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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Martha Burdick for Robert Peterson - Director
Public Works
REPORT BY: Nate Galambos, Principal Engineer Public Works , 259-8371
SUBJECT: Road Modification Ad Hoc Committee report and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Public Works to submit report on the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee to the Board of Supervisors regarding proposed changes to the Napa County Roads and Street Standards, Section 3 "Exceptions to Standards".

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Director of Public Works shall present to the Board of Supervisors for discussion the results of the Ad Hoc Committee's recommended modifications to the criteria used for evaluating requests for exceptions to road standards.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

During the March 14, 2006 road modification appeal hearing for Mr. Smith, the Board of Supervisors requested that

an ad hoc committee be created to review the process and criteria by which road modifications are evaluated. On April 4, 2006, the Board created the ad hoc committee. The Committee has reviewed and made proposed changes to the criteria by which exception to standards are evaluated.

These changes are anticipated to better define the road exception process through an increased ability to mitigate situations, a clearer definition of the warrants, and a process that allows the issues to be discussed in an open forum in front of an approving authority such as the Planning Commission or the Zoning Administrator. Additionally, the process is truly discretionary as it allows for greater ability to mitigate impacts that typically accompany roadway exception requests.

Attachment A identifies the proposed changes that are being presented for discussion today with the ad hoc committee and staff from the Public Works and Planning Departments and the Napa County Fire Marshall. Staff is requesting direction as to which of the recommendations to include in a draft resolution to be brought back for review and adoption.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Proposed Changes to 'Exception to Standards'

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Britt Ferguson