

<u>Town of Paonia</u> Wednesday, January 17, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting Agenda 5:00 PM <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87091531017</u> Meeting ID: 870 9153 1017

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Actions & Presentations

- 1. Appointment of Officers
- 2. Master Plan Status Update Phoenix Rising Resources
- **<u>3.</u>** Public Hearing-

Application for Minor Subdivision of Property at 841 HWY 133 Paonia CO 81428 by West Elk Land & Hops

<u>4.</u> Recommendations to Town Council regarding Housing Needs Assessment and Housing Action Plan regarding Short Term Rentals

Adjournment

AS ADOPTED BY: TOWN OF PAONIA, COLORADO RESOLUTION NO. 2017-10 – Amended May 22, 2018

I. RULES OF PROCEDURE

Section 1. Schedule of Meetings. Regular Board of Trustees meetings shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, except on legal holidays, or as re-scheduled or amended and posted on the agenda prior to the scheduled meeting.

Section 2. Officiating Officer. The meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be conducted by the Mayor or, in the Mayor's absence, the Mayor Pro-Tem. The Town Clerk or a designee of the Board shall record the minutes of the meetings.

Section 3. Time of Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Trustees shall begin at 6:30 p.m. or as scheduled and posted on the agenda. Board Members shall be called to order by the Mayor. The meetings shall open with the presiding officer leading the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Town Clerk shall then proceed to call the roll, note the absences and announce whether a quorum is present. Regular Meetings are scheduled for three hours, and shall be adjourned at 9:30 p.m., unless a majority of the Board votes in the affirmative to extend the meeting, by a specific amount of time.

Section 4. Schedule of Business. If a quorum is present, the Board of Trustees shall proceed with the business before it, which shall be conducted in the following manner. Note that all provided times are estimated:

- (a) Roll Call (5 minutes)
- (b) Approval of Agenda (5 minutes)
- (c) Announcements (5 minutes)
- (d) Recognition of Visitors and Guests (10 minutes)
- (e) Consent Agenda including Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (10 minutes)
- (f) Mayor's Report (10 minutes)
- (g) Staff Reports: (15 minutes)
 - (1) Town Administrator's Report
 - (2) Public Works Reports
 - (3) Police Report
 - (4) Treasurer Report
- (h) Unfinished Business (45 minutes)
- (i) New Business (45 minutes)
- (j) Disbursements (15 minutes)
- (k) Committee Reports (15 minutes)
- (l) Adjournment

* This schedule of business is subject to change and amendment.

Section 5. Priority and Order of Business. Questions relative to the priority of business and order shall be decided by the Mayor without debate, subject in all cases to an appeal to the Board of Trustees.

Section 6. Conduct of Board Members. Town Board Members shall treat other Board Members and the public in a civil and polite manner and shall comply with the Standards of Conduct for Elected Officials of the Town. Board Members shall address Town Staff and the Mayor by his/her title, other Board Members by the title of Trustee or the appropriate honorific (i.e.: Mr., Mrs. or Ms.), and members of the public by the appropriate honorific. Subject to the Mayor's discretion, Board Members shall be limited to speaking two times when debating an item on the agenda. Making a motion, asking a question or making a suggestion are not counted as speaking in a debate.

Section 7. Presentations to the Board. Items on the agenda presented by individuals, businesses or other organizations shall be given up to 5 minutes to make a presentation. On certain issues, presenters may be given more time, as determined by the Mayor and Town Staff. After the presentation, Trustees shall be given the opportunity to ask questions.

Section 8. Public Comment. After discussion of an agenda item by the Board of Trustees has concluded, the Mayor shall open the floor for comment from members of the public, who shall be allowed the opportunity to comment or ask questions on the agenda item. Each member of the public wishing to address the Town Board shall be recognized by the presiding officer before speaking. Members of the public shall speak from the podium, stating their name, the address of their residence and any group they are representing prior to making comment or asking a question. Comments shall be directed to the Mayor or presiding officer, not to an individual Trustee or Town employee. Comments or questions should be confined to the agenda item or issue(s) under discussion. The speaker should offer factual information and refrain from obscene language and personal attacks. Section 9. Unacceptable Behavior. Disruptive behavior shall result in expulsion from the meeting.

Section 10. Posting of Rules of Procedure for Paonia Board of Trustees Meetings. These rules of procedure shall be provided in the Town Hall meeting room for each Board of Trustees meeting so that all attendees know how the meeting will be conducted.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Section 1. Use of Consent Agenda. The Mayor, working with Town Staff, shall place items on the Consent Agenda. By using a Consent Agenda, the Board has consented to the consideration of certain items as a group under one motion. Should a Consent Agenda be used at a meeting, an appropriate amount of discussion time will be allowed to review any item upon request. Section 2. General Guidelines. Items for consent are those which usually do not require discussion or explanation prior to action by the Board, are non-controversial and/or similar in content, or are those items which have already been discussed or explained and do not require further discussion or explanation. Such agenda items may include ministerial tasks such as, but not limited to, approval of previous meeting minutes, approval of staff reports, addressing routine correspondence, approval of liquor licenses renewals and approval or extension of other Town licenses. Minor changes in the minutes such as non-material Scribner errors may be made without removing the minutes from the Consent Agenda. Should any Trustee feel there is a material error in the minutes, they should request the minutes be removed from the Consent Agenda for Board discussion.

Section 3. Removal of Item from Consent Agenda. One or more items may be removed from the Consent Agenda by a timely request of any Trustee. A request is timely if made prior to the vote on the Consent Agenda. The request does not require a second or a vote by the Board. An item removed from the Consent Agenda will then be discussed and acted on separately either immediately following the consideration of the Consent Agenda or placed later on the agenda, at the discretion of the Board.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Section 1. An executive session may only be called at a regular or special Board meeting where official action may be taken by the Board, not at a work session of the Board. To convene an executive session, the Board shall announce to the public in the open meeting the topic to be discussed in the executive session, including specific citation to the statute authorizing the Board to meet in an executive session and identifying the particular matter to be discussed "in as much detail as possible without compromising the purpose for which the executive session is authorized." In the even the Board plans to discuss more than one of the authorized topics in the executive session, each should be announced, cited and described. Following the announcement of the intent to convene an executive session, a motion must then be made and seconded. In order to go into executive session, there must be the affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of Members of the Board.

Section 2. During executive session, minutes or notes of the deliberations should not be taken. Since meeting minutes are subject to inspection under the Colorado Open Records Act, the keeping of minutes would defeat the private nature of executive session. In addition, the deliberations carried out during executive session should not be discussed outside of that session or with individuals not participating in the session. The contexts of an executive session are to remain confidential unless a majority of the Trustees vote to disclose the contents of the executive session.

Section 3. Once the deliberations have taken place in executive session, the Board should reconvene in regular session to take any formal action decided upon during the executive session. If you have questions regarding the wording of the motion or whether any other information should be disclosed on the record, it is essential for you to consult with the Town Attorney on these matters.

IV. SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT

Section 1. Deviations. The Board may deviate from the procedures set forth in this Resolution, if, in its sole discretion, such deviation is necessary under the circumstances.

Section 2. Amendment. The Board may amend these Rules of Procedures Policy from time to time.

Delta County, Colorado







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Name: West Elk Land & Hops LLC Property Address: 841 HWY 133 Paonia, CO Telephone Number: 970-270-2855

Application Date: 11/22/23 Development Review Meeting Date

MINOR SUBDIVISION/BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT The division of land that meets at least one of the following conditions:

1. The division of a parcel of land into three lots or less. A parcel of land may only be subdivided into three lots or less under the minor subdivision procedures once. Any subsequent subdivision, except for condition 2 below, must follow the procedures for a major subdivision.

2. The relocation or adjustment of a lot line that does not create new lots.

Applications for Minor Subdivisions shall be filed at least 30 days in advance of the meeting at which they are to be considered by the Development Review Committee. Incomplete applications shall result in denial of application acceptance and returned for completion, consequentially delaying hearings.

