to Parcels B and C. The declaration shall state the following:                  "Approved access for residential development of Parcels B and C as shown on the Parcel Map for John Kim, recorded in Book ___ of Parcel Maps at Page ___, Mariposa County Records is from the onsite easement road, and no additional encroachments shall be granted to these parcels from West Whitlock Road."</p>	Public Works	

<p>The County Engineer will confirm that this condition has been met prior to map recordation.</p>		
<p>7. A road maintenance association shall be formed to provide for the maintenance of the road in the onsite easement. Maintenance shall include, but 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>b. Provide for annual maintenance and the immediate correction of emergency and hazard situations.</li> <li>c. Include 100% of the parcels in the subdivision served by the access road.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>e. Provide a mechanism for new parcels to be added to the association.</li> </ul> <p>Public Works Recommendation</p>	<p>Public Works</p>	
<p>8. 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 onsite. 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 onsite inspection of road improvements.</p> <p>Public Works Recommendation</p>	<p>Public Works</p>	

<p>9. 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>Public Works</p>	
<p>10. All cut and fill areas required for the construction of the proposed access road shall be included within the easement offered for dedication.</p>	<p>Public Works</p>	
<p>11. 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 Engineer <u>prior</u> to commencement of construction work on the required road improvements.</p> <p>Public Works Recommendation</p>	<p>Public Works</p>	
<p>12. All required 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 Recommendation</p>	<p>Public Works</p>	
<p>13. A stop sign shall be placed at the intersection of the onsite easement and West 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 Recommendation</p>	<p>Public Works</p>	
<p>14. A sign stating "THIS ROAD IS NOT COUNTY MAINTAINED" shall be installed at the intersection of the onsite easement and West 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.</p> <p>(Section III.A.4, Road Improvement and Circulation Policy)</p>	<p>Public Works</p>	
<p>15. A Verification of Taxes Paid Form, acquired no sooner than 30-days prior to the recordation of the parcel map, shall be submitted to the County Surveyor.</p>	<p>Public Works</p>	



§16.12.395, Mariposa County Subdivision Code		
<p>16. A road name sign for the onsite easement road shall be placed at the intersection of the onsite easement road and the off-site easement 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.</p> <p>§ 16.12.175, County Subdivision Ordinance</p>	Public Works	
<b>CONDITION OF APPROVAL / MARIPOSA PLANNING</b>		
<p>19. The onsite easement road 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 within the project site shall be shown on the parcel map.</p> <p>County Resolution 92-541</p>	Mariposa Planning	
<p>20. Project approval is valid for a period of three years from April 22, 2005. This approval shall expire on April 22, 2008, unless a time extension is granted pursuant to the provisions of the Subdivision Map Act.</p> <p>§16.12.430, Mariposa County Subdivision Code</p>	Mariposa Planning	
<p>21. 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> <p>§16.12.390, Mariposa County Subdivision Code</p>	Mariposa Planning	
<p>22. Prior to recordation of the parcel map, the building on Parcel A shall either be removed or shall be improved to meet current building codes and the surrounding junkyard area on Parcel A shall be cleaned up, with the junk removed to the County landfill or an approved disposal site, or burned in accordance with all County and</p>	Mariposa Planning/  Mariposa	

<p>State air pollution control regulations. Planning staff shall verify that this condition has been met prior to map recordation.</p> <p>§17.148.010, Mariposa County Zoning Code</p>	<p>Building</p>	
<p><b>CONDITION OF APPROVAL/ MARIPOSA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT</b></p>		
<p>23. Percolation tests and soils analysis tests shall be performed on all parcels 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 R.E.H.S. prior to recordation of the parcel map. A letter from the County R.E.H.S. shall be submitted to the County Surveyor stating that approved percolation tests and soils analysis tests have been performed on the parcel(s). A statement shall be recorded in Official Records concurrently with the parcel/final map and referenced on the parcel map as follows:</p> <p>“Approved percolation tests and soils analysis tests have been performed on Parcels A, B, and C as shown on the Parcel Map for Kim, 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.”</p> <p>§ 16.12.330, County Subdivision Ordinance</p>	<p>Environmental Health</p>	
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION ON OFFERS OF DEDICATION</b></p>		
<p>Staff recommends that the Planning Commission recommend that the Public Works Director accept the offer of dedication for public access and utilities, but reject the offer for public maintenance for the onsite access road.</p> <p>Mariposa Planning Recommendation</p>	<p>Public Works</p>	
<p>Staff recommends that the Planning Commission recommend that the Public Works Director accept the offer of dedication for public access, utilities, and maintenance for the re-offer for dedication on West Whitlock Road within the project site.</p> <p>Mariposa Planning Recommendation</p>	<p>Public Works</p>	

Agency Contact List				
AGENCY	CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER	SITE ADDRESS	MAILING ADDRESS
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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
County Assessor	Eddie Ellis	966-2332	4982 10th Street Mariposa CA 95338	P.O. Box 35 Mariposa CA 95338
County Fire	Blaine Shultz	209-966-4330	5082 Bullion Street Mariposa CA 95338	P.O. Box 162 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*.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Environmental Coordinator

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 Date

**Explanation of Headings:**

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.