RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes___ No_X_)  
Recommend Resolution for presentation at the Wawona Library dedication event, scheduled for April 12, 1997.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:  
A five year Memorandum of Understanding between Mariposa County and the National Park Service dated June 14, 1988, and updated October 14, 1996, sets forth responsibilities for housing and operating the County Library in Wawona.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:  
Do not adopt Resolution changing the name of the Wawona Library.
MAJRIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NUMBER 97-11

A RESOLUTION CHANGING THE NAME OF THE WAWONA LIBRARY

WHEREAS, THE WAWONA LIBRARY has a long history of intermittent service to the community, having been first established under contract with Merced County on December 10, 1926, and re-established in the years 1937, 1941, 1946 and most recently in 1984 when it was operated under contract by Tuolumne County; and

WHEREAS, Mariposa County ended its contract for library services with Tuolumne County on December 31, 1991; and

WHEREAS, THE WAWONA LIBRARY is one of five branches currently operated by the County of Mariposa; and

WHEREAS, a five year Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Mariposa and the National Park Service, dated June 14, 1988, and updated October 14, 1996, sets forth responsibilities for housing and operating the WAWONA LIBRARY; and

WHEREAS, THE WAWONA BRANCH LIBRARY collection has grown by the private donation of books, video tapes and equipment so that the Library could not adequately accomodate the collection in its assigned quarters; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Russell L. Bassett of Lake San Marcos, California, have been property owners in Wawona for many years and wished to expand the WAWONA BRANCH LIBRARY in order that it might better serve the residents and visitors of Wawona, Yosemite National Park, and the County of Mariposa; and

WHEREAS, the Ed Bassett Memorial Fund was established at the Fresno Regional Foundation by Mr. and Mrs. Russell L. Bassett in memory of their son, who died in 1994, after a long illness; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service and Mr. and Mrs. Russell L. Bassett entered into an agreement which authorized the construction of a library building on three Chilnualna Villa Homesites town lots located in Wawona, which are owned by the National Park Service, and provided for the transfer of ownership of the library building upon completion to the National Park Service, for use by the County of Mariposa as a branch library; and

WHEREAS, the Ed Bassett Memorial Fund, with the cooperation of the National Park Service, the County of Mariposa, and members of the community of Wawona, has caused to be designed and constructed in Wawona a new library building which is five times larger than the present library; and

WHEREAS, the Russ Bassett Furniture Company of Whittier, California, which for a time had been owned and operated by Ed Bassett, has donated the library furnishings; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mariposa wishes to thank the Bassetts for their generosity and applauds the efforts of the many people involved in bringing about this new library facility in Wawona.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County, a political subdivision of the State of California, that the WAWONA BRANCH LIBRARY is hereby renamed the WAWONA-BASSETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County this 8th day of April 1997, by unanimous vote.

PATTI A. REILLY, District I Supervisor

DOUG BALMAIN, District II Supervisor

ROBERT C. STEWART, District III Supervisor

GARRY R. PARKER, District IV Supervisor

BOB PICKARD, District V Supervisor