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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: July 23, 2019

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Julie Patterson Hunter**

SUBJECT: Resolution endorsing and certifying the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission's designation of the town site of the St. Columcille's Catholic Church and the Town of Birchville, located at 22917 Pleasant Valley Road, North San Juan, CA 95960 (APN 030-030-015) as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 19-02. (District IV)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached resolution requested by the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission to approve the designation of the town site of the St. Columcilles Catholic Church and the Town of Birchville, located at 22917 Pleasant Valley Road, North San Juan, CA 95960 (APN 030-030-015) as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 19-02.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND: At its meeting on May 17, 2019 the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission unanimously approved the application submitted by Lisa and Lee Renner, for registration of the town site of the St. Columcilles Catholic Church and the Town of Birchville, located at 22917 Pleasant Valley Road, North San Juan, CA 95960 (APN 030-030-015) and recommends that the Board of Supervisors designate this site as Nevada County Historical Landmark 19-02.

The current property owner, Lisa and Lee Renner, submitted an application to designate the site on April 9, 2019 outlining the historic nature and value of the St. Columcille's Church and the Town of Birchville. Specifically, the Town of Birchville was initially known as Johnson's Diggins but was renamed Birchville in honor of local store owner named Lumon Birch Adsit in 1851. Then in 1869 a building used as the San Juan and Bridgeport Union Guard Armory was purchased by Father Dalton and became the St. Columcille's Catholic Church. The Church was used until 1955 and was later purchased by Bart "Babe" Pingalia who then donated the building to the State of California. The Church was dismantled in 1971 and moved to the Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park where it still stands today.

The Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission submitted a letter to the Board of Supervisors on May 17, 2019, requesting the Board of Supervisors approve the designation of the town site of the St. Columcille's Catholic Church and the Town of Birchville, located at 22917 Pleasant Valley Road, North San Juan, CA 95960 (APN 030-030-015) as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 19-02.

Item Initiated by: Jeffrey Thorsby, Senior Administrative Analyst

Item Approved by: Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board

Submittal Date: June 26, 2019