The application shall include the following:

- Application fee of \$500.00
- A legal description of the property TOWN OF PAONIA
- Proof of ownership
- Location Improvement Certificate certified by a Colorado licensed surveyor Plat of the proposed subdivision parcels sufficient to determine the size and area of each proposed parcel and describing each such parcel, as a portion of a lot, tract, or parcel, or lots, or tracts, or parcels on the Town Plat. The plat shall also identify the location of all public rights-of-way, location and size of the vehicular access to each parcel and the location of all utilities and all utility easements

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- Narrative Statement describing fire protection, emergency access, flood protection and proposed vehicular access
- Copy of any restrictive covenants that are proposed or have been recorded affecting the lots, tracts or parcels that are the subject of re-subdivision
- Any other information or documents requested by the Town Administrator that are necessary to render a decision under the criteria hereinafter set forth

The undersigned agree that the real property described on the site plan shall be developed only in accordance with the approved special review site plan and other provisions of the zoning regulations of the Town of Paonia.

Minor Subdivision Application

I. Project Summary

Please answer only the questions that apply to your Special Review /Variance request Any additional information, which would be beneficial in the consideration, may be noted in the "Comments" section.

a. Reason for Minor Subdivision <u>This property (14.25 acres) is excellent agricultural land with senior water</u> rights. One lot will have the existing metal building and long shed. Irrigation infrastructure is installed on all 3 lots. The project is ideal for small scale market farming while providing on-farm housing. These lots would be ideal for "Estate Zoning" classification within Paonia Town Limits.

b. Current Zoning of Property R-2. Requesting Estate Zoning

c. How will fire and flood protection be provided? <u>Fire Protection: We have worked closely with Paonia</u> <u>Volunteer Fire Department and incorporated all their recommendations into our subdivision plan (see</u> <u>attached letter)</u>.

Flood Protection: We'll follow all Town Guidelines

d. How will emergency access be provided? Shared driveway from State HWY 133

e. Provide a description of the proposed access to each proposed parcel. See attached Plat Map

f. What additions/ changes in utilities will be necessary? <u>Domestic water will be provided by a domestic</u> well with an approved augmentation plan (see attached Permit & Decree). Engineered septic systems approved by Delta County Health Department (allowable since town sewer mains are more than 400' from our property-see Sec. 13-5-380 of town code). Electricity to each lot. Natural gas to Lot 1 only.

g. Will property have Commercial/Private or Public Use? Private

h. Anticipated traffic flow and volume? See attached CDOT Traffic Study and Access Permit

Comments: History: This property was part of a larger project known as Riverbank. It was planned as Phase II of a mixed use. R-2, solar oriented neighborhood. Just before the final plat was approved the economy took a downturn in 2008 and the project was shelved. The property was split. Due to the on-going water moratorium, we considered de-annexing the Hops Farm property in order to pursue drilling a domestic well. When we learned that it was possible to have both a domestic water well and engineered septic systems within town limits, we chose to stay within town boundaries and apply for a minor subdivision with Estate Zoning.

II. Public Notice Requirements

Property has been posted notifying meeting with the Development Review Committee. Said sign to be at least 2 foot by 2 foot(2'x2) and posted for at least 15 days prior to said meeting

III. Acknowledgement to Pay Fee

This application must be completed and a non-refundable fee of \$500.00 is assessed to cover the administrative costs. Payment must accompany this application. By signing below, I acknowledge that I will be billed for any overages of costs incurred for this Minor Subdivision.

SIGNED	Mun	
DATE	11/22/23	_ Clerk Receipt

Minor Subdivision Application

Application Summary

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There are three required components of our application that are still in process and nearing completion. We are requesting plat approval for our subdivision contingent on finishing these components. They include:

1) Obtaining a General Use Well Permit.

We currently have an Observation/Monitoring Well Permit Issued by the State of Colorado which allowed us to drill the well, determine flow rate (GPM) and conduct water quality testing. Our well Augmentation Plan has been approved and a decree has been issued by the State Water Court. We are currently in the process of securing our water contracts for the plan. Once completed, our General Use well Permit Application will be submitted to the State which allow us to use the well for domestic use. Approval takes approximately 14 days from submission.

2) Engineered plans for our Domestic Well Water System and Delivery Plan to each lot.

We are currently working with a firm on the Western Slope. The plan should be completed within 2 months.

3) HOA Guidelines

We are working on a simple agreement for shared irrigation system use, maintenance and improvements.

Thanks so much for your consideration!

West Elk Land & Hops LLC Owners

David Warren PO Box 1143 Paonia, CO 81428

Hal Brill

PO Box 747

Paonia, CO 81428

Allison Elliot

PO Box 332

Paonia, CO 81428

WARRANTY DEED
between
(whether one, or more than one), the "Grantor," of the *
and and State of Colorado
West Elk Land & Hops, LLC, a Colorado Limited Liability Company
(whether one, or more than one), the "Grantee," whose legal address is P.O. Box 747, Paonia, Co 81428
of the County of Delta and State of Colorado
WITNESS, that the Grantor, for and in consideration of the sum of Disolving LLC
(\$), the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, hereby grants, bargains, sells, conveys and confirms unto the Grantee and the Grantee's heirs and assigns forever, all the real property, together with any described as follows:
Lot 2, Riverbank Neighborhood Minor Subdivision as recorded March 21, 2012 under Reception No. 657278.
County of Delta, State of Colorado.
also known by street address as: and assessor's schedule or parcel number: TOGETHER with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, the reversions, nemainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and all the estate, right, title, interest, claim and domand whatsoever of the Grantor, either in law or equity, of, in and to the above bargained premises, with the hereditaments and appurtenances; TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises above bargained and described, with the appurtenances, unto the Grantees and the Grantee's heirs and assigns forever. The Granter, for the Granter and the Grantor's heirs and assigns, does covenant, grant, bargain, and agree to and with the Grantee, and the Grantee's heirs and assigns that at the time of the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the Grantor is well solved of the premises above described; has good, sure, perfect, absolute and indefeasible estate of Inheritance, in law and in fee simple; and has good right, full power and lawfal authority to grant, bargain, sell and convey the same in manner and form as afforesaid; and that the same are free and clear from all former and other grants, bargains, sales, lines, taxes, assessments, encumbrances and restrictions of whatever kind or name soever, except and subject to: \Box none; or \overleftarrow{R} the following matters: subject to easements, restrictions, reservations, rights of way visible, in place Of recoord and taxes for the current year. And the Granter shall and will WARRANT AND FOREVER DEREND the above described premises, but not any adjoining wacated street or alley, if any, in the quiet and penceable possession of the Grantee and assigns of the Grantee, against all and every person or persons claiming the whole or any part thereof. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Granter has executed this deed on the date set forth above. Riverbank Neighborhood, ALC, a Colorado Limited Light ty Company BY: WardMarkey Backhouse, member: BY: WardMarkey Backhouse, member:
STATE OF COLORADO
County of Delta
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before ine this 6th (ay of April 2012, by Russel Andrew Backhouse, member and Half-Brill, member of Riverbank Neighbork LC, a Colorado Limited Liability Company Witness my hand and official seal. My commission expires: 4-22-2012 *Inset "City and" if applicable.
Name and Address of Person Creating Nawly Created Legal Description (\$38-35-106.5, C.R.S.)
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DELTA COUNTY TREASURER

Account R023690

Parcel Number 318731303002

Receipt Date Mar 28, 2023

Receipt Number 03-28-2023-17-3929

WEST ELK LAND & HOPS LLC PO BOX 747 PAONIA, CO 81428-0747

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Property Code		Actual	Assessed	Year	Area	Mill Levy
4157 - orchard land - 4157		10,674	2,818	2022	BR-	72.307
4180 - all other ag properties- land -	4180	1,000	290	2022	BR-	72.307
4279 - farm/ranch support buildings	6,515	1,720	2022	BR-	72.307	
4280 - all other agriculture buildings	s - 4280	55,988	16,237	2022	BR-	72.307
4471 - graze VI - 4471		118	31	2022	BR-	72.307
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2022 Tax Charge	\$1,525.40		\$762.70	\$76	2.70	\$0.00
				\$76	2.70	\$0.00
	Balan	ce Due as of	Mar 28, 2023			\$0.00

