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MEMORANDUM

DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2020
To: HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FROM: RUSSELL FORD, PLANNER III
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & BUILDING SERVICES
SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF ROAD NAME PETITION: RN_2020-0002 OLD BOY SCOUT ROAD

BACKGROUND

Old Boy Scout Road is an unnamed private road in the Willits area that takes access from Ridgewood Road (CR 304-A), 0.85± miles east of its transition from East Side Road (CR 304).

Old Boy Scout Road is officially unnamed but is widely known in the area by that name. A small sign currently stands at the intersection of “Old Boy Scout Road” and Ridgewood Road, further aiding its identification. The road serves approximately 31 parcels.

During work creating shaded fuel breaks in the area in 2019, comments were made by a CALFIRE Battalion Chief regarding the confusion between the ‘main’ stretch of Ridgewood Road and the portion known as *Old Boy Scout Road*, which initially brought the issue to the attention of the Department. There also exists at least one duplicate address between the two that requires correction. When contacted regarding an address change, the property owner stated that they were waiting for the road to be named so they wouldn’t have to change their address twice.

Given its existing signage and awareness in the community, staff believes this road is an excellent candidate for formal adoption. On May 27, 2020 a notice was sent to all affected owners stating the Department’s intent to begin the road name process. Of the 30+ notices sent to property owners, only two responses were received; both stated opposition to road naming. Stated concerns include no perceived issue with current addressing, the estimated cost of implementing such a change and the time required for agencies and companies, including Google Maps, to be made aware of the updated addressing. Referrals to CALFIRE and the Mendocino County Sheriff’s Office were returned in favor of adoption, and no response was received from the Little Lake Fire District.

Therefore, staff recommends approval of the name *Old Boy Scout Road* and subsequent re-addressing of the affected parcels. See attached location map and aerial map of the parcels for further information.

Russell Ford
Planner III/Cartographer/Address Coordinator

Attachments:

- A. Location Map
- B. Aerial Map