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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

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Public Works

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SUBJECT: Resolution to Summarily Vacate a Slope Easement adjacent to Ridgeway Drive

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Public Works requests adoption of a resolution summarily vacating an easement for slope maintenance and construction purposes lying northeasterly of the northeast end of Ridgeway Drive.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposed summary vacation eliminates a slope easement that currently encumbers Assessor's Parcel Number 061-012-004. This easement was originally offered for dedication and accepted by the county to allow for slope maintenance and construction of a steep area lying adjacent to the end of Ridgeway Road. This easement is not needed by the County for current or future roadway purposes as Ridgeway Road was never extended to be adjacent to this easement area, nor is it projected to be so extended in the future.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

County Strategic Plan pillar addressed: Effective and Open Government

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the proposed action may have a significant effect on the environment and therefore CEQA is not applicable. [See Guidelines For the

Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, 14 CCR 15061(b)(3)]. The proposed action involves abandonment of an easement that has no potential to result in a change to the environment, and therefore is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable. Further, 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

The County of Napa accepted this Slope Easement upon its offer as part of the Subdivision Map entitled, “Amended Final Map of Silverado Unit No. 4” filed for record on May 10, 1967 in Book 8 of Maps at Pages 69 and 70, Napa County Records. The easement encumbers the northerly portion of Assessor's Parcel Number 061-012-004 (Lot 3 per said Subdivision Map).

The slope easement allows the County to construct and maintain steep areas lying adjacent to public rights of way, however, the slope easement being considered here does not currently adjoin Ridgeway Drive, nor is Ridgeway Drive projected to be extended northeasterly in the future so that it would eventually adjoin this easement area.

Staff received a request from the subject property owner to vacate the slope easement thereby removing this encumbrance from their parcel and allowing them full enjoyment of their property. Vacation of the slope easement does not affect the County's ability to maintain the existing Ridgeway Drive right of way.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A . Vicinity Map
- B . Resolution

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Leigh Sharp