Statement of Taxes Due

Account Number R023690 Assessed To

Parcel 318731303002 WEST ELK LAND & HOPS LLC

PO BOX 747 PAONIA, CO 81428-0743

Situs Address

Legal Description

841 HIGHWAY 133 PAONIA 81428 S: 6 T: 14S R: 91W Subdivision: RIVERBANK NBIGHBORHOOD MINOR Lot; 2. TOTAL 14.244 AC+- LOT-2 RIVERBANK NEIGHBORHOOD M.S. PT E2SW4 SEC 31 T13S R91W & PT NEANW4 SEC 6 T14S R91W 6PM. 13X 497 PG 942 (R-395324 BK 498 PGS 76 THRU 78 (R-395404) BK 435 PGS 989 (R-377637) BK 5... Additional Legal on File 841 HIGHWAY 133 PAONIA

Year	Tax	Interest	Fees	Payments	Balance
Tax Charge				·····	
2022	\$1,525.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,525.40)	\$0.00
Total Tax Charge					\$0.00
Grand Total Due as of 11/20	/2023				\$0.00

Grand Total Due as of 11/20/2023

Tax Billed at 2022 Rates for Tax Area BR- - - BR-

Authority	Mill Levy	Amount	Values	Actual	Assessed	
DELTA COUNTY SCHOOL	24.6890000*	\$520.85	4157 - orchard land	\$10,674	\$2,818	
DC SCHOOL DIST 50 - BOND RE	4.4240000	\$93,33	4180 - all other ag	\$1,000	\$290	
DELTA COUNTY	14.3980000*	\$303.74	properties- land			
TOWN OF PAONIA	8.3220000	\$175.56	4279 - farm/ranch support buildings	\$6,515	\$1,720	
PAONIA CEMETERY DISTRICT	0.9060000*	\$19.Fr	4280 - all other	\$55,988	\$16,237	
FIRE DISTRICT #2	3.3500000*	\$70.67	agriculture buildings	400,000	\$10,237	
NF WATER CONS DIST	0.5610000	\$11.84	4471 - graze VI	\$118	\$31	
COLORADO RIVER WATER CONS D	0.5010000	\$10.57	Total \$74,295		\$21,096	
NORTH FORK MOSQUITO ABATEME	1.8020000	\$38.02	1 0441	\$77,270	#21,090	
DELTA COUNTY MEM HOSPITAL	0.8560000*	\$18.06				
NORTH FORK AMBULANCE HEALTH	6.0980000	\$128.64				
NORTH FORK POOL, PARK & REC	2.5000000	\$52.74				
DELTA COUNTY LIBRARY	3.0000000	\$63.29				
COUNTY R & B 1/2 SHARES	0.4500000	\$9.49				
PAONIA R & B 1/2 SHARES	0.4500000	\$9.49				
Taxes Billed 2022	72.3070000	\$1,525.40				
* Credit Levy						

ALL TAX LIEN SALE AMOUNTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO ENDORSEMENT OF CURRENT TAXES BY THE LIENHOLDER OR TO ADVERTISING AND DISTRAINT WARRANT FEES. CHANGES MAY OCCUR AND THE TREASURER'S OFFICE WILL NEED TO BE CONTACTED PRIOR TO REMITTANCE AFTER SEPTEMBER 1ST. TAX LIEN SALE REDEMPTION AMOUNTS MUST BE PAID BY CASH OR CASHIER'S CHECK,

SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS AND THE BOUNDARIES OF SUCH DISTRICTS MAY BE ON FILE WITH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THE COUNTY CLERK, OR THE COUNTY ASSESSOR.

This certificate does not include land or improvements assessed under a separate account number, personal property taxes, transfer tax or miscellaneous tax collected on behalf of other entities, special or local improvement district assessments or manufactured homes, unless specifically mentioned.

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the entire amount of taxes due upon the above described parcels of real property and all outstanding sales for unpaid taxes as shown by the records in my office from which the same may still be redeemed with the amount required for redemption are as noted herein. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal.



PAONIA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT PO BOX 1023 PAONIA, CO 81428

BLAKE KINSER, CHIEF JASON LAGE, CAPTAIN CURT MORGAN, LUET. MATT VANVLEET, ASST CHIEF SCOTT LEON, SEC/TRES ERNESTO GARCIA, LUET.

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter to inform you that Paonia Fire Department and David Warren of West Elk Land and Hops LLC have had meetings in regards to the subdivision at the former hops farm on Hwy 133 near the old High school. Myself and some of our officers met Mr. Warren at this location to view the area and any concerns. Mr. Warren has been very accepting of our recommendations as follows;

-Our recommendation to increase the width of the property access location off HWY 133 from the current width of 15' to 25', will help facilitate the ease and safety of driving our trucks in and out of the property from both directions.

-Increase the current road width to a minimum of 15'.

-Make any new roadway widths at a minimum of 15'

-All corners to be 23' wide to accommodate the turning radius of the larger fire trucks. -Create a "turn around" section for our large trucks at the easement location we discussed that is at least 15' wide and at least 40' long on the north side and south side of the road to allow our trucks enough room to pull in and back up and turn around.

-Since there are no fire hydrants on the property, water to suppress fires will be sourced and transported with our tanker trucks from two hydrant locations in close proximity to the property. Location #1: The intersection of HWY 133 and Fire Mountain Rd. Location #2: The intersection of Samuel Wade Rd at 133 Liquor store.

Sincerely Paonia Volunteer Fire Department Chief Blake Kinser idelity National Title

COMMITMENT FOR TITLE INSURANCE

FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY

FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, a Florida company ("Company"), for a valuable consideration, hereby commits to issue its policy or policies of title insurance, as identified in Schedule A, in favor of the Proposed Insured named in Schedule A, as owner or mortgagee of the estate or interest covered hereby in the land described or referred to in Schedule A, upon payment of the premiums and charges therefore; all subject to the provisions of Schedule A and B and to the Conditions and Stipulations hereof.

This Commitment shall be effective only when the identity of the Proposed Insured and the amount of the policy or policies committed for have been inserted in Schedule A hereof by the Company, either at the time of the issuance of this Commitment or by subsequent endorsement.

This Commitment is preliminary to the issuance of such policy or policies of title insurance and all liability and obligations hereunder shall cease and terminate within six (6) months after the effective date hereof or when the policy or policies committed for shall issue, whichever first occurs, provided that the failure to issue such policy or policies is not the fault of the Company. This Commitment shall not be valid or binding until countersigned by an authorized officer or agent,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY has caused its corporate name and seal to be hereunto affixed and these presents to be signed in facsimile under authority of its by-laws on the date shown in Schedule A,

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Robin'S. Black The/Title Co Of Delta County 721 Main St Ste 6 Delta, CO 81416-1854 Tel:970-874-9557 Fax:970-874-9566



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CONDITIONS AND STIPULATIONS

- 1. The term "mortgage", when used herein, shall include deed of trust, trust deed, or other security
- 2. If the proposed Insured has or acquires actual knowledge of any defect, lien, encumbrance, adverse claim or other matter affecting the estate or interest or mortgage thereon covered by this Commitment other than those shown in Schedule B hereof, and shall fail to disclose such knowledge to the Company in writing, the Company shall be relieved from liability for any loss or damage resulting from any act of reliance hereon to the extent the Company is prejudiced by failure to so disclose such knowledge. If the proposed Insured shall disclose such knowledge to the Company, or if the Company otherwise acquires actual knowledge of any such defect, lien encumbrance, adverse claim or other matter, the Company at its option may amend Schedule B of this Commitment accordingly, but such amendment shall not relieve the Company from liability previously incurred pursuant to paragraph 3 of these Conditions and Stipulations.
- 3. Liability of the Company under this Commitment shall be only to the named proposed Insured and such parties included under the definition of Insured in the form of policy or policies committed for and only for actual loss incurred in reliance hereon in undertaking in good faith (a) to comply with the requirements hereof, or (b) to eliminate exceptions shown in Schedule B, or (c) to acquire or create the estate or interest or mortgage thereon covered by this Commitment. In no event shall such liability exceed the insuring provisions, the Conditions and Stipulations, and Exclusions from Coverage of the form of policy or policies committed for in favor of the proposed Insured which are hereby incorporated by reference and are made a part of this Commitment except as expressly modified herein.
- 4. Any action or actions or rights of action that the proposed Insured may have or may bring against the Company arising out of the status of the title to the estate or interest or the status of the mortgage thereon covered by this Commitment must be based on and are subject to the provisions of this Commitment.

