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**GRADING AND EROSION CONTROL PLAN CHECKLIST**

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GRADING AND EROSION CONTROL PLAN		Applicant	PCD
<p>The intent of the GEC Plan is to provide for overall subdivision or development grading design as part of the engineering required for review and approval by the County. This plan is done at the time subdivision or development construction drawings are prepared by the Professional Engineer working for the developer. This is complex work whereby cuts and fills are analyzed for balance, slopes and contours are proposed as an integral part of the engineering design. A second important use of the GEC Plan is to estimate the cost of the overall grading, erosion control measures known as Best Management Practices (BMPs), and ultimate site stabilization. The County subdivision regulations require that collateral for these activities be posted prior to any land disturbing activity. The GEC Plan is therefore important to be completed and approved at the time of subdivision construction drawing approval so that these costs can be accurately estimated and included with the required subdivision collateral.</p>			
<p><b>NOTE: Please confirm each item below has been included by placing a check mark in the "Applicant" column. See right for an example. The "PCD" column is for office use only.</b></p>		✓	Office use only
1	Title Sheet which includes:		
	Sheet index	✓	
	Project title	✓	
	Vicinity map	✓	
	General project layout map (show and label benchmark locations here and on street plans)	✓	
	Design engineer's statement	✓	
	Owner/developer's statement	✓	
	El Paso County signature block	✓	
	Planning and Community Development file number at lower right	✓	
	Project benchmark (NAVD88)	✓	
	Basis of bearing	✓	
	Other applicable jurisdiction/utility signature blocks	✓	
	List of governing agencies, owner, engineer, architect with contact information	✓	
2	EPC standard construction notes	✓	
3	Details sheet(s) as needed	✓	
4	Vicinity map showing the subdivision in relation to section lines and existing or proposed arterial or collector roadways.	✓	
5	Adjacent city/town/jurisdictional boundaries, subdivision names, and property parcel numbers labeled	✓	
6	North arrow and acceptable scale (1"=20' to 1"=100')	✓	
7	Legend for all symbols used in the plan	✓	
8	Existing and proposed property lines. Proposed subdivision boundary for subdivision projects.	✓	
9	All existing structures	✓	
10	All existing utilities	✓	
11	Construction site boundaries	✓	
12	Existing vegetation (notes are acceptable in cases where there is no notable vegetation, only grasses/weeds, or site has already been stripped).	✓	
13	FEMA 100-yr floodplain		
14	Existing and proposed water courses including springs, streams, wetlands, detention ponds, stormwater quality structures, roadside ditches, irrigation ditches and other water surfaces. Show maintenance of pre-existing vegetation within 50 feet of a receiving water.	✓	
15	Existing and proposed contours 2 feet or less (except for hillside)	✓	





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	<p>Engineer's Statement (for GEC Plan within Construction Drawing set):          These detailed plans and specifications were prepared under my direction and supervision. Said plans and specifications have been prepared according to the criteria established by the County for detailed roadway, drainage, grading and erosion control plans and specifications, and said plans and specifications are in conformity with applicable master drainage plans and master transportation plans. Said plans and specifications meet the purposes for which the particular roadway and drainage facilities are designed and are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I accept responsibility for any liability caused by any negligent acts, errors or omissions on my part in preparation of these detailed plans and specifications.</p> <p>_____          Engineer of Record Signature                      Date</p>		
	<p>Owner's Statement (for standalone GEC Plan):          I, the owner/developer have read and will comply with the requirements of the Grading and Erosion Control Plan.</p> <p>_____          Owner Signature                                      Date</p>	✓	
	<p>Owner's Statement (for GEC Plan within Construction Drawing set):          I, the owner/developer have read and will comply with the requirements of the grading and erosion control plan and all of the requirements specified in these detailed plans and specifications.</p> <p>_____          Owner Signature                                      Date</p>		
	<p>El Paso County (standalone GEC Plan):          County plan review is provided only for general conformance with County Design Criteria. The County is not responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the design, dimensions, and/ or elevations which shall be confirmed at the job site. The County through the approval of this document assumes no responsibility for completeness and/ or accuracy of this document.          Filed in accordance with the requirements of the El Paso County Land Development Code, Drainage Criteria Manual Volumes 1 and 2, and Engineering Criteria Manual, as amended.</p> <p>In accordance with ECM Section 1.12, these construction documents will be valid for construction for a period of 2 years from the date signed by the El Paso County Engineer. If construction has not started within those 2 years, the plans will need to be resubmitted for approval, including payment of review fees at the Planning and Community Development Director's discretion.</p> <p>_____          County Project Engineer Signature                      Date</p>	✓	
<b>The following additional Reports/Permits/Documents are required, as applicable:</b>			
1	Soils report / geotechnical investigation as appropriate for grading/utilities/drainage/road construction.	✓	
2	Use Agreement/easement between the Owner or Operator and other third party for use of all offsite grading or stormwater control measures, used by the owner or operator but not under their direct control or ownership.		
3	Floodplain Development Permit issued by the agency having jurisdiction		
4	United States Army Corp. of Engineers 404/wetlands permit/mitigation plan		
5	Federal Emergency Management Agency Conditional Letter of Map Revision		
6	State Engineer's permit/Notice Of Intent to Construct		
7	Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP)	✓	
8	Financial Assurance Estimate (FAE) (signed by the applicant/owner)	✓	



