SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA





FROM: TLMA - Transportation Department

SUBMITTAL DATE: March 17, 2016

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2016-039, Authorization to Change the Name of Blue Mountain Drive to Spring Street and Change East Center Street to Center Street in the Highgrove area. This street name change is exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). 2nd District; [\$0]

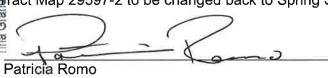
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Find that changing the name of Blue Mountain Drive to Spring Street and Change East Center Street to Center Street is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15060(c)(2) and 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines; and
- 2. Adopt Resolution No. 2016-039, Authorization to Change the Name of Blue Mountain Drive to Spring Street and Change East Center Street to Center Street in the Highgrove area; and
- 3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to deliver the Notice of Exemption to the Office of the County Clerk for filing within five (5) working days of this Board hearing.

BACKGROUND:

<u>Summary</u>

Blue Mountain Drive, was originally named Spring Street, and was changed to the current name by Resolution No. 2007-227, approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 2, 2007. The name change was in conjunction with the proposed Spring Mountain Ranch development. Tract Map 29597-2 which recorded September 12, 2014, named the extension of Blue Mountain Drive easterly, Spring Street. Due to the economic downturn, the Spring Mountain Ranch development was never completed. With new ownership, the development of Spring Mountain Ranch has resumed. The developer has requested that the portion of Blue Mountain Drive from Mt. Vernon Avenue easterly to where Spring Street starts on said arct Map 29597-2 to be changed back to Spring Street to match.



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Attachment: Vicinity Map; Resolution No. 2016-039;

Exhibit "A"; Notice of Exemption

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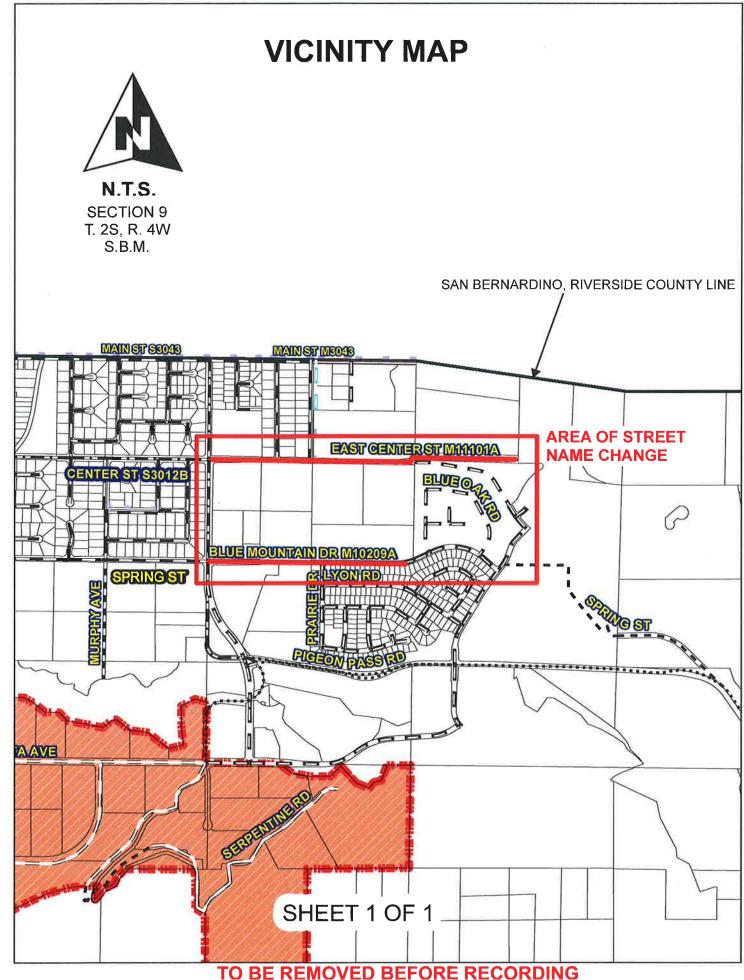
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Summary (continued)

The one resident on Blue Mountain Drive has agreed to the renaming of Blue Mountain Drive to Spring Street. Old Highgrove Road was changed to East Center Street by Resolution No 2013-074, approved by the Board of Supervisors on November 5, 2013, at the request of the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council (MAC). With the development of the Spring Mountain Ranch area the new developer has requested that the name be changed to the original name of Center Street to match the name of Center Street west of Mt. Vernon Avenue and the continuation of Center Street easterly within the new Development. The Highgrove MAC was contacted by the developer and has agreed with the street name change. The County of Riverside Transportation Department has determined the street name changes are consistent with the current street names within the area.



