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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: February 25, 2020
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Julie Patterson Hunter
SUBJECT: Resolution endorsing and certifying the John Woolman School, located at 13075 Woolman Lane, Nevada City, CA 95959 (APN 004-081-059-000) as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 20-01.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached resolution requested by the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission to designate the John Woolman School, located at 13075 Woolman Lane, Nevada City, CA 95959 (APN 004-081-059-000) as a Nevada County Historical Landmark.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND: At its meeting on September 20, 2019 the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission unanimously approved the application submitted by Amy Cooke, representative of the Woolman at Sierra Friends Center, for registration of the John Woolman School, located at 13075 Woolman Lane, Nevada City, CA 95959 (APN 004-081-059-000) and recommends that the Board of Supervisors designate this site as a Nevada County Historical Landmark. The Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission recommended that the John Woolman School be designated as NEV 19-04; however, Staff is recommending that the site be designated as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 20-01 because the Commission's designation recommendation and request was not received until December 13, 2019 and could not come before the Board until after the beginning of the 2020 calendar year.

As the Nevada County Historical Landmark's Commission notes, the John Woolman School is the first Quaker boarding school in the western United States. "The school, founded in 1963, was named [after] John Woolman, a prominent 18th century Quaker known for, among other things, his opposition to slavery, and his efforts to promote peace among settlers and indigenous tribes. The school is a historical example of the Quaker commitment to education." The applicant notes that some other unique aspects of community historical significance related to the property include, but are not limited to, contributing to the construction of the Independence Trail with local land conservationist John Olmsted, being located on 236 acres of ancestral Nisenan Indian tribal lands and having a wide array of notable alumni. Please see supporting documentation for greater details.

The Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission submitted a letter to the Board of Supervisors on December 13, 2019, requesting the Board of Supervisors approve the designation of the John Woolman School, located at 13075 Woolman Lane, Nevada City, CA 95959 (APN 004-081-059-000) and recommends that the Board of Supervisors designate this site as a Nevada County Historical Landmark. As noted above, Staff is recommending that the site be designated as a Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 20-01.

Item Initiated by: Jeffrey Thorsby, Senior Management Analyst
Item Approved by: Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board
Submittal Date: February 3, 2020