

Ruiz, Nina

From: Mark Stanwood <markstanwood32@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 1, 2022 7:51 AM
To: Justin Kilgore; Ruiz, Nina
Cc: Kevin Mastin
Subject: Re: Fire District Commitment letter and Fire protection Report

Justin,

Per our conversation. The Ellicott Fire Protection District cannot release a list of specific apparatus for security reasons. This is based on guidance from a Homeland Security Risk assessment. The Ellicott Fire Department has Structure Fire and Wildland Fire equipment, capabilities and an ISO rating of 9/6, the 6 is within 5 miles of a fire station. Per the Colorado State Forest service and the El Paso county community wildfire protection plan the entire Ellicott Fire District is a low risk for wildland fire.

Thank you.

Mark Stanwood
Fire Marshal
Ellicott Fire Protection District

On Mon, Oct 31, 2022 at 10:54 AM Justin Kilgore <JustinKilgore@elpasoco.com> wrote:

Mark,

I left you a voicemail a few minutes ago, but please feel free to reach out to me by email if that is easier.

Regards,



Justin Kilgore

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From: Kevin Mastin <KevinMastin@elpasoco.com>
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2022 10:47 AM
To: Mark Stanwood <markstanwood32@gmail.com>
Cc: Justin Kilgore <JustinKilgore@elpasoco.com>
Subject: RE: Fire District Commitment letter and Fire protection Report

Mark,

Expect to hear from our Planning Manager (Justin Kilgore – Cc'd on this email) to discuss the way forward.

Thank you,



Kevin Mastin

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From: Mark Stanwood <markstanwood32@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2022 11:26 AM
To: Kevin Mastin <KevinMastin@elpasoco.com>
Subject: Re: Fire District Commitment letter and Fire protection Report

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The Applicant Nina Ruiz from Vertex Consultants.

Mark Stanwood

On Fri, Oct 28, 2022 at 11:18 AM Kevin Mastin <KevinMastin@elpasoco.com> wrote:

Hello Mark,

I'll run this down. Who at PCD is telling you the letter is inadequate?

Thank you,

Kevin Mastin

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From: Mark Stanwood <markstanwood32@gmail.com>

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Mr. Mastin,

The Ellicott Fire District has been having ongoing issues with the requested requirements from El Paso County Planning and Community Development for commitment letters and fire protection reports. I thought these issues had been resolved, however I am having problems with them again.

The first Issue was the commitment letter from the fire district. a commitment letter was being requested prior to any review. The question was how could we commit to anything without knowing what the project was. We solved this issue by requiring a site plan and description of the project for the commitment letter.

Essentially the commitment letter is the following: the area is in our district and we will respond there. Additional infrastructure for fire protection may be required after our review, and that is it. Our attorney drafted a simple commitment letter that includes what we thought was an adequate Fire Protection Report. This has worked for several projects so far. Now I am being told it is inadequate.

The Fire Protection Statement includes our ISO rating (Fire Department Capability) which is currently 6/9. The 9 is for any area over 5 miles from a fire station. That we provide Structural and Wildland fire suppression services. The location of the servicing fire station and distance to the fire station is included. The Fire District will not give out a list of existing and proposed equipment and facilities due to security reasons. This information also has no relevance compared to the ISO rating which is given in our commitment letter.

During the EADRP review process I analyze the compliance with the fire protection and wildfire mitigation section of the Land Development Code. Interestingly, prior to my becoming the fire Marshal for Ellicott it appears that this section of the Land Development Code had not been enforced by the Planning and Community Development Department, I was told at that time it was the responsibility of the fire districts to enforce. So why would this need to be a part of the submission prior to the EDARP review?

Also during the EDARP review I review the compliance with the applicable Fire Codes. So again how can this be a required part of the submission package.

I have attached some of our recent commitment letters. Please advise if this will be sufficient for a commitment letter and fire protection report.

Please let me know.

Mark Stanwood

Fire Marshal

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