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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Steven Lederer - Director of Public Works
Public Works

REPORT BY: Steven Lederer, Director, Public Works - 259-8228

SUBJECT: Acceptance of a donation of a 50th Anniversary Ag Preserve Sign

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Public Works requests acceptance of a donation of a sign in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Ag Preserve from the Jack L. Davies Napa Valley Agricultural Land Preservation Fund and approval for the Chair to sign a letter of appreciation.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with Board Resolution No. 05-40 and the Recommended Procedure for the Acceptance and Disbursement of Gifts, Bequests, or Devices for donations, this agenda item has been prepared to accept a donation of a sign in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Ag Preserve from the Jack L. Davies Napa Valley Agricultural Land Preservation Fund (JLDAG Fund) and approval for the Chair to sign a letter of appreciation. The Ag Preserve was established in 1968 and has been the bedrock principle of our land use policies and a critical reason for the great success of the County these past decades. JLDAG Fund has created four signs for placement at the approximate corners of the Ag Preserve on the valley floor, one at each major entrance point to the Ag Preserve for motorists traveling north-south along Silverado Trail and Highway 29.

Three signs will be placed on private property or in the Caltrans Right of Way, but the proponents were unable to find a good location for the fourth sign at the southern end of Silverado Trail. The County owns an appropriate location for the sign, on the east side of the Trail just south of Hardman Lane. While the County does not usually allow signs on its property for non-governmental purposes, a sign celebrating the Ag Preserve is closely tied to the County's mission and history. While the intent of the County is to have the sign displayed in perpetuity, having ownership of the sign gives us the ultimate authority to place the sign based on our needs, or remove the sign if future needs arise (if the property is needed for some other purpose). At the sign's end of useful life it is anticipated that JLDAG Fund will provide a new sign if they still want the signs to be displayed.

PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Staff report.
2. Public comments.
3. Motion, second, discussion and vote on the item.

FISCAL IMPACT

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| Is there a Fiscal Impact? | Yes |
| Is it currently budgeted? | Yes |
| Where is it budgeted? | The Roads Department is funded for placement of signs. The cost to place this sign will be very minor and can be covered by existing budgetary authority. |
| Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? | Discretionary |
| Discretionary Justification: | Acceptance of the donation and installation of the sign will celebrate an important part of the history of the County. |
| Is the general fund affected? | No |
| Future fiscal impact: | None |
| Consequences if not approved: | The sign will not be accepted and the donator would need to find another suitable location on private property. |
| Additional Information: | |

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: **Consideration and possible adoption of a Categorical Exemption Class 1:** It has been determined that this type of project does not have a significant effect on the environment and is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. [See Class 1 ("Existing Facilities") which may be found in the guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act at 14 CCR §15301; see also Napa County's Local Procedures for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act, Appendix B.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

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A map showing the proposed location of this sign and the other three, is attached. A picture of the sign is also attached, as well the letter from Hugh Davies, the Chairman of JLDAG Fund, offering the donation of the sign.

County Roads staff will install the sign, on County owned property outside of the right of way, on east side of the Trail just south of Hardman Lane. While the County does not usually allow signs on it's property for non-governmental purposes, a sign celebrating the Ag Preserve is closely tied to the County's mission and history. While the intent of the County is to have the sign displayed in perpetuity, having ownership of the sign gives us the ultimate authority to place the sign based on our needs, or remove the sign if future needs arise (if the property is needed for some other purpose).

Staff requests acceptance of this donation and authorization to send the attached letter of appreciation.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A . Donation Letter
- B . Location Map
- C . Ag Sign Photo
- D . Thank You Letter

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Leigh Sharp