Please refer to the comments from the El Paso County Office of the County Attorney and the Colorado Division of Water Resources regarding receipt of findings.

Please include the court decree. A water finding cannot be made without decree.

PRELIMINARY WATER RESOURCES REPORT

For McLean Minor Subdivision

March 12, 2024

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Executive Summary:

<u>Preliminary Water Resources Report – McLean Minor Subdivision</u>

W. James Tilton and Chris D. Cummins of Monson, Cummins, Shohet & Farr, LLC, on behalf of the Applicant, Susan McLean, ("Owner"), provide the following Water Resources/Wastewater Disposal Report in support of the McLean Minor Subdivision. The attorneys at Monson, Cummins, Shohet & Farr, LLC ("MCSF") have extensive experience in water related matters, with Mr. Cummins having practiced water law almost exclusively for nearly 21 years. MCSF has substantial experience with Denver Basin groundwater resources, augmentation plans, designated basin replacement plans, subdivision proceedings, and rural water usage. Given his experience Mr. Cummins should be considered a "qualified professional" as concerns water resources, as discussed at Section 8.4.7(B)(1)(c) of the El Paso County Land Development Code. This Report, overseen by Mr. Cummins and prepared in conjunction with other professionals, is intended to demonstrate to the El Paso County Planning Commission and the BoCC, the sufficiency in terms of quantity and dependability, of the water rights and resources to be utilized in the proposed McLean Minor Subdivision (the "Subdivision"), in El Paso County, Colorado.

The Property consists of approximately 38.68 acres located at the current street addresses of 2415 Hodgen Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80921, in the N½ NE¼ of Section 28, Township 11 South, Range 66 West of the 6th P.M; El Paso County Parel No. 6128100014. Each of the two (2) lots in the Subdivision is to be provided water and sewer/septic services through an on-site individual well and Individual Systems ("ISDS"). The proposed minor subdivision has one existing resign containing approximately 20.25 acres, and Lot 2 will utilize a well that is to the remainder of the land which is currently unimproved, and will be approximately 20.25 acres in size.

It is expected that the existing well will remain exempt and continue to pump the permitted one (1) annual acre-foot of water. Lot 2 in the Minor Subdivision will require an average of 0.74 annual acre-feet of water supply, for a total of 1.74 annual acre-feet being withdrawn from the not-nontributary Dawson aquifer annually, to be provided through two individual wells to the not-nontributary Dawson aquifer, consistent with the [TBD date of approval], 2024 decree issued in Water Court, Division 2, Case No. 23CW3041. Additional groundwater has been adjudicated and may be utilized by wells on up to two additional lots pursuant to the decree, following subsequent lot subdivision. Such water supply demand is similar to other rural residential homes' historical demand. The Decree in Case No. 23CW3041 provides for a 300-year water supply for each lot within the Subdivision, with each lot utilizing an ISDS of a non-evaporative nature.

The water resources to be utilized on the residential lots in the Subdivision are typical of rural residential development in this area of El Paso County, Colorado. The decree issued by Water Court, Water Division 2 in Case No. 23CW3041 demonstrates a sufficient quantity and reliability of water to support compliance with El Paso County's

300-year water supply rules for subdivisions of this nature.

I. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to provide a preliminary outline of the water resources and associated wastewater requirements necessary for approval of the McLean Minor Subdivision, as proposed.

1.1 <u>New Development Description</u>: The Subdivision consists of 38.68 acres located at the current addresses of 2415 Hodgen Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80921. The Property will be subdivided into two lots. **Exhibit A**, attached hereto, is the plan for the Subdivision as proposed, prepared by APEX Land Surveying and Mapping, LLC. This analysis accounts for water reserved for an existing, exempt well, and the 300-year supply necessary for an augmented well.

Please clarify one residence is permitted per lot.

ATER NEEDS

explanation of how these calculations were made.

