

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 9087**

**RESOLUTION OF THE PLUMAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
FORMALLY ADOPTING “DEMTATOKO TRAIL” AS THE  
REPLACEMENT NAME FOR “SQ\_ CARPET LANE” PURSUANT TO  
ASSEMBLY BILL 2022 AND DIRECTING THE PLANNING  
DEPARTMENT TO MODIFY THE RECORDED MAP BY CERTIFICATE  
OF CORRECTION**

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill 2022 (Ramos), Stats. 2022, ch. 479 finds and declares the term “squaw” is a racist and derogatory term that has historically been used as an offensive ethnic, racial, and sexist slur, particularly for indigenous women; and over 100 geographic features and place names in the State of California contain the term “squaw” and no geographic feature or place name in the State of California should have a name that includes racial and sexual slurs and stereotypes targeting Native Americans, which perpetuate prejudice, disparage racial minorities, and contribute to the current crisis of missing and murdered indigenous people; and the geographical features or place names in the State of California that contain the word “squaw” are deemed to be offensive and insulting; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to California Government Code Sec. 8899.93(b), beginning January 1, 2025, the use of the word “squaw” is prohibited for geographic features and place names within the State of California; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 7, 2024, the California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names (CACGN) and California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) requested each public agency in the State of California with “sq\_” names on features and places, in partnership with their local community and California Native American tribes, to identify appropriate replacement name(s); and

**WHEREAS**, CACGN identified one “sq\_” feature in Plumas County, which is a road named called “Sq\_ Carpet Lane” (State Object ID #24-459) (Latitude 40.19493 / Longitude -120.50197) with a length of approximately 1,200 feet located in northeastern Plumas County off Plumas National Forest Road 28N01; and

**WHEREAS**, the associated assessor parcel numbers of property with addresses along “Sq\_ Carpet Lane” include APN 007-130-005-000 (246 Sq\_ Carpet Lane), which is a 5.02-acre parcel and APN 007-130-022-000 (133 Sq\_ Carpet Lane), which is a 10.29-acre parcel; and

**WHEREAS**, “Sq\_ Carpet Lane” is shown on the Parcel Map for Hugh G. and Gladys M. McCulloch (8 PM 41); and

**WHEREAS**, “sq\_ carpet” [scientific name: *Ceanothus prostratus*; common names: Pinemat or Prostrate Ceanothus (Mahala Mat)] is an evergreen plant native to the Pacific Northwest, extending into northern California and Nevada and is identified as a flat, mat-forming ground cover that grows about 6 inches tall and up to 8 feet wide. It typically occurs on open slopes and under

Douglas Fir, Jeffrey pine, or Ponderosa pine at elevations up to 7,000 feet, producing small clusters of deep blue or purple flowers; and

**WHEREAS**, Plumas County worked collaboratively to consult and engage with Native American Tribes, other Tribal members, and interested parties to recommend a respectful replacement name to the Board of Supervisors; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 26, 2024, and again on August 26, 2024, the Plumas County Planning Department sent letters, in addition to follow up emails and phone calls in the months of July, August, September, and October, to Honorable Tribal Leaders, including Tribal Chairpersons and Cultural Resource leads, requesting Tribal consultation from the Tribes identified by the Native American Heritage Commission as being in the geographic region of “Sq\_ Carpet Lane” specific to Tribal ancestral lands; and

**WHEREAS**, the following Tribes, identified by the Native American Heritage Commission and consulted during the process, included Estom Yumeka Maidu Tribe of the Enterprise Rancheria, Greenville Rancheria of Maidu Indians, Susanville Indian Rancheria, Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians, Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, and Tsi Akim Maidu; and

**WHEREAS**, Plumas County also consulted with other Tribal members and interested parties between the months of July 2024 and October 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the following describes the resulting recommendations for replacement names of “Sq\_ Carpet Lane” from the County’s Tribal consultation and engagement process:

1. Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians held a Tribal Council meeting on October 1, 2024, and recommended “Elderberry Lane” or the Tosidum Maidu name of “Lokom Kodo Lane, ”
2. Tribal members Harla Lee and Danny Manning met with the Plumas County Planning Director on September 10, 2024, and recommended the Tosidum Maidu name of the “sq\_ carpet plant” that being “Demtatoko Lane,” (*pronounced Dem - tah - to - ko*) and
3. Tribal member Liz Bolin emailed the Plumas County Planning Department on August 27, 2024, and recommended the plant’s new, accepted English names of either “Pinemat” or “Mahala Mat,” and otherwise stated the traditional Maidu placename for that area should be used; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 15, 2024, the Board of Supervisors held a properly noticed public hearing to consider all the recommendations. The Board approved a replacement name for “Sq\_ Carpet Lane” under Assembly Bill 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, in discussion, the Board of Supervisors gave equal weight to all replacement names provided and reviewed the recommendations based on the criteria set forth in Assembly Bill 2022, which requires public agencies to prioritize the following:

1. Names that 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), and
3. Names that 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; and