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Fidelity National Title Insurance Company

Commitment Number: 32207018

SCHEDULE A

- 1. Commitment Date: July 25, 2022 at 08:00 AM
- 2. Policy (or Policies) to be issued:
 - (a) Owner's Policy (ALTA Own.Policy(06/17/06)) Proposed Insured:
 - (b) Loan Policy
 Proposed Insured;
- 3. Fee Simple interest in the land described in this Commitment is owned, at the Commitment Date, by: West Elk Land & Hops, LLC, a Colorado Limited Liability Company
- The land referred to in the Commitment is described as follows:
 Lot 2, Riverbank Neighborhood Minor Subdivision as recorded March 21, 2012 under Reception Number 657278.

Delta County, State of Colorado.

Fidelity National Title Insurance Company ik By: The Title Company of Delfa County, LLC

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Fidelity National Title Insurance Company

Commitment Number: 32207018

SCHEDULE B - SECTION I REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be met:

- 1.. Payment of taxes and assessments now a lien due and payable.
- 2. None
- 3. NOTICE: Due to the conflict between federal and state laws concerning the cultivation, distribution, manufacture or sale of marijuana, the Company is not able to close or insure any transaction involving Land that is associated with these activities.

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SCHEDULE B - SECTION II EXCEPTIONS

Any policy we issue will have the following exceptions unless they are taken care of to our satisfaction.

- Right or claims of parties in possession not shown by the public records. 1..
- Easements, or claims of easements, not shown by the public records. 2
- Discrepancies, conflicts in boundary lines, shortage in area, encroachments, and any facts, which a correct survey 3. and inspection of the premises would disclose, and which are not shown by the public records.
- Any lien, or right to a lien, for services, labor, or material heretofore or hereafter furnished, imposed by law and not 4. shown by the public records.
- Defects, liens, encumbrances, adverse claims or other matters, if any, created, first appearing in the public records or 5. attaching subsequent to the effective date hereof but prior to the date the proposed insured acquires of record for value the estate or interest or mortgage thereon covered by this Commitment.
- 6. All taxes and assessments now a lien due or payable.
- The Owner's Policy to be issued, if any, shall contain the following items in addition to the ones set forth above: 7. (1) The Deed of Trust, if any, required under Schedule B. Section 1, Item (b). (2) Unpatented mining claims; reservations or exceptions in patents or in Acts authorizing issuance thereof; water rights, claims or title to water (3) Any and all unpaid taxes, assessments and unredeemed tax sales.

- Reservations as contained in United States Patent recorded April 13, 1891 in Book 16 at Page 71, said reservations 8. being as follows: Right of the proprietor of a vein or lode to extract and remove his ore therefrom should the same be found to penetrate or intersect said premises. Right of way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States.
- Any and all liens, burdens, obligations, easements and rights of way arising from or created by membership in, 9. applications to or contracts with the Feldman Ditch Company, Western Paonia Domestic Water Company, Pitkin Mesa Domestic Water Company and Town of Paonia.
- Stipulations, restrictions, conditions, provisions and easements as shown by plat of Survey, recorded November 25, 10. 1981 in Book 497 at Page 942, and as corrected in document recorded December 2, 1981 in Book 498 at Page 76.
- Any rights, interest or easements in favor of the riparian owners, the State of Colorado, the United States of America, or 11. the general Public, which exist, have existed, or are claimed to exist in and over the waters and present and past bet and banks of The North Fork of the Gunnison River.
- 12. Any question, dispute or adverse claims as to any loss or gain of land as a result of any change in the river bed location by other than natural causes, or alteration through accretion, reliction, erosion or avulsion of the center thread, bank, channel or flow of waters in the North Fork of the Gunnison River lying within subject land; and any question as to the location of such center thread, bed, bank or channel as a legal description monument or marker for purposes of describing or locating subject lands.

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NOTE: There are no documents in the land records of the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Delta County, accurately locating past or present location(s) of the center thread, bank, bed or channel of the above River or indicating any alterations of the same as from time to time may have occurred.

- 13. Right for the uninterrupted flow of the North Fork of the Gunnison River as it may affect subject property.
- 14. Any portion of subject property lying within the right of way of County Roads.
- 15. Terms, conditions, stipulations, obligations and restrictions as contained Utility Easement recorded September 8, 2009 at Reception Number 628651.
- 16. Stipulations, restrictions, conditions, provisions and easements as shown by plat of RiverSide Estates & Riverbank Neighborhood, recorded November 18, 2008 at Reception Number 630302
- 17. Stipulations, restrictions, conditions, provisions and easements as shown by plat of Riverbank Neighborhood Boundary adjustment, recorded December 9, 2008 at Reception Number 630675.
- 18. Stipulations, restrictions, conditions, provisions and easements as shown by plat of River Side Estates boundary adj, recorded February 10, 2009 at Reception Number 631993.
- 19. Stipulations, restrictions, conditions, provisions and easements as shown by plat of Riverbank Neighborhood/Zimmerman bdy adj, recorded February 10, 2009 iat Reception Number 631999.
- 20. Terms, conditions, obligations and stipulations as contained in Irrigation Pipeline Easement recorded July 24, 2009 at Reception Number 636443.
- 21. Terms, conditions, stipulations, obligations, easements and restrictions as contained in instrument recorded April 10, 2012 at Reception Number 657772.
- 22. Stipulations, restrictions, conditions, provisions and easements as shown by plat of Riverbank Neighborhood Minor Subdivision, recorded March 21, 2012 at Reception Number 657278.
- 23. Covenants, which do not contain reversionary clauses imposed upon the within described property, as set forth in instrument recorded July 27, 2018 under Reception Number 704943, but omitting any covenant, condition or restriction, if any, based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin unless and only to the extent that the covenant, condition or restriction (a) is exempt under Title 42 of the United States Code, or (b) relates to handicap, but does not discriminate against handicapped persons.

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COLORADO **Division of Water Resources**

Department of Natural Resources

WELL PERMIT NUMBER 329389-

RECEIPT NUMBER

10025764

ORIGINAL	PERMIT A	PPLICANT(S
WEST ELK L	AND & HOP	'S LLC

APPROVED WELL LOCATION

Water Division: 4	Water District: 40	
Designated Basin:	N/A	
Management District:	N/A	
County:	DELTA	•
Parcel Name:	N/A	
Physical Address:	841 HWY 133 PAONIA, CO 814	428
Section 31 Township 13	3.0 S Range 91.0 W Sixth P.M.	

