

City Council Chambers
29844 Haun Road
Menifee, CA 92586



Menifee City Council
Regular Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, August 7, 2024
5:00 PM Closed Session
6:00 PM Regular Meeting

Bill Zimmerman, Mayor
Bob Karwin, District 1
Ricky Estrada, District 2
Lesa Sobek, District 3
Dean Deines, District 4

Armando G. Villa, City Manager
Jeffrey T. Melching, City Attorney
Sarah Manwaring, City Clerk

AGENDA

11.2 Squaw Valley Drive Street Name Change

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Adopt a resolution approving the street name change from Squaw Valley Drive to Sun Valley Drive to be in compliance with Assembly Bill 2022.



CITY OF MENIFEE

SUBJECT: Squaw Valley Drive Street Name Change

MEETING DATE: August 7, 2024

TO: Mayor and City Council

PREPARED BY: Laura Sportelli, Management Analyst

REVIEWED BY: Cheryl Kitzerow, Community Development Director

APPROVED BY: Armando G. Villa, City Manager

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DISCUSSION

On November 19, 2021, the Secretary of the Interior issued Secretarial Order 3404 declaring “Squaw” (Sq.) to be derogatory and mandating its removal from geographic features. On September 23, 2022, Assembly Bill (AB) 2022 was signed into California law and declared Sq. an offensive ethnic, racial, and sexist slur towards indigenous women, and mandated the removal of this derogatory term from all California geographic features and place names. The City of Menifee identified Sq. Valley Drive in 2023 when public agencies were required to identify and report all instances of the use of Sq. under their jurisdiction. The California Committee on Geographic Names (CACGN), a liaison to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, is coordinating the state-wide implementation of AB 2022 and requires proposed replacement name(s) to be submitted to the Committee by August 20, 2024, and implemented by January 1, 2025.

On March 7, 2024, staff mailed consultation requests to 14 tribes, and allotted 90 days for tribal consultations. Responses were received from the Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians and the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians who deferred to the Pechanga Band of Mission Indians and the Luiseño Indians respectively. Staff consulted with the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians and the Pechanga Band of Mission Indians in April and May, and both tribes deferred to the City of Menifee to select a respectful replacement name.

On June 3, 2024, upon researching the surrounding community, City staff determined that the street names nearest to Sq. Valley Drive reflect the names of ski resorts and, with the goal to continue the existing neighborhood theme, selected Sun Valley Drive as the proposed replacement name. On June 4, 2024, the proposed name was approved by the City Manager.

A letter and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document were mailed to impacted residents and property owners on June 11, 2024 to provide background and information on AB 2022, as well as provide notification of the proposed replacement name. A Community Engagement Workshop was held on June 27, 2024. City staff members were on site to answer questions and provide residents with information and resources to support and assist in simplifying the address change process. Three residents were in attendance with no objections to the proposed replacement name.

On July 25, 2024, the City received correspondence from the Morongo Band of Mission Indians with a proposed street name of “Munipka Drive”, a name inspired by the local indigenous heritage of the Serrano people. In order to allow for timely processing of the proposed name change, the deadline for tribal consultations was June 7, 2024.

Government Code § 34091.1 designates authority to the City Council to amend existing names of city streets by adoption of a resolution. Adoption of the attached resolution approving the street name change from Sq. Valley Drive to Sun Valley Drive for the 35 lots located north of Snow Creek Drive, south of Baldy Peak Drive, east of Mount Bachelor Way, and west of McGalliard Road is the first step.

If adopted and approved by CACGN, the City would send a letter of notification to the residents providing the date that the City’s maintenance crew would complete the installation of a new street sign. The Building Official would submit an address verification document to Menifee Geographic Information System (GIS), Riverside County GIS, 911 Emergency Services, and the United States Post Office (USPS). Residents would need to ensure the correct mailing address has been submitted to all residential service providers and is reflected on all legal documentation.

STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE

Safe and Vibrant Community / Community Engagement and Social Infrastructure

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact of changing the street signage will not result in additional costs beyond the installation cost. The estimated material cost of replacing each street sign is \$150. No additional budget appropriation(s) action is required to accommodate this cost.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution
2. Exhibit A - Map
3. CACGN AB2022 Implementation Letter
4. Public Hearing Notice

RESOLUTION NO. 24-_____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MENIFEE,
CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE SQUAW (SQ.) VALLEY DRIVE NAME
CHANGE TO SUN VALLEY DRIVE**

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Interior issued Secretarial Order 3404 declaring “Squaw” (Sq.) to be derogatory and mandating its removal from geographic features; and

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2022, Assembly Bill (AB) 2022 was signed into California law, mandating the replacement of all instances of the use of Sq. in public geographic features and place names; and

WHEREAS, the City Council possess the authority to rename an existing city street by resolution pursuant to Government Code Section 34091.1; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2024, staff mailed consultation requests to fourteen tribes, and consulted with the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians and the Pechanga Band of Mission Indians in April and May of 2024, where both tribes deferred to the City of Menifee to select a respectful replacement name; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Department recommended changing the street name from Sq. Valley Drive to Sun Valley Drive for the 35 lots located north of Snow Creek Drive, south of Baldy Peak Drive, east of Mount Bachelor Way and west of McGalliard Road; and

WHEREAS, the California Committee on Geographic Names (CACGN), a liaison to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, coordinating the state-wide implementation of AB 2022, required proposed replacement name(s) to be submitted to the Committee by August 20, 2024, and implemented by January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2024, the City Council held a duly noticed public hearing; and

WHEREAS, changing an existing street name is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 14 Cal. Code Regs. 15061(b)(3), because it can be seen with certainty there is no possibility the name change in question will have a significant effect on the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Menifee, California does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1: The City Council approves the street name change for Sq. Valley Drive to Sun Valley Drive for the 35 lots located north of Snow Creek Drive, south of Baldy Peak Drive, east of Mount Bachelor Way, and west of McGalliard Road, as shown in Exhibit “A”, pursuant to the authority vested in the City Council by California Government Code Section 34091.1.

Section 2: The City Clerk and Public Works Department are hereby directed to take whatever action required by law to notify the public of said name change, including providing any required notices, including to the County of Riverside

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pursuant to California Government Code Section 34092, and to proceed to make physical improvements to the street that reflect the intent of this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 7th day of August 2024.

