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Division of Water Resources
Department of Natural Resources

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Nina Ruiz
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Re: Ellicott Sand and Gravel LLC Special Use Review Permit
Schubert Ranch Sand Resources
Case no. EA1881
Sec. 20, 29, and 32, Twp. 14S, Rng. 62W, 6th P.M., El Paso County
Upper Black Squirrel Creek Ground Water Management District
Water Division 2, Water District 10

Dear Ms. Ruiz:

We have received your November 15, 2021 submittal concerning the above-referenced proposal for a site specific development plan and use by special review permit for open mining and processing of minerals (topsoil, overburden, sand, gravel and stone), on approximately 733.7 permitted acres located in portions of Sections 20, 29, and 32, all in Township 14 South, Range 62 West of the 6th P.M. in El Paso County.

This office previously commented on this special review application by our letters dated July 1, 2020, December 8, 2020, and July 7, 2021. According to previous information received in this office three wells operating under permit nos. 9642-FP, 20528-FP and 27528-FP, were proposed as potentially available to be used for plant processing and dust control purposes. Since, in our letter dated December 8, 2020 we indicated that permit nos. 9642-FP, 20528-FP and 27528-FP, cannot be used for industrial use at the private gravel pit site since the use of the wells is limited to supplying municipalities, the applicant is now proposing to bring water for industrial use from an offsite source most likely from Tim Kunau Drilling and potable water will be purchased from a potable provider or purchased bottled water.

The applicant should be required to identify the specific water rights that will provide the water purchased from Tim Kunau Drilling, and provide evidence that those rights may be used for plant processing and dust control purposes at the site. In addition, if potable water is purchased from a potable water provider the applicant should be required to demonstrate that the potable water was purchased from a legal source that is permitted/decreed for domestic use.

If you or the applicant have any questions, please contact Ioana Comaniciu at 303-866-3581 x8246.

Sincerely,

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Water Resource Engineer

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