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Nina Ruiz
El Paso County Planning and Community Development Department
2880 International Circle, Suite 110
Colorado Springs, CO 80910

Re: Hale Sand Pit Expansion - Site Development Plan Application

Dear Ms. Ruiz:

This firm represents the Upper Black Squirrel Creek Ground Water Management District (“the UBS District”), a formed and operating ground water management district with the powers enumerated in the Colorado Ground Water Management Act, C.R.S. § 37-90-101 *et seq.* The UBS District has reviewed S&K No. 1, LLC’s (“Applicant’s”) site development plan application for the Hale Sand Pit Expansion, as well as the materials provided in support of this application. Based upon its understanding of the application and related documentation, the UBS District reiterates its previous comments provided by letter dated January 14, 2019, regarding the Applicant’s special use permit application for this project.

Exposure of Designated Ground Water

The Hale Sand Pit is located on a 150-acre tract of land within Upper Black Squirrel Creek Designated Ground Water Basin (“UBS Basin”), and, as explained in the Applicant’s letter of intent, currently consists of a 9.9 acre sand mining area in the southwest corner of that parcel. The Applicant’s proposed expansion will increase the Applicant’s sand mining activities by an additional 52.5 acres. The UBS District is concerned that the excavation of additional sand pits on this property will either (1) expose designated ground water within the UBS Basin or (2) impound precipitation or runoff. Any precipitation or surface water runoff that is impounded in the sand pits would, in its natural course, contribute to the recharge of the UBS Basin’s alluvial aquifer and, as such, is designated ground water subject to administration by the Ground Water Commission. If, once constructed, the sand pits are discovered to expose or impound designated ground water, then the Applicant must apply for and obtain well permits and a replacement plan to replace depletions to the alluvial aquifer.

The UBS District reserves the right to provide additional comments at a later date founded upon information not readily ascertainable from the above-referenced application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa M. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and "T".

Lisa M. Thompson
for
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cc: UBSCGWMD Board of Directors