Well to be constructed on specified tract of land

PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A NEW WELL

ISSUANCE OF THIS PERMIT DOES NOT CONFER A WATER RIGHT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

- This well shall be used in such a way as to cause no material injury to existing water rights. The issuance of this permit does not 1) ensure that no injury will occur to another vested water right or preclude another owner of a vested water right from seeking relief in a civil court action.
- The construction of this well shall be in compliance with the Water Well Construction Rules 2 CCR 402-2, unless approval of a 2} variance has been granted by the State Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors in accordance with Rule 18.
- Approved pursuant to CRS 37-92-602(3)(b)(I) for uses as described in CRS 37-92-602(1)(f). Use of this well is limited to 3) monitoring water levels and/or water quality sampling.
- This well must be equipped with a locking cap or seal to prevent well contamination or possible hazards as an open well. The 4) well must be kept capped and locked at all times except during sampling or measuring.
- Records of water level measurements and water quality analyses shall be maintained by the well owner and submitted to the 5) Division of Water Resources upon request.
- Upon conclusion of the monitoring program the well owner shall plug this well in accordance with Rule 16 of the Water Well 6) Construction Rules. A Well Abandonment Report must be completed and submitted to the Division of Water Resources within 60 days of plugging.
- The owner shall mark the well in a conspicuous location with the well permit number and name of aquifer as appropriate, and 7) shall take necessary means and precautions to preserve these markings.
- This well must be constructed by or under the supervision of a licensed well driller or other authorized individual according to 8) the Water Well Construction Rules. If non-standard construction is anticipated, a variance request must be submitted in accordance with Rule 18 and approved prior to well construction.
- Pursuant to Rule 6.2.3 of the Water Well Construction Rules, the well construction contractor shall submit the as-built well 9) location on work reports required by Rule 17.1 within 60 days of completion of the well. The measured location must be accurate to 200 feet of the actual location. The location information must include a GPS location (UTM coordinates) pursuant to the Division of Water Resources' guidelines.
- A Well Construction and Yield Estimate Report (Form GWS-31), including lithologic log must be submitted by the individual 10) authorized to construct the well. For non-standard construction, the report must include an as-built drawing showing details such as depth, casing, perforated zones, and a description of the grouting type and interval.

NOTE: Issuance of this permit does not guarantee that this well can be converted to a production well under a future permit. Additionally, pursuant to Rule 14.2 of the Water Well Construction Rules (2 CCR 402-2), monitoring holes constructed pursuant to a monitoring hole notice shall not be converted to a production well. (Upon obtaining a permit from the State Engineer, a monitoring hole may be converted to a monitoring well, recovery well for remediation of the aquifer, or a dewatering system for dewatering the aquifer.)

NOTE: This permit will expire on the expiration date unless the well is constructed by that date. A Well Construction and Yield Estimate Report (GWS-31) must be submitted to the Division of Water Resources to verify the well has been constructed. An extension of the expiration date may be available. Contact the DWR for additional information or refer to the extension request form (GWS-64) available at: dwr.colorado.gov

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DAT DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 4, COLORADOS 1200 North Grand Avenue, Bin A Montrose, CO 81401-3146 Telephone: (970) 252-4300	H FILED: October 16, 2023 12:51 PM E NUMBER: 2023CW3028
Concerning the Application for Water Rights of: WEST ELK LAND & HOPS, LLC,	▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲
In the Gunnison River, Delta County, Colorado.	Case Number: 2023CW3028
FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DECREE	, RULING OF REFEREE,

This matter came before the Court upon West Elk Land & Hops, LLC's Application for Groundwater Right and Request for Approval of Augmentation Plan ("Application"). The Application was referred to the undersigned as Water Referee for Water Division 4, State of Colorado, by the Water Judge in accordance with Article 92 of Title 37 of the Colorado Revised Statutes Annotated.

The undersigned Referee, having made such investigations as are necessary to determine whether the statements contained in the Application are true and having been fully advised of the subject matter of the Application, does hereby make the following findings and ruling:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- Jurisdiction: All notices required by law have been duly given and the Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Application and over all persons affected thereby whether or not they have chosen to appear. Timely and adequate notice of the pendency of these proceedings has been given in the manner required by C.R.S. § 37-92-302. Applicant filed the Application on May 18, 2023. The Application was properly published in the resume for Water Division 4.
- 2. <u>Statements of Opposition</u>: No statements of opposition were filed in this case and the period for such filings has expired.
- 3. <u>Summary of Consultation</u>: The Division Engineer issued a Summary of Consultation on August 25, 2023. Applicant has responded to the concerns stated in that Summary of Consultation and the Referee has considered that response.

4. <u>Name, address, and telephone number of Applicant</u>: West Elk Land & Hops, LLC c/o David R. Warren P.O. Box 1143 Paonia, CO 81428 (970) 270-2855

> with copies of all pleadings to: John R. Pierce DUFFORD WALDECK 744 Horizon Court, Suite 300 Grand Junction, CO 81506 (970) 241-5500

- 5. <u>Request for groundwater right:</u>
 - A. <u>Name of well, permit number</u>: Old Hops Well, currently permitted as a monitoring/observation well under Permit No. 329389. Applicant will obtain a new permit for the well before operating the well pursuant to this decree.
 - B. Legal description of location of well: In the NE¼ SW¼ of Section 31, Township 13 South, Range 91 West of the 6th Principal Meridian; UTM Zone 13 NAD83, 274149m E, 4306175m N. A map showing the location of the well is attached as Exhibit A.
 - C. <u>Source</u>: Groundwater tributary to the North Fork of the Gunnison River
 - D. Depth: 79 feet
 - E. <u>Date of appropriation</u>: December 21, 2022
 - F. <u>Amount claimed</u>: 0.14 cubic feet per second ("c.f.s."), 2.16 acre-feet ("a.f."), annually, conditional
 - G. <u>Does the well operate pursuant to a plan for augmentation</u>? The Old Hops Well will operate pursuant to the augmentation plan requested in the application.
 - H. <u>Uses</u>: Domestic use in up to six single-family homes
- 6. <u>Request for approval of plan for augmentation:</u>
 - A. <u>Name of structure to be augmented</u>: Old Hops Well, requested above
 - B. <u>Water rights to be used for augmentation</u>: This augmentation plan will rely on two sources of augmentation supply. First, Applicant will obtain a water supply

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contract for releases from East Beckwith Reservoir No. 1. Second, Applicant will obtain a water supply contract for releases from Blue Mesa Reservoir. Blue Mesa releases will be used to address downstream calls on the Gunnison River, as well as on the North Fork of the Gunnison River during periods when Applicant's exchange project (requested below) can operate in priority. During periods when Applicant's exchange project on the North Fork of the Gunnison River is not in priority, Applicant will address augmentation requirements with releases from East Beckwith Reservoir No. 1.

- i. East Beckwith Reservoir No. 1:
 - a. <u>Date of original decree and Case Nos.</u>: 06CW59
 - b. <u>Type of water right</u>: Storage
 - c. <u>Legal description</u>: The decree in Case No. 06CW59 described the location of the East Beckwith Reservoir No. 1 as in the NE/4 SW/4NE/4, Section 3, T 14S, R.88 W, 1,477 feet from the north section line and 1,747 feet from the east section line, 6th P.M.
 - d. <u>Source</u>: Middle Creek, tributary to Ruby Anthracite Creek, tributary to the North Fork of the Gunnison River
 - e. <u>Appropriation date</u>: March 31, 2006
 - f. <u>Amount</u>: 383 a.f.
 - g. <u>Decreed use</u>: Irrigation, recreation, fish culture, fire protection, stock water, industrial, commercial, hydroelectric, and augmentation
- ii. <u>Blue Mesa Reservoir</u>:
 - a. <u>Date of original decree and Case Nos.</u>: Blue Mesa Reservoir (Wayne N. Aspinall unit of the Colorado River Storage Project) was decreed 939,204 acre-feet in C.A. Nos. 5590 and 6981, Gunnison County District Court, with a November 11, 1957, appropriation date. An additional 124,253 acre-feet, with the same appropriation date, was transferred to the reservoir in C.A. No. 10045, making the total amount decreed to Blue Mesa Reservoir 1,063,457 acre-feet.
 - b. <u>Type of water right</u>: Storage

