

**DEPARTMENT:** Board of Supervisors

**BY:** Supervisor Turpin

**PHONE:** 966-3222

**RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

**Schedule for a.m. timed agenda at Government Center:**

Receive public comment relative to discussion and possible direction regarding designating J-132 (County Road) within Mariposa County (Coulterville to Tuolumne County Line) as John Muir Highway

**NOTE:** This matter is scheduled at this time to receive public comment and is scheduled for this afternoon at the portion of the meeting being held in Greeley Hill to take additional input, discuss and possibly provide direction

**Schedule for 3:00 p.m. timed agenda at Greeley Hill:**

Discussion and Possible Direction Regarding designating J-132 (County Road) within Mariposa County (Coulterville to Tuolumne County Line) as John Muir Highway.

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

The Board discussed the renaming of the State portion of Highway 132 on August 12, 2008,

**ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes (X) No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? ( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$ _____		List Attachments, number pages consecutively _____
Additional Funding Needed: \$ _____		_____
Source:		_____
Internal Transfer _____		_____
Unanticipated Revenue _____ 4/5's vote		_____
Transfer Between Funds _____ 4/5's vote		_____
Contingency _____ 4/5's vote		_____
( ) General ( ) Other _____		_____

**CLERK'S USE ONLY:**

Res. No.: 07509 Ord. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote - Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Noes: \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent: \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) Approved  
(X) Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board  
County of Mariposa, State of California

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:**

Requested Action Recommended  
 No Opinion  
Comments:

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CAO: PB



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## MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### MINUTE ORDER

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TO: SUPERVISOR TURPIN

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board *MW*

SUBJECT: Receive Public Comment Relative to Discussion and Possible Direction Regarding Designating J-132 (County Road) within Mariposa County (Coulterville to Tuolumne County Line) as John Muir Highway

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on October 20, 2009

#### ACTION AND VOTE:

Supervisor Turpin;

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**BOARD ACTION:** Supervisor Turpin advised that this is scheduled to receive public comment at this time and that this item is scheduled for the afternoon meeting in Greeley Hill. He advised that the proposal does not involve address changes and this is only for the route designation and there is no land use overlay.

Input from the public was provided by the following:

Eleanor Keuning referred to the Historical Sites and Records Preservation Commission meeting held on Monday and discussion of naming/designating roads in the County; and they feel that these issues should come before the Commission and that there should be consistency in the signage. She would like to see this type of naming expanded throughout the County.

Jeff Hentz, Yosemite/Mariposa County Tourism Bureau Executive Director, provided input on the request and their tourism efforts and advised that he feels that this would be of benefit to the North County.

Peter Schimmelfennig provided input and advised of its importance to the small businesses in the area; and he commented on the mapping issues on the internet with J-132.

Ruth Sellers referred to the Historical Sites and Records Preservation Commission meeting – she agrees with the John Muir designation, but feels that it should go before the Commission for review and recommendation.

Supervisor Turpin;

Discussion and Possible Direction Regarding Designating J-132 (County Road) within Mariposa County (Coulterville to Tuolumne County Line) as John Muir Highway

**BOARD ACTION:** Supervisor Turpin initiated discussion relative to the proposal and advised that addresses on Greeley Hill Road will not change and the John Muir Highway name is a route designation only.

Ken Pulvino gave a presentation on the request and reviewed the history of his work on this matter. He advised of the next steps in the process: obtain Board approval for the name designation; nomination to the Yosemite Geotourism site; update the online maps; obtain support of Tuolumne County; legislative process and funding; sponsorship from the legislators on an initiative; and development of a website.

Members of the audience provided input and asked questions about the proposal. The audience noted the need to update all maps, including the one by the rest area in Mariposa to reflect J-132; asked how this would affect taxes; asked whether there would be road improvements; and suggested that the internet include information on the sites in the area that could be downloaded for the tourists to use when traveling. Rick Benson advised of the Fire Chief's efforts to make corrections to the three major route companies for the internet.

