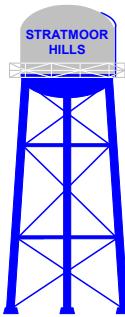


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El Paso County Planning Commission
Centennial Hall
200 South Cascade Ave.
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Re: Final Plat Glenarm Subdivision Filing No. 2

Dear Planning Commission,

My name is Kevin Niles and I am the District Manager for Stratmoor Hills Water and Sanitation Districts located in southern Colorado Springs near the Broadmoor World Arena. I am writing today asking for your support on approving our request to the final plat amendment to create one additional lot for the purposes of constructing a water treat facility in the Glenarm Subdivision.

Several years ago, it was discovered that PFAS (Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substances) from firefighting foam stored on Peterson Airforce Base had leached into the Widefield Aquifer contaminating the groundwater. Stratmoor Hills Water and Sanitation Districts owns and operates three groundwater wells in the Widefield Aquifer. In 2019 Stratmoor Hills WSD purchased a lot off Glenarm Rd. for the purpose of building a water treatment plant. Stratmoor Hills WSD, along with a low interest loan from Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority in the amount of \$3,000,000 and additional \$860,000 grant funding from the USAF, the District planned and developed a proposed project to construct a centralized water treatment plant to mitigate PFAS contaminants in our three groundwater wells.

Having this treatment plant online will ensure the Districts ability to provide clean, reliable, and safe drinking water to over 2100 meters, serving 6500 customers. Currently, we can only operate one of our three wells using ION Exchange filtration units because of the PFAS contamination, which is only 50% of our consumption demands. The remaining 50% of our consumption needs comes from our partnership in the Fountain Valley Authority. It is imperative to the future of our District, that we use our own water rights to service our community and not rely so heavily on purchased water through the Authority.

I cannot reiterate how important this treatment plant is to our District and the community we serve. Again, having this treatment plant will be vital in our ability to provide safe

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drinking water. The District has worked diligently over the past two years to implement this project and securing additional funding of \$860,000 from an ESA with the USAF and a \$3,000,000 SRF Loan from the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority. We have worked hard to address the PFAS issue in the Widefield Aquifer and we are making every attempt to make sure our water is clean and PFAS levels are well below the EPA recommend levels of 70PPM.

Again, we respectfully request that you approve the final plat amendment to create an additional lot for the purpose of constructing a water treatment facility.

Thank you



Kevin W. Niles
District Manager
Stratmoor Hills Water and Sanitation Districts