**WHEREAS**, among the three recommended names, only “Demtatoko” satisfies all requirements under Assembly Bill 2022. This name directly translates the term for the “sq\_ carpet” plant associated with the location, uses the local indigenous Tosidum Maidu language, and preserves the original meaning and cultural significance of the geographic name; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mooretown Rancheria Maidu Tribal Council recommendation of “Lokom Kodo” does not meet two of the three criteria, as it does not honor the original “sq\_ carpet” plant. Rather, it uses the elderberry plant instead, and the translation is not Mountain Maidu dialect, but rather a Valley Maidu dialect. The names suggested by Liz Bolin recommending the “sq\_ carpet” plant’s new accepted English names of either Pinemat or Mahala Mat also do not meet the same two Assembly Bill 2022 criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 15, 2024, after consideration of comments by the Board of Supervisors, the public, the County Administrative Officer, and Interim County Counsel, the Board of Supervisors took unanimous action and recommended the replacement name of “Demtatoko Lane;” and

**WHEREAS**, on October 21, 2024, the Planning Director Ferguson emailed CACGN the Board of Supervisors recommended replacement name of “Demtatoko Lane” in addition to the Assembly Bill 2022 Name Proposal Checklist; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 9, 2024, Plumas County received email confirmation that CACGN had completed its review and approved replacement names for ID #24-459 (Sq\_ Carpet Lane ) following public hearings on November 14, 2024 and December 6, 2024. The approved names are as follows: “Lokom Kodo Lane,” “Demtatoko Lane,” “Mahala Mat Lane,” and “Yatomato Lane;” and

**WHEREAS**, further in the documentation from CACGN, it “strongly recommends” that the County of Plumas adopt “Lokom Kodo” or “Yatomato,” the names recommended by the Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians, as a tribal government; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2025, Planning Director Ferguson was before the Board of Supervisors to review “Lokom Kodo” (elderberry) and “Yatomato” (place name of the Genesee Valley) as CACGN-approved replacement names and communicated to the Board of Supervisors that she contacted Harvey Merino, Maidu Summit Consortium Cultural Resources Coordinator, for more information on the Mountain Maidu language and translation of “Yatomato,” and he stated that

“Yatomato” would not be accurate or appropriate for the replacement name, as the road is not located within Genesee Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2025, the Board of Supervisors made a motion directing staff to contact Mooretown Rancheria, Maidu Summit Consortium, and Greenville Rancheria to further discuss clarification on a recommended replacement name; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 6, 2025, Mr. Merino and Director Ferguson spoke, and Mr. Merino communicated that he reached out to Matthew Hatcher, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer at Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians. Mr. Merino informed Mr. Hatcher regarding the confusion of the road’s location by Mooretown Rancheria and that the road is not located within Genesee Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2025, Director Ferguson, emailed Mr. Hatcher to communicate her understanding that Mr. Hatcher and Mr. Merino spoke about the recommended replacement name for “Sq\_Carpet Lane” and that Mooretown Rancheria does not take issue with “Demtatkoko” being the new name rather than “Yatomato” or “Lokom Kodo” which are the replacement names Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians recommended and are the CACGN-approved and preferred replacement names; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2025, Director Ferguson received a letter from Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians, stating the Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California would at this time defer to Mr. Harvey Merino and the Maidu Summit Consortium with the recommendation to rename “Sq\_Carpet Lane” as “Demtatkoko Bo.” The Rancheria explained that its earlier suggestions during the December 6 meeting were offered in error due to confusion with another name-change consultation near Forbestown. Mooretown requested that the state accept the Mountain Maidu recommendation and adopt “Demtatkoko.” The Rancheria expressed appreciation for the opportunity to comment and confirmed it has no further input; and

**WHEREAS**, the resulting recommended replacement name is “Demtatkoko Bo” with “Bo” being the Maidu name for “Trail.” However, in the context of official road names and address standards, “Bo” is not recognized as an official road type in the County’s system, 911 system, or US Postal Service. Therefore, “Trail” is chosen as the suffix to approximate the English translation of “Bo,” resulting in the name, “Demtatkoko Trail”; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 1, 2025, Planning Director Ferguson was back before the Board of Supervisors to review the whole of the record; and

**WHEREAS**, all responsible public agencies must submit a resolution or other official communication from their governing body confirming that the replacement name has been formally adopted;

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY** the Plumas County Board of Supervisors, as follows:

On April 1, 2025, the Board of Supervisors made a unanimous motion (AYES Goss, Hall, Ceresola, McGowan, Engel) to formally adopt "Demtakoto Trail" as the respectful replacement name for "Sq\_ Carpet Lane" in compliance with the requirements of Assembly Bill 2022.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Plumas County Board of Supervisors directs the Planning Department to process a modification of the recorded map by preparing and filing a Certificate of Correction to change the road name from "Sq\_ Carpet Lane" to "Demtakoto Trail" on the Parcel Map for Hugh G. and Gladys M. McCulloch (8 PM 41).

Said Resolution shall be effective as of the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025.

The foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Plumas, State of California, at a meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025 by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:**Goss, Hall, McGowan, Ceresola, Engel

**NOES:**

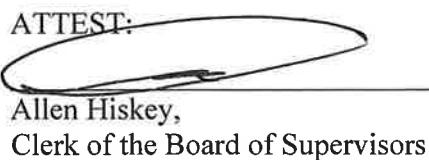
**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

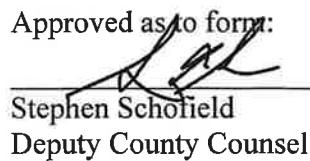


Kevin Goss  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

  
Allen Hiskey,  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Approved as to form:

  
Stephen Schofield  
Deputy County Counsel