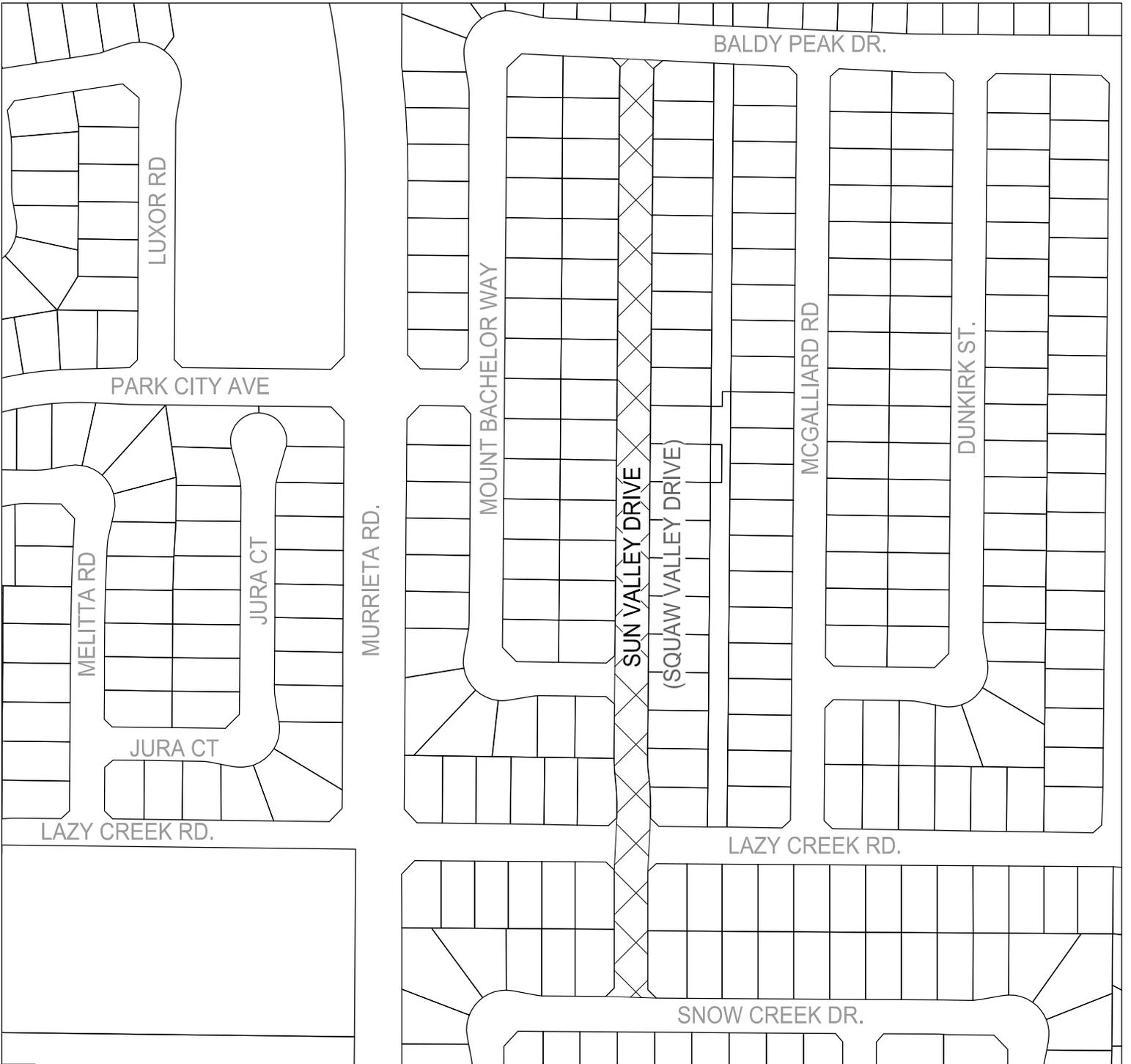
Bill Zimmerman, Mayor

Attest:

Stephanie Roseen, Acting City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Jeffrey T. Melching, City Attorney

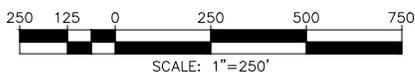


LEGEND



SUN VALLEY DRIVE

(TEXT) PARENTHETICAL = OLD



CADD PROJECT FILE NAME: EH-SUN VALLEY DRIVE
 DATE: 7/22/2024 EVELYN SOLANO
 TIME: 1:11 PM

CITY OF MENIFEE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT	
STREET NAME CHANGE EXHIBIT SUN VALLEY DRIVE	



715 P Street, 20th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
<https://cacgn.ca.gov>.

February 6th, 2024

Bill Zimmerman, Mayor
City of Menifee
29844 Haun Road
Menifee, CA 92586

RE: Renaming “sq_” Named Features and Places for Assembly Bill (AB) 2022 Implementation.

**Sq. 24-9, Sq. Valley Drive
City of Menifee**

Dear Mayor Bill Zimmerman:

California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names (CACGN) and California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) respectfully request the **City of Menifee, in partnership with California Native American tribes, to identify appropriate replacement names for the “sq_” names on features and places.** Newly named features and places should be informed by tribal consultation, public engagement, and be respectful of tribes and tribal communities. Public agencies must submit the replacement names for all “sq_” named places and features within their jurisdiction by August 6th, 2024, utilizing the attached AB 2022 Name Proposal Form to cacgn@resources.ca.gov.

Thank you to the City of Menifee’s leadership and staff for helping identify the “sq_” named places and features in your community. Through this collaborative effort, public places and features across the state have been collectively identified for this renaming process. We look forward to continuing to partner with your public agency, local communities, and California Native American tribes on finding respectful replacement names that reflect the values of the community.