- c. <u>Legal description</u>: Blue Mesa Reservoir: The initial point of survey of Blue Mesa Dam is located at a point on the right abutment being the intersection of the center line of the axis of the dam and of the center line of the outlet works tunnel, whence the SW corner of section 31, T49N, R4W, NMPM bears North 78°36'44" West a distance of 3,207.07 feet.
- d. <u>Source</u>: Gunnison River
- e. <u>Appropriation date</u>: November 11, 1957
- f. <u>Amount</u>: 1,063,457 a.f.
- g. <u>Decreed use</u>: Domestic, municipal, irrigation, stock watering, industrial, hydropower, piscatorial, wildlife, recreation and other purposes.
- C. <u>Does Applicant intend to change a water right to provide a source of augmentation</u>? No.
- D. <u>Does the plan for augmentation include an exchange that Applicant seeks to</u> <u>adjudicate?</u> Yes, requested below
- E. <u>Statement of plan for augmentation:</u>
 - i. <u>Demand and depletions</u>: The Old Hops Well will be used to supply water for domestic use in up to six single-family homes located on Applicant's property. Annual diversions from the Well will not exceed 2.16 a.f. The homes will discharge into septic systems resulting in depletions equal to 10% of diversions, or 0.216 a.f. A table showing the water demand and depletions is attached as Exhibit B (MWRC Table 1).
 - ii. <u>Potential calls on the North Fork of the Gunnison River</u>: Records of the Division of Water Resources show that senior downstream calls have historically occurred on the North Fork of the Gunnison River as early as June 28th and have continued as late as October 4. This augmentation plan will address potential calls during the period of June 15 through October 15.
 - iii. <u>Potential calls on the Gunnison River</u>: The primary senior downstream calling right on the Gunnison River is the Redlands Power Canal ("RPC"). Calls by the RPC could occur under RPC's senior 670 c.f.s. right with a 1912 adjudication date or under the RPC 80 c.f.s. junior right with a 1959 adjudication date. The call period is based on periods in which flows on the Gunnison River were low enough that RPC could have placed calls in

2002 and 2003. The call periods correspond to the maximum number of days for any given month during 2002 and 2003 when flows on the Gunnison River were lower than the water rights decreed to RPC. A table showing the potential call period on the Gunnison River is attached as Exhibit C (MWRC Table 2).

iv. <u>Operation of plan</u>: This plan for augmentation replaces out-of-priority depletions to the North Fork of the Gunnison River and the Gunnison River caused by diversions from the Old Hops Well.

The replacement obligation for East Beckwith Reservoir No. 1 under this plan for augmentation is 0.076 a.f. To address obligation (and to account for a 5% conveyance loss) Applicant will obtain four units of water from the North Fork Water Conservancy District (the District defines a unit as 0.025 a.f.).

The replacement obligation on the Gunnison River (and on the North Fork of the Gunnison during such times that the exchange project can operate) is only 0.09 a.f. per year. However, because water supply contracts for Blue Mesa Reservoir are only available in one-acre-foot increments, Applicant will purchase a one-acre foot. The excess 0.91 a.f. available under that water supply contract is dedicated to this plan and shall be available to address any increase in the call period beyond that contemplated based on historical conditions without the need to amend the decree. The water lease obligations are shown in the attached Exhibit D (MWRC Table 3).

- 7. <u>Request for approval of exchange project associated with an augmentation plan</u> (appropriative right of exchange):
 - A. <u>Name of exchange</u>: Old Hops Well Exchange Project
 - B. <u>Location of exchange reaches</u>:
 - i. <u>Downstream terminus</u>: The confluence of the North Fork Gunnison River and the Gunnison River which is located within the NW¼ of the NW¼ of Section 6, Township 15 South, Range 93 West, 6th Principal Meridian (UTM Zone 13, NAD83; 253592.4m E; 4296490.6m N). The downstream and upstream termini of the Old Hops Well Exchange Project are shown in the map attached as Exhibit E (MWRC Figure 3).
 - <u>Upstream terminus</u>: The point at which depletions from the Old Hops Well impact the North Fork of the Gunnison River, within the SW¼ of SE¼ of Section 31, Township 13 South, Range 91 West, 6th Principal Meridian (UTM Zone 13, NAD83; 274383.1m E; 4305751.3m N).

- C. <u>Source</u>: Releases from Blue Mesa Reservoir
- D. <u>Date of appropriation</u>: May 18, 2023
- E. Amount: 0.0003 c.f.s. (0.135 g.p.m.), conditional
- F. <u>Use</u>: Augmentation (Exchanging water released from Blue Mesa Reservoir from the confluence of the Gunnison River and the North Fork of the Gunnison River upstream to the point on the North Fork of the Gunnison River at which depletions from the Old Hops Well impact the river.)

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 8. The findings of fact set out above are incorporated here to the extent that they constitute conclusions of law.
- 9. The Application filed in this case is complete, covering all applicable matters required under C.R.S. § 37-92-302.
- 10. All notice required by law has been given, and no further notice need be given. C.R.S. §§ 37-92-101, *et seq.* The Application in this matter, and the resume notice and newspaper publication thereof, was adequate in all respects to place all persons on inquiry notice of the relief granted herein. C.R.S. §§ 37-92-103 and 37-92-302.
- 11. Applicant has met its burden of proof on all matters that it is required to establish in these proceedings.
- 12. Applicant has satisfied all legal requirements for the entry of a decree in this case.
- 13. Review of determinations made by the Division Engineer or the State Engineer in administration of the subject water rights are water matters over which the Water Court has exclusive jurisdiction.
- 14. Applicant's plan for augmentation is one that is contemplated and authorized by law, and if implemented and administered in accordance with this Decree, will protect other vested water rights and will replace out-of-priority depletions that may occur as a result of Applicant's activities.

<u>RULING OF REFEREE</u>

- 15. <u>Old Hops Well</u>: Applicant is granted a conditional groundwater right in the Old Hops Well as described in paragraph 5 above.
- 16. <u>Old Hops Well Augmentation Plan</u>: Applicant's supplemental plan for augmentation is confirmed and approved as set forth in paragraph 6 above.

17. <u>Old Hops Well Exchange Project</u>: Applicant's request for a conditional appropriative right of exchange is confirmed and approved as set forth in paragraph 7 above.

18. <u>Terms and Conditions</u>:

- A. Before the augmentation plan approved in this case becomes operational, Applicant shall provide the Division Engineer's Office with a copy of approved water allotment contracts with East Beckwith Reservoir No. 1 and Blue Mesa Reservoir for augmentation water in the annual amounts of 0.10 a.f. and 1.00 a.f., respectively.
- B. The Division Engineer may modify the transit loss requirement as necessary in accordance with C.R.S. §§ 37-87-102(4) and 37-83-104.
- C. Applicant and its assigns understand that the lease supply is only for a set period of time and if such lease should expire, fail to be renewed, is terminated, or an alternative sufficient source of replacement water is not included in this decree by proper amendment prior to such expiration, curtailment of all out-of-priority diversions will occur.
- D. Applicant shall install a flowmeter on Old Hops Well, provide accounting, and supply calculations regarding the timing of depletions as required by the Division Engineer for the operation of this plan. Applicant shall also file an annual report with the Division Engineer by November 15 of each year summarizing diversions and replacements made under the Old Hops Well Augmentation Plan.
- E. Prior to the construction and/or operation of Old Hops Well, Applicant must modify its existing monitoring well permit (329389). This well permit should be issued pursuant to C.R.S. § 37-90-137(2) and the Old Hops Well Augmentation Plan, subject to and conditioned upon the rulings and findings in this ruling and decree.
- F. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 37-92-305(8), the State Engineer shall curtail all out-ofpriority diversions, the depletions from which are not so replaced as to prevent injury to vested water rights.
- G. The Water Court shall retain jurisdiction over the supplemental augmentation plan approved in this case to reconsider the question of injury to the vested water rights of others, as provided in C.R.S. § 37-92-304(6) for a period of five years from the date of this decree.
- H. Should the Applicant desire to maintain the conditional water rights continued herein, an Application for Finding of Reasonable Diligence shall be filed in the same month six years from the date of the water judge's order, unless a determination has been made prior to that date that such conditional rights have

been made absolute by reason of the completion of the appropriation or are otherwise so disposed. Applicant shall notify this Court of any change in mailing address. Upon the sale or transfer of these conditional rights, the transferee shall file with this Court a notice of transfer which shall state:

- i. the title and number of this case;
- ii. the description of the water right transferred;
- iii. the name of the transferor;
- iv. the name and mailing address of the transferee; and
- v. a copy of the recorded deed.