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9	Erosion and Stormwater Quality Control Permit (ESQCP) (signed by the applicant/owner)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
10	Pre-Development Site Grading Acknowledgement and Right of Access Form (signed by the applicant/owner)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
11	Documentation to support that all applicable Conditions of Approval have been met.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	



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<b>The following standard El Paso County Grading and Erosion Control Plan Notes shall be included, as applicable:</b>			
1	Stormwater discharges from construction sites shall not cause or threaten to cause pollution, contamination, or degradation of State Waters. All work and earth disturbance shall be done in a manner that minimizes pollution of any on-site or off-site waters, including wetlands.	✓	
2	Notwithstanding anything depicted in these plans in words or graphic representation, all design and construction related to roads, storm drainage and erosion control shall conform to the standards and requirements of the most recent version of the relevant adopted El Paso County standards, including the Land Development Code, the Engineering Criteria Manual, the Drainage Criteria Manual, and the Drainage Criteria Manual Volume 2. Any deviations from regulations and standards must be requested, and approved, in writing.	✓	
3	A separate Stormwater Management Plan (SMWP) for this project shall be completed and an Erosion and Stormwater Quality Control Permit (ESQCP) issued prior to commencing construction. Management of the SWMP during construction is the responsibility of the designated Qualified Stormwater Manager or Certified Erosion Control Inspector. The SWMP shall be located on site at all times during construction and shall be kept up to date with work progress and changes in the field.	✓	
4	Once the ESQCP is approved and a "Notice to Proceed" has been issued, the contractor may install the initial stage erosion and sediment control measures as indicated on the approved GEC. A Preconstruction Meeting between the contractor, engineer, and El Paso County will be held prior to any construction. It is the responsibility of the applicant to coordinate the meeting time and place with County staff.	✓	
5	Control measures must be installed prior to commencement of activities that could contribute pollutants to stormwater. Control measures for all slopes, channels, ditches, and disturbed land areas shall be installed immediately upon completion of the disturbance.	✓	
6	All temporary sediment and erosion control measures shall be maintained and remain in effective operating condition until permanent soil erosion control measures are implemented and final stabilization is established. All persons engaged in land disturbance activities shall assess the adequacy of control measures at the site and identify if changes to those control measures are needed to ensure the continued effective performance of the control measures. All changes to temporary sediment and erosion control measures must be incorporated into the Stormwater Management Plan.	✓	
7	Temporary stabilization shall be implemented on disturbed areas and stockpiles where ground disturbing construction activity has permanently ceased or temporarily ceased for longer than 14 days.	✓	
8	Final stabilization must be implemented at all applicable construction sites. Final stabilization is achieved when all ground disturbing activities are complete and all disturbed areas either have a uniform vegetative cover with individual plant density of 70 percent of pre-disturbance levels established or equivalent permanent alternative stabilization method is implemented. All temporary sediment and erosion control measures shall be removed upon final stabilization and before permit closure.	✓	
9	All permanent stormwater management facilities shall be installed as designed in the approved plans. Any proposed changes that effect the design or function of permanent stormwater management structures must be approved by the ECM Administrator prior to implementation.	✓	
10	Earth disturbances shall be conducted in such a manner so as to effectively minimize accelerated soil erosion and resulting sedimentation. All disturbances shall be designed, constructed, and completed so that the exposed area of any disturbed land shall be limited to the shortest practical period of time. Pre-existing vegetation shall be protected and maintained within 50 horizontal feet of a waters of the state unless shown to be infeasible and specifically requested and approved.	✓	
11	Compaction of soil must be prevented in areas designated for infiltration control measures or where final stabilization will be achieved by vegetative cover. Areas designated for infiltration control measures shall also be protected from sedimentation during construction until final stabilization is achieved. If compaction prevention is not feasible due to site constraints, all areas designated for infiltration and vegetation control measures must be loosened prior to installation of the control measure(s).	✓	