2.1 Analysis of Water Demands: It is expected that the two residential lots in the Subdivision will utilize two individual wells (one well per lot) drilled to the Dawson aquifer for domestic-type uses, including in-house, landscape/irrigation of lawn and gardens, watering of domestic animals and stock, and fire protection. An existing well with Permit No. 223432 will provide water supply to one of the lots. This is an exempt well pursuant to C.R.S. § 37-92-602(3)(b)(IV) and will remain exempt. It is anticipated that the residences on Lot 2 will utilize a minimum of 0.26 acre-feet and up to 0.74 acrefeet annually for in-house residential purposes, irrigation of lawn and garden, and watering of livestock consistent with the decree in Case No. 23CW3041 and the El Paso County Land Development Code Section 8.4.7. The existing well, permitted under Permit No. 223432, is constructed to and will produce from the not-nontributary Dawson aquifer at a flow rate of 10 to 15 gallons per minute, based upon past production.

There are no other wells currently constructed on the property. Based on past experience with the numerous Dawson aquifer wells serving rural residential properties throughout El Paso County, this rate of production should be more than sufficient to meet demand for in-house use.

III. PROPOSED WATER RIGHTS AND FACILITIES

3.1 <u>Water Rights</u>: An Augmentation Plan utilizing the underlying Dawson aquifer was approved by Water Court, Water Division 2 on April _____, 2024. A copy of the recorded decree is attached hereto as **Exhibit B (PENDING)**, which includes the following specific quantities of water supplies that will meet both legal and physical needs on a 300-year basis:

AQUIFER	Saturated Thickness (ft)	Total Water Adjudicated (Acre Feet)	Annual Average Withdrawal – 100 Years (Acre Feet)	Annual Average Withdrawal – 300 Years (Acre Feet)
Dawson (NNT)	385	2,680	26.8	8.93
Denver (NNT – 4%)	550	3,620	36.2	12.06
Arapahoe (NNT- 4%)	235	1,550	15.5	5.16

Laramie Fox Hills (NT)	190	1,100	11.0	3.66

All depletions are augmented in time, place and amount through septic return flows during pumping and through dedication of nontributary groundwater in the Laramie-fox Hills aquifer for depletions occurring after pumping ceases. These projected amounts do not include the Dawson aquifer groundwater reserved for Owner's existing exempt well.

- 3.2 <u>Source of Supply</u>: Rural residential water supply demand will be met using an existing not-nontributary Dawson aquifer formation well, and one additional not-nontributary well to be constructed to the Dawson aquifer, in accordance with the plan for augmentation decreed in Case No. 23CW3041. Consistent with El Paso County Land Development Code Section 8.4.7(B)(3)(c)(v), a minor subdivision utilizing individual wells need not make a further showing as to source of supply.
- 3.3 <u>Pumping Rates for Service</u>: The Dawson aquifer in the location of the Subdivision is generally known to produce approximately 10-15 gallons per minute, more than sufficient for single family residential and accessory uses.
- **IV. WASTEWATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT** While soils, geology and geotechnical analysis will be provided by other of Owners' consultants, the Owners provide a summary of ISDS to be utilized herein, as relates to water usage and resulting return flows which support the approved Augmentation Plan.
- 4.1 <u>Septic/Wastewater Loads</u>: Septic projections are based on similar Denver Basin residential uses on rural residential lots. Average daily wastewater loads are expected to be approximately 160 gallons per day per single-family residence assuming residential in-house use at the conservative 0.20 acre-feet per year rate for augmentation supplies described in the approved Augmentation Plan. Maximum daily wastewater loads are expected to be roughly 210 gallons per day per single-family residence based on the El paso County Land Development Code residential demand standard of 0.26 acre-feet per year.
- 4.2 <u>On-Site Wastewater Treatment Systems</u>: The two residential lots within the Subdivision will be served by individual on-site wastewater treatment systems. The on-site wastewater treatment systems have and will be installed according to El Paso County Guidelines and properly maintained to prevent contamination of surface and subsurface water resources.

Respectfully submitted this _12_th day of March, 2024.

MONSON, CUMMINS, SHOHET & FARR, LLC

/s/ W. James Tilton

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Exhibits:
A – Plat of the Property
B – Decree (Pending)