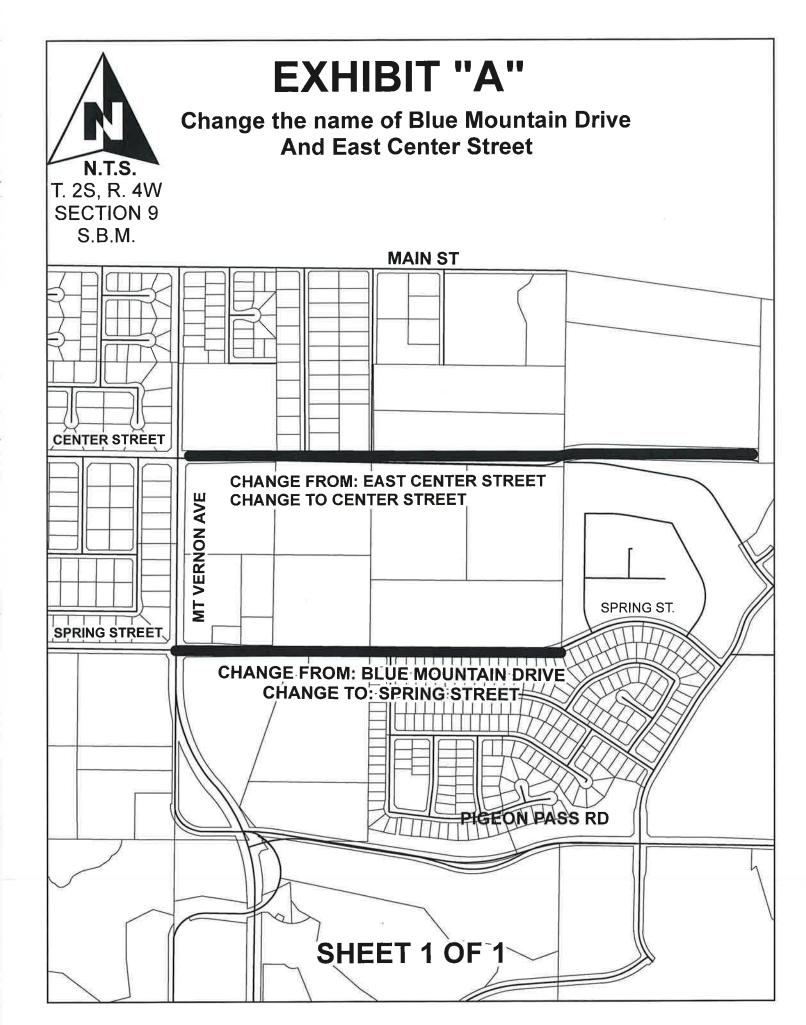
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Name: Change the name of Blue Mountain Drive to Spring Street and Change East Center Street to Center Street in the Highgrove area

Project Number: SNC15006 SU13

Project Location– Highgrove Area

Description of Project: Change the name of Blue Mountain Drive to Spring Street and Change East Center Street to Center Street in the Highgrove area .

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Riverside County Transportation Department, Survey Division, County of Riverside.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Richard G. Lantis, Riverside County Transportation Department, Survey Division, County of Riverside.

Exempt Status: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(3), General Rule "Common Sense" Exemption. Not a "project" as defined under State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15060(c)(2).

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The renaming of a street has been determined to not be a "project" as defined under State CEQA Guidelines section 15060(c)(2). However, even if it was determined to be a project under CEQA for analysis purposes, the renaming of a street is exempt from the provisions of CEQA specifically by the State CEQA Guidelines as identified below. The renaming of the existing roadway will not result in any specific or general exceptions to the use of the categorical exemption as detailed under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2. The renaming of a street will not cause any impacts to scenic resources, historic resources, or unique sensitive environments. Further, no unusual circumstances or potential cumulative impacts would occur that may reasonably create an environmental impact. The renaming of a street will not have an effect on the environment; thus, the County has deemed this does not meet the definition of a "project" under CEQA and no environmental impacts are anticipated to occur.

• Section 15061(b)(3) - General Rule "Common Sense" Exemption. With certainty, there is no possibility that the proposed street name change may have a significant effect on the environment. The renaming of a street will not require any construction activities, change the use or intensity of the existing site to create a physical environmental impact, and would not lead to any direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical environmental impacts. Therefore, in no way would the project as proposed have the potential to cause a significant environmental impact and the project is exempt from further CEQA analysis.

Section 15060(c)(2) – for purposes of analysis under CEQA, the renaming of a street is not a "project" under CEQA pursuant to Section 15060(c)(2). An action by a public agency is only a "project" subject to CEQA if the action might result in a physical change in the environment. Based upon a review of the whole action undertaken, supported, or authorized by the County, in no way will the renaming of the roadway increase the use of the site, result in increased development or construction impacts, or lead to any direct, indirect, or cumulative physical environmental impacts.

Based upon the identified exemptions above, the County of Riverside hereby concludes that no physical environmental impacts are anticipated to occur and the street name change as proposed is exempt under CEQA. No further environmental analysis is warranted.

Signed: Date: 3-17-16
Richard G. Lantis, Riverside County Surveyor