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## Flying Horse North, Filing No. 3, SF-23-26

Please accept the following comments from El Paso County Public Health regarding the project referenced above:

- The proposed 50-lot (2.5 acre+ minimum lot size) rural residential development will be provided water from individual private wells.
   Wastewater treatment service is proposed to be by onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS).
- There is a finding for sufficiency in terms of water quality based on the test results submitted in 2018 for Phase 1. The analytical results submitted by Colorado Analytical in March 2018, complied with the water quality parameters required by El Paso County Public Health. Be advised that the results for fluoride were measured at 3.37 mg/L, and the maximum contaminate level (MCL) established by the EPA is 4.0 mg/L, which was not exceeded. No treatment measures are necessary, but future property owners should be advised to sample for fluoride.
- The 05March2024, Entech Engineering, Inc. Soils and Geology Study and The Entech Engineering Inc. Wastewater Study were reviewed to determine the feasibility of using onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS) for the development. The referenced reports support the use of OWTSs for this proposed development project. Review of the 4 existing (2016) soil percolation tests and the 11-soil profile test pit excavations all indicated that the majority of, if not all, OWTS's will require a Colorado Professional Engineer designs due to some areas of perched groundwater and varying layers of dense sandstone.
- All onsite wastewater treatment systems must comply with Chapter 8
  of the El Paso County Board of Health Regulations. Each individual lot
  requires soil profile test pit excavations in the proposed soil treatment
  areas as part of the permitting process by El Paso County Public
  Health. Planning the location of house footprints, driveways, well
  locations, and primary and secondary soil treatment areas on each lot
  is critical. Dry gulches, ponds, and rolling terrain are other variables to
  consider during the development of each lot.
- Water Quality detention ponds must be maintained to eliminate stagnant water to minimize the risk of West Nile Virus from potential mosquito breeding areas.

- Radon resistant building techniques/practices are encouraged to be used in this area. The EPA has determined that Colorado, and specifically the El Paso County area, have potentially higher radon levels than other areas of the country.
- Earthmoving activity more than one acre, but less than twenty-five
  acres, will require a Construction Activity Permit from El Public Health.
  Go to <a href="https://www.elpasocountyhealth.org/service/air-quality/construction-activity-application">https://www.elpasocountyhealth.org/service/air-quality/construction-activity-application</a> for more information, and links to the Colorado
  Department of Public Health and Environment for earthmoving activity
  greater than 25 acres.
- El Paso County Public Health encourages planned walkability of residential communities. Please consider appropriate connections to commercial areas using sidewalks, and bike trails. Walkability features help in the effort to reduce obesity and associated heart diseases.

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