Applicant shall notify any transferee of the requirements of this paragraph.

This Ruling shall be filed with the Water Clerk subject to judicial review, and a copy of this Ruling shall be filed with the Division Engineer for Water Division 4 and the State Engineer.

Dated: September 21, 2023

BY THE COURT:

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S. Gregg Stanway, Water Referee Division 4, Water Court



<u>DECREE</u>

No protest was filed in this matter. The foregoing Ruling is confirmed and approved and is made the final Judgment and Decree of this Court. The conditional water rights described herein shall be in full force and effect until the end of the month six years from the date of this Order. If the Applicant wishes to maintain the conditional water rights thereafter, Applicant shall file an application for finding of reasonable diligence on or before that date or make a showing on or before then that the conditional water rights have become absolute water rights by reason of the completion of the appropriation.

> BY THE COURT: DATED October 16, 2023

Hoy. J. Steven Patrick, Water Judge Division 4, Water Court

Table 1: Monthly Demand and Depletions Old Hops Well

	Per	Home	Six Homes		
Month	Demand	Depletions	Demand	Depletions	
	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)	
January	0.03	0.003	0.18	0.018	
February	0.03	0.003	0.18	0.018	
March	0.03	0.003	0.18	0.018	
April	0.03	0.003	0.18	0.018	
May	0.03	0.003	0,18	0.018	
June	0.03	0.003	0.18	0.018	
July	0.03	0.003	0.18	0.018	
August	0.03	0.003	0.18	0.018	
September	0.03	0.003	0.18	0.018	
October	0.03	0.003	0.18	0.018	
November	0.03	0.003	0.18	0.018	
December	0.03	0.003	0.18	0.018	
Total	0.36	0.036	2.16	0.216	

All values in acre-feet

(1) Assumes 100 gallons per person per day, 3.5 People per home

(2) Depletions = 10 percent of demand accounting for septic system return flows

EXHIBIT B

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Month	Junior	RPC Call ¹	Senior RPC Call ²		
MOILII	No. Days	% of Month	No. Days	% of Month	
January	0	0.00%	31	100.00%	
February	0	0.00%	28	100.00%	
March	8	25.81%	20	64.52%	
April	4	13.33%	7	23.33%	
Мау	6	19.35%	0	0.00%	
June	5	16.67%	0	0.00%	
July	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	
August	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	
September	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	
October	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	
November	4	13.33%	0	0.00%	
December	10	32.26%	21	67.74%	

Table 2: Potential Call Period for Redlands Power Canal

¹ Based on the 1959 Redlands Power Canal decree and 2002 - 2003 river flows at the USGS gaging station on the Gunnison River at Whitewater; river flow less tha 750 cfs and greater than 670 cfs.

² Based on the 1912 Redlands Power Canal decree and 2002 - 2003 river flows at the USGS gaging station on the Gunnison River at Whitewater; river flows less that 670 cfs

EXHIBIT C

Table 3: Water Lease Obligations Old Hops Well

			Potential				
		Potential	Out-of-Priority			Potential	Water Lease
Month		Call Period	Depletions	Water Lease	Potential	Out-of-Priority	Obligation
	Total	North Fork	North Fork	Obligation	Call Period	Depletions	Blue Mesa
	Depletions	Gunnison River	Gunnison River	Lost Lake Slough	Gunnison River	Gunnison River	Reservoir
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(9)	(2)
January	0.018	%0	0.000	0.000	100%	0.018	0.010
February	0.018	%0	0.000	0.000	100%	0.018	0110
March	0.018	%0	0.000	0.000	%06	0.016	210 0
April	0.018	%0	0.000	0,000	37%	0.007	/TO:0
Мау	0.018	%0	0.000	0.000	19%	0.003	0000
June	0.018	50%	600.0	600.0	17%	0.003	0.003
July	0.018	100%	0.018	0.019	%0	0.000	
August	0.018	100%	0.018	0.019	%0		
September	0.018	100%	0.018	0.019	%0		
October	0.018	50%	600.0	600.0	%0	0.000	
November	0.018	%0	0.000	0.000	13%	0.000	0.000
December	0.018	%0	0.000	0.000	100%	0.018	0.019
Annual Total	0.216		CZ0 0	920 0			
			1	0	I	0.085	060.0
All values in acre-feat							

All values in acre-feet

From Table 1
 Historical call period of June 15 through October 150
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- a) Property map indicating other access, bordering roads and streets.
- b) Highway and driveway plan profile.
- c) Drainage plan showing impact to the highway right-of-way.
- f) Proposed access design.
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 - g) Parcel and ownership maps including easements.h) Traffic studies.

e) Subdivision, zoning, or development plan.

- Map and letters detailing utility locations before and after development in and along the right-of-way.
- i) Proof of ownership.

1- It is the applicant's responsibility to contact appropriate agencies and obtain all environmental clearances that apply to their activities. Such clearances may include Corps of Engineers 404 Permits or Colorado Discharge Permit System permits, or ecological, archeological, historical or cultural resource clearances. The CDOT Environmental Clearances Information Summary presents contact information for agencies administering certain clearances, information about prohibited discharges, and may be obtained from Regional CDOT Utility/Special Use Permit offices or accessed via the CDOT Planning/Construction-Environmental-Guidance webpage http://www.dot.state.co.us/environmental/Forms.asp.

2- All workers within the State Highway right of way shall comply with their employer's safety and health policies/ procedures, and all applicable U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations - including, but not limited to the applicable sections of 29 CFR Part 1910 - Occupational Safety and Health Standards and 29 CFR Part 1926 - Safety and Health Regulations for Construction.

Personal protective equipment (e.g. head protection, footwear, high visibility apparel, safety glasses, hearing protection, respirators, gloves, etc.) shall be worn as appropriate for the work being performed, and as specified in regulation. At a minimum, all workers in the State Highway right of way, except when in their vehicles, shall wear the following personal protective equipment: High visibility apparel as specified in the Traffic Control provisions of the documentation accompanying the Notice to Proceed related to this permit (at a minimum, ANSI/ISEA 107-1999, class 2); head protection that complies with the ANSI Z89.1-1997 standard; and at all construction sites or whenever there is danger of injury to feet, workers shall comply with OSHA's PPE requirements for foot protection per 29 CFR 1910.136, 1926.95, and 1926.96. If required, such footwear shall meet the requirements of ANSI Z41-1999.

Where any of the above-referenced ANSI standards have been revised, the most recent version of the standard shall apply.

3- The Permittee is responsible for complying with the Revised Guidelines that have been adopted by the Access Board under the American Disabilities Act (ADA). These guidelines define traversable slope requirements and prescribe the use of a defined pattern of truncated domes as detectable warnings at street crossings. The new Standards Plans and can be found on the Design and Construction Project Support web page at: http://www.dot.state.co.us/DesignSupport/, then click on *Design Bulletins*.

If an access permit is issued to you, it will state the terms and conditions for its use. Any changes in the use of the permitted access not consistent with the terms and conditions listed on the permit may be considered a violation of the permit.

The applicant declares under penalty of perjury in the second degree, and any other applicable state or federal laws, that all information provided on this form and submitted attachments are to the best of their knowledge true and complete.

I understand receipt of an access permit does not constitute permission to start access construction work.

Applicant's signature

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5-4-23

Date

If the applicant is not the owner of the property, we require this application also to be signed by the property owner or their legally authorized representative (or other acceptable written evidence). This signature shall constitute agreement with this application by all owners-of-interest unless stated in writing. If a permit is issued, the property owner, in most cases, will be listed as the permittee.

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Traffic Assessment

Prepared for:

Old Hops Farm Residential Development

SH-133 at MP 8.35R

Paonia, Colorado



May 4, 2023





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1 Introduction & Methodology

This traffic assessment (Study) evaluated the site access requirements for the proposed Old Hops Farm residential development (Project) to be located west of the existing high school in Paonia, Colorado. The study years were 2023 (assumed opening year) and 2043 for the 20-year period. The study period was the weekday AM and PM peak hours. The following sections describe the Project, traffic volume calculations, auxiliary turn lane warrants, access spacing, and sight distance for the existing Project access point.

