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**Date:** May 20, 2021

**To:** Ryan Howser, Planning and Community Development Department

**From:** Nancy Prieve, Environmental Division, Community Services Department

**Subject:** Meridian Ranch 2021 Sketch Plan Amendment SKP213

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The El Paso County Environmental Division has completed its review of the Meridian Ranch 2021 Sketch Plan Amendment SKP213. Our review consisted of the following items: wetlands, federal and state listed threatened or endangered species, general wildlife resources and noxious weeds.

1. A completed U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USCOE) permit shall be provided to the Planning and Community Development Department prior to project commencement if ground-disturbing activities will occur in wetland areas. Alternatively, a letter from a qualified wetland scientist indicating why such a permit is not required for this project will be acceptable. The applicant is hereby on notice that the USCOE has regulatory jurisdiction over wetlands. It is the applicant’s responsibility, and not El Paso County’s, to ensure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the Clean Water Act.

It is strongly recommended that the applicant obtain the necessary approvals from all federal, state and county agencies as a part of their planning process.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this project. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (719) 520-7845.