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**Date:** November 10, 2020

**To:** Kari Parsons, Planning and Community Development Department

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

**Subject:** Grandview Reserve Sketch Plan SKP201

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The El Paso County Environmental Division has completed its review of the Grandview Reserve Sketch Plan SKP201. Our review consisted of the following items: wetlands, federal and state listed threatened or endangered species, general wildlife resources and noxious weeds.

1. Two jurisdictional wetlands have been identified on the property. A completed U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USCOE) permit shall be provided to the Planning and Community Development Department prior to undertaking ground-disturbing activities in these jurisdictional wetland areas. 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.
2. The project will interfere with wildlife habitat including pronghorn range. In accordance with Colorado Parks and Wildlife guidelines, the applicant will prepare a fencing plan to avoid negative conflicts with pronghorn.
3. The project will interfere with wildlife habitat including potentially nesting migratory birds. The applicant will perform two surveys for migratory birds and their nests approximately one to two months prior to one week prior to construction. The take of migratory birds and their nests will be avoided. The applicant is hereby on notice that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has regulatory jurisdiction over migratory birds. 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 Migratory Bird Treaty 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.