This timeline allows approximately 90 days for public agencies to consult with tribes and engage with the local community to select a replacement name and about 90 days for public agencies to complete internal administrative processes. We respectfully request the City of Menifee send their request for tribal consultation letters to tribes no later than the end of the first week of March and allow for at least 90 days for tribal consultation. A template request for tribal consultation letter has been provided.

We invite you to join CACGN’s AB 2022 Best Practices for AB 2022 Implementation Webinar on February 16, 2024, from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm. Please register for this webinar here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81102329136>

[Assembly Bill \(AB\) 2022](#) (Ramos), Chapter 479 of 2022 Statutes, declares the word “sq_” an offensive ethnic, racial, and sexist slur. During 2023, Public Agencies were required to identify and report to CACGN all instances of the derogatory “sq_” term in public geographic features and place names under their jurisdiction. The final list has been published on CACGN's website at [List of Sq Names Submissions](#).

Sq. 24-9, Sq. Valley Drive has been identified within your jurisdiction. To support your public agency's tribal consultations, we have included the contact information and mailing labels for the tribes with ancestral lands (pursuant to the Native American Heritage Commission) in the geographic region.

We respectfully request consultation between the City of Menifee and tribes. Consultation between the City of Menifee and tribes shall be conducted to mutually respect each party's sovereignty and authority. Consultation should also recognize the tribes' potential needs for confidentiality concerning places with traditional tribal cultural significance.

When selecting a replacement name, AB 2022 requires adhering to following priorities:

1. Honor the original, traditional, or current name used by tribes to refer to the geographic feature or place.
2. Names incorporating the local indigenous language(s).
3. Preserve the original intent of the geographic name as a historical record of the cultural landscape (using general descriptors and generic terms such as river, creek, mountain, or an appropriate term from the indigenous language of the area), considering the historical, cultural, or ethnic significance of the original name.

We have provided the attached AB 2022 Name Proposal Form with specific questions to help guide your Public Agency's renaming process. We hope this resource is helpful throughout the renaming process.

Additionally, to learn more about the implementation of AB 2022, please feel free to visit CACGN's website at <https://cacgn.ca.gov/>.

Email cacgn@resources.ca.gov with any questions regarding the implementation of AB 2022.

Thank you, and please do not hesitate to contact CACGN with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Geneva

Geneva E.B. Thompson
Deputy Secretary for Tribal Affairs
California Natural Resources Agency

cc: California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names cacgn@resources.ca.gov



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INTENT TO ADOPT A STREET NAME CHANGE

TIME OF PUBLIC HEARING: 6:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as possible
DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: August 7, 2024
PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING: **Menifee City Council Chambers**
29844 Haun Road, Menifee, CA 92586

A PUBLIC HEARING has been scheduled, pursuant to the City of Menifee Municipal Code, before the **CITY OF MENIFEE CITY COUNCIL** to consider adopting a Resolution to approve the street name change from Squaw Valley Drive to Sun Valley Drive in the City of Menifee, California.

Location: North of Snow Creek Drive, south of Baldy Peak Drive, east of Mount Bachelor Way, and west of McGalliard Road.



Any person wishing to comment on the proposed street name change may do so in writing between the date of this notice and the public hearing. All comments must be received prior to the time of public hearing. All such comments will be submitted to the City Council, and the City Council will consider such comments, in addition to any oral testimony, before making a decision on the proposed Resolution.

If this Resolution is challenged in court, the issues may be limited to those raised at the public hearing, described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing. Be advised that as a result of public hearings and comments, the City Council may amend, in whole or in part, the proposed Resolution.

For further information regarding this Resolution or to provide written correspondence, please contact Craig Carlson, at (951) 723-3729 or e-mail ccarlson@cityofmenifee.us or go to the City of Menifee's agenda web page at <http://www.cityofmenifee.us>. Please send all written correspondence to:

THE CITY OF MENIFEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT – BUILDING DIVISION
Attn: Craig Carlson, Building Official
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