Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

HEARING ON PROPOSED STREET NAME CHANGES IN THE JUNIPER HILLS COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT (CSD) IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY:

EASTERLY PORTIONS OF 96TH STREET EAST (A, D-H) TO PINON PINE LANE AND DEDICATED ROAD SEGMENTS (B&C) TO 101ST STREET EAST (FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action is to approve a street name change proposal affecting several dedicated right-of-way segments of 96th Street East in the Juniper Hills CSD in the Antelope Valley and a request for authorization to proceed with the process.

Attached please find material required for public hearing on the following street name change recommendation:

NUMBER	SEGMENT	FROM	PROPOSED
759	A, D - H	96th Street East	Pinon Pine Lane
760	B, C	96th Street East	101st Street East

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Consider the attached street name change together with any comments received during the public hearing process, affecting several dedicated right-of-way segments of 96th Street East.

2. Adopt the proposed changes that pertain to both dedicated unpaved segments and mapped dedications (the attached map proposes sections A and D-H to be renamed as Pinon Pine Lane, and sections B and C to be renamed as 101st Street East).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Section 970.5 of the California Street and Highway Code provides whenever the Board of Supervisors finds that the existing name of any County highway should be changed, that the Board shall conduct a public hearing and may adopt a resolution of intention to change the name of such highway.

This street name change was initiated by a single property owner along the proposed Pinon Pine Lane. The County Street Naming Committee (SNC) has evaluated this request and is recommending approval because these changes will help to eliminate street name confusion within the impacted area.

Examination showed that the request originated with a property owner located along a dedicated portion of dirt road officially known as 96th Street East – some 1,300 feet east of the paved road known by this same name (see the attached map). Inspection of neighboring streets, unpaved roads, and dedicated rights-of-way in the surrounding neighborhood revealed additional discrepancies and the need for further name changes in this area. Collectively, these added name changes are intended to eliminate the existence of two separate north-south dedications, some ¼ mile apart, from using the same name. Such changes should have an immediate positive impact for emergency personnel who have had difficulty identifying specific addresses in past instances. Additionally, the recommended name changes to the existing dedications should prevent any confusion that may result from future development in this area.

One hundred and twenty-nine property owners within 1,500 feet of the proposed roadway name changes were notified by U.S. mail and only a single owner opposed the recommended changes.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Community Services (Goal 6) through continued oversight of the County's street network and responding to citizens' concerns by rectifying issues as they are discovered or arise. This demonstrates that the SNC is responsive and capable of working with community groups, residents, and property owners to address these matters.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommended actions have no fiscal impact.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Section 970.5 of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California, the Board of Supervisors is authorized to name and re-name any County Highway after conducting a public hearing. Notice of such hearing shall be given by posting notice in at least three public places along the street or streets proposed to be affected, such posting shall be complete at least 10 days before the day set for the hearing.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The approval of the recommended actions will not infringe on projects or services provided by the DRP.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, is requested to return one adopted, stamped Board letter to the Director of Planning.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments (3)

c: Fifth Supervisorial District
Board Planning Deputies
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Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
Department of Public Works
Department of Regional Planning
Assessor