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12	Any temporary or permanent facility designed and constructed for the conveyance of stormwater around, through, or from the earth disturbance area shall be a stabilized conveyance designed to minimize erosion and the discharge of sediment off site.	✓	
13	Concrete wash water shall be contained and disposed of in accordance with the SWMP. No wash water shall be discharged to or allowed to enter State Waters, including any surface or subsurface storm drainage system or facilities. Concrete washouts shall not be located in an area where shallow groundwater may be present, or within 50 feet of a surface water body, creek or stream.	✓	
14	During dewatering operations of uncontaminated ground water may be discharged on site, but shall not leave the site in the form of surface runoff unless an approved State dewatering permit is in place.	✓	
15	Erosion control blanketing or other protective covering shall be used on slopes steeper than 3:1.	✓	
16	Contractor shall be responsible for the removal of all wastes from the construction site for disposal in accordance with local and State regulatory requirements. No construction debris, tree slash, building material wastes or unused building materials shall be buried, dumped, or discharged at the site.	✓	
17	Waste materials shall not be temporarily placed or stored in the street, alley, or other public way, unless in accordance with an approved Traffic Control Plan. control measures may be required by El Paso County Engineering if deemed necessary, based on specific conditions and circumstances.	✓	
18	Tracking of soils and construction debris off-site shall be minimized. Materials tracked off-site shall be cleaned up and properly disposed of immediately.	✓	
19	The owner/developer shall be responsible for the removal of all construction debris, dirt, trash, rock, sediment, soil, and sand that may accumulate in roads, storm drains and other drainage conveyance systems and stormwater appurtenances as a result of site development.	✓	
20	The quantity of materials stored on the project site shall be limited, as much as practical, to that quantity required to perform the work in an orderly sequence. All materials stored on-site shall be stored in a neat, orderly manner, in their original containers, with original manufacturer's labels.	✓	
21	No chemical(s) having the potential to be released in stormwater are to be stored or used onsite unless permission for the use of such chemical(s) is granted in writing by the ECM Administrator. In granting approval for the use of such chemical(s), special conditions and monitoring may be required.	✓	
22	Bulk storage of allowed petroleum products or other allowed liquid chemicals in excess of 55 gallons shall require adequate secondary containment protection to contain all spills onsite and to prevent any spilled materials from entering State Waters, any surface or subsurface storm drainage system or other facilities.	✓	
23	No person shall cause the impediment of stormwater flow in the curb and gutter or ditch except with approved sediment control measures.	✓	
24	Owner/developer and their agents shall comply with the "Colorado Water Quality Control Act" (Title 25, Article 8, CRS), and the "Clean Water Act" (33 USC 1344), in addition to the requirements of the Land Development Code, DCM Volume II and the ECM Appendix I. All appropriate permits must be obtained by the contractor prior to construction (1041, NPDES, Floodplain, 404, fugitive dust, etc.). In the event of conflicts between these requirements and other laws, rules, or regulations of other Federal, State, local, or County agencies, the most restrictive laws, rules, or regulations shall apply.	✓	
25	All construction traffic must enter/exit the site only at approved construction access points.	✓	
26	Prior to construction the permittee shall verify the location of existing utilities.	✓	
27	A water source shall be available on site during earthwork operations and shall be utilized as required to minimize dust from earthwork equipment and wind.	✓	
28	The soils report for this site has been prepared by _____ and shall be considered a part of these plans.	✓	



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29	<p>At least ten (10) days prior to the anticipated start of construction, for projects that will disturb one (1) acre or more, the owner or operator of construction activity shall submit a permit application for stormwater discharge to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Water Quality Division. The application contains certification of completion of a stormwater management plan (SWMP), of which this Grading and Erosion Control Plan may be a part. For information or application materials contact:</p> <p>Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Water Quality Control Division WQCD – Permits 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South Denver, CO 80246-1530 Attn: Permits Unit</p>	✓	
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