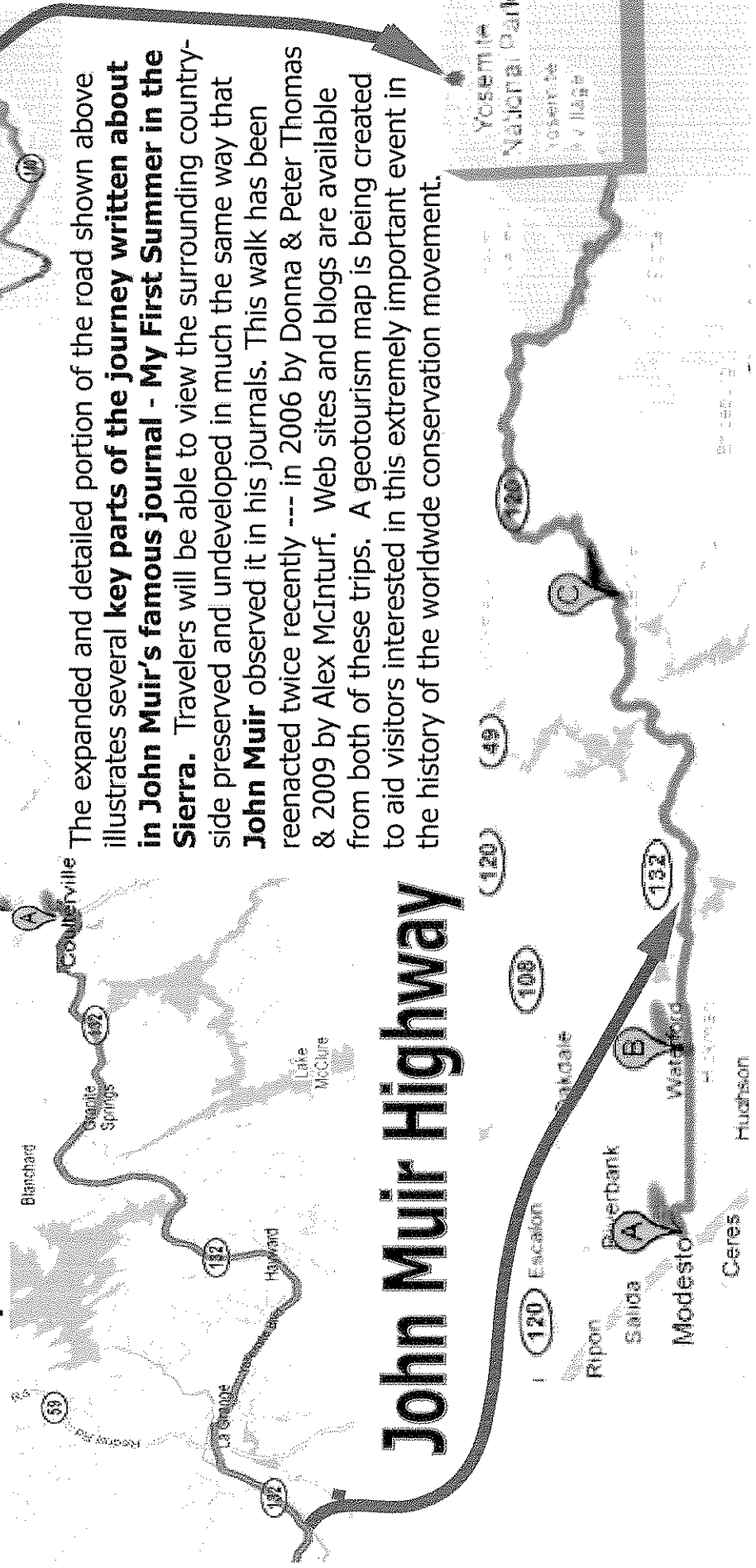
Suzanne Turpin commented on the need to correct the internet maps as tourists get lost on the roads that are shown resulting in search and rescues.

MaryAnn Huff, resident and business owner and President of the Chamber of Commerce, thanked Ken Pulvino for his work on this project and commented on the importance of economic development and "branding"/getting the name designation. She feels using "highway" versus "trail" may help direct tourists to this route versus the trails that are not always accessible.

Discussion was held. (M)Cann, (S)Allen, Res. 09-509 was adopted designating J-132 within Mariposa County, from Coulterville to the Tuolumne County line, as John Muir Highway – route only/Ayes: Turpin, Cann, Allen; Excused: Aborn, Bibby.

Cc: Ken Pulvino  
Chamber of Commerce  
Tourism Bureau  
File

The proposal to name State Highway 132 as **John Muir Highway** includes portions of the road beginning in Modesto, then proceeding to Coulterville via Waterford and becoming Mariposa County Road J132. The junction at Smith Station connects with Highway 120 to continue the route to Yosemite Village. Much of this route **from LaGrange to the Old Yosemite Road follows the trail used by John Muir when he helped bring a flock of sheep to Yosemite Valley for his first visit.**



## John Muir Highway

**Honoring a man & renewing his Yosemite route**

Rec'd  
10-20-09

**From:** Debbie Cook  
**To:** msr22@earthlink.net  
**Date:** 10/20/2009 10:02:39 AM  
**Subject:** John Muir Highway

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It is unfortunate that I am unable to attend today's meeting. I am employed in Modesto and Ironically, I travel the very highway you are discussing today. However, I wanted to send my thoughts and asked MaryAnn Huff to read them to you.

My husband and I moved to the area in 2002. Having to work out of the area, we spend 10-12 hours a day away from our home. As commuters to Modesto, we travel Highway 132 Monday through Friday twice a day. When leaving Modesto and heading home each day from work on my 42 mile commute, I am relieved that I don't have to travel the freeway with the smog, congestion, trucks, trash, pot holes and other hazards. Instead I have time to unwind, drive along the river, watch the colors of the trees change with the seasons, I see seasonal wildflowers and sunflowers, birds in flight, deer and cattle grazing. In the far distance I can see the foothills, the snow capped mountains and clouds floating in a clear blue sky. Traffic is minimal and road sides are free of trash. As it winds past Lake Don Pedro and I turn into my driveway, I think I am truly blessed to live here. Welcome to John Muir Highway.

I think it is a wonderful thing that we are so fortunate to have not only the history of our foothill communities, but an area that is passionate about where they live. Where generations of families have passed down stories and traditions.

Living in this area and having an address on Highway 132, I think it would be an wonderful to share my address with the likes of John Muir. My hat is off to Ken Pulvino for his dedicated work in promoting our area. I have not had the opportunity to sit on his committee, but his tireless efforts should be rewarded and will most definitely benefit all of us. I really don't see what, if any, argument there would be. We should all be honored.

Sincerely,  
Debbie Cook