2 **Project & Access Description**

Figure 1 shows the Project vicinity map. Figures 2 shows the Project location within the community. Figure 3 shows the existing access location on SH-133 at MP 8.35. The shared access services two parcels but it is located on the Project site. The other access user is the parcel to the west of the Project site. The existing 3-leg intersection configuration includes a single through lane in both the eastbound and westbound directions. The access currently has one outbound left/right lane and one inbound lane.

The Project would include six single family residential lots.



Figure 1 - Project Vicinity Map





Figure 2 - Project Location Map

Figure 3 – Existing Access on SH-133





3 SH-133 Characteristics

Existing SH-133 Characteristics

The existing conditions and characteristics of this state highway include:

- Access Category: R-A
- Functional Class: Minor Arterial
- NHS: No
- Speed Limit: 45 mph eastbound & westbound
- AADT (2021): 2,300 vpd
- Peak-to-daily Factor (DHV): 12.0
- Peak Truck Percentage: 5%
- 20-year growth factor: 1.06 (Average Annual Growth Rate = 0.29%)

Adjacent Access Points

There are other adjacent existing access points within 1,000-ft of the Project Access.

- To the West:
 - 330-ft to private driveway north side
 - o 975-ft to Fire Mountain Rd. north side
- To the East:
 - o 40-ft to private driveway north side
 - 285-ft to private driveway north side

Access Control Plan

CDOT established an access plan for this section of SH-133 (attached). There appears to be some discrepancies in access location mileposts, but it appears that the Project Access would remain as a full-movement connection to SH-133.

4 Existing & Future Background Traffic

Existing Access Traffic

TurnKey Consulting obtained traffic counts on 4/18/23 (attached), as shown on Figure 4. These counts included traffic from other users of the shared access. This is a very low volume intersection.





Figure 4 – Existing AM & PM Peak Hour Traffic at Project Access

A peak season adjustment factor was necessary for SH-133 eastbound and westbound through movements because the counts did not occur in peak season. The following table shows monthly CDOT traffic volumes at a continuous counting station on SH-92. The traffic in April was 83% of the peak season in July.

Table 1 – SH-133 Peak Season Count Adjustment Factor Calculation

CALYR	JANCOUNT	FEBOOUNT	MARCOUNT	APROOUNT	MAYCOUNT	JUNCOUNT	JULCOUNT	AUGCOUNT	SEPCOUNT	OCTCOUNT	NOVCOUNT	DECCOUNT
2022	3,969	4,061	4,371	4,901	5,141	6,648	5,296	5,403	6,617	4,978	4,402	3,945
2021	3,928	4,107	4,613	4,824	5,602	6,213	6,318	5,373	6,031	5,374	4,678	4,059
2020	3,984	4,167	3,719	3,378	4,445	4,868	5,068	5,145	5,162	5,054	4,133	3,820
2019	3,877	3,950	4,271	4,549	4,815	5,187	5,375	5,120	5,180	4,985	4,317	4,112
2018	3,956	4,007	4,405	4,524	4,881	5,151	5,142	5,339	5,217	4,783	4,334	4,068
2017	3,354	3,858	4,187	4,366	4,623	5,040	5,119	5,254	5,095	4,825	4,301	4,151
2016	3,550	3,760	4,006	4,180	4,441	4,733	4,793	4,898	4,765	4,560	4,019	3,865
2015	3,635	3,782	4,146	4,212	4,428	4,913	4,918	4,900	4,908	4,482	3,912	3,737
2014	3,534	3,546	3,878	3,917	4,187	4,380	4,632	4,725	4,617	4,409	3,837	3,712
2013	3,593	3,758	3,980	4,013	4,377	4,527	4,648	4,680	4,486	4,264	3,877	3,581
iotal ≈	87,380	36,994	41,676	42,814	46,940	50,660	51,309	50,837	51,048	47,714	41,810	39,050
% of Peak =	73%	76%	81%	83%	91%	99%	100%	99%	99%	93%	81%	769
k Season Factor =	1.37	1.32	1.23	1.20	1.09	1.01	1.00	1.01	1.01	1.08	1.23	1.3

Monthly Traffic Volume on SH-92 Northeast of 2200 Rd (Austin) - Count Station 304

A peak season adjustment factor of 1.2 was applied to the SH-133 traffic counts in April to obtain the following summer 2023 volumes on SH-133.

- AM, 56 vph eastbound & 76 vph westbound
- PM, 88 vph eastbound & 119 vph westbound

Future Background Traffic

Traffic Growth Rates on SH-133

The study years were 2023 for project build out and 2043 for the 20-yr condition. The traffic counts were taken in 2023. The historic 20-yr traffic growth factor provided by CDOT for SH-133 was 1.06. This growth factor was applied to the eastbound and



westbound summer traffic counts on SH-133 to obtain the following peak 2043 background traffic volumes.

- AM, 59 vph eastbound & 81 vph westbound
- PM, 93 vph eastbound & 126 vph westbound

<u>Consideration of Other Future Adjacent Land Development Projects</u> No other future background traffic was considered.

5 Project Trip Characteristics

Project Trip Generation Estimate

The trip generation was calculated for the proposed land use. There were not any trip reduction factors for pass-by capture or internal capture. The ITE Trip Generation Manual (11th Edition) provided trip data for Land Use Code 210, single family detached housing. The attachments include the detailed calculation worksheets and the following table show the number of trips for six single family residential lots.

Period	Project Trip Ends (6 DU)						
Penou	In	Out	Total				
Weekday	38	38	76				
AM Peak Hour	1	5	6				
PM Peak Hour	4	3	7				

Table 2 – Project Trip Generation Estimate

Project Trip Distribution

The Project trips were distributed by direction and assigned to the roadway network based on the recent traffic count at the Study intersection. These counts showed trip distribution of 100% to/from east in the morning peak hour and 100% to/from the west in the afternoon peak hour, which rarely happens. The Project developer lives in Paonia and anticipates that the majority of traffic between the Project and the Town would be to/from the west of the project (using Samuel Wade Rd.). As such, this Study assumed the following for both the AM and PM peak hours.

- 75% to/from the west
- 25% to/from the east



Project Trip Assignment

The Projects trips were assigned to specific turning movements, as shown in the following table.

Turning Movement	AM Peak (vph)	PM Peak (vph)
EB Right Turn inbound	1	3
WB Left Turn inbound	0	1
NB-WB Left Turn outbound	4	2
NB-EB Right Turn outbound	1	1

Table 3 – Peak Hour Project Trip Assignment at Project Access

6 Total Project Access Traffic Volumes

Total future total traffic is the sum of Project trips and background traffic. The following tables show the the future background traffic, Project traffic, and the total future traffic volumes for 2023 and 2043.

Table 4 – Project Access Peak Traffic Volumes – 2023 AM

	North	nbound	Eastb	ound	Westbound		
	Left	Right	Thru	Right	Left	Thru	
Future Background Traffic	0	0	56	0	1	76	
Project Trips	4	1	0	1	0	0	
Total	4	1	56	1	1	76	

Table 5 – Proj	ect Access	Peak Traffi	c Volumes –	2023 PM
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	North	nbound	Eastb	ound	Westbound		
	Left	Right	Thru	Right	Left	Thru	
Future Background Traffic	1	0	88	2	0	119	
Project Trips	2	1	0	3	1	0	
Total	3	1	88	5	1	119	



	Nort	hbound	East	bound	West	bound
	Left	Right	Thru	Right	Left	Thru
Future Background Traffic	0	0	59	0	1	81
Project Trips	4	1	0	1	0	0
Total	4	1	59	1	1	81

Table 6 – Project Access	Peak Traffic Volume	s – 2043 AM
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Table 7 – Project Access Peak Traffic Volumes – 2043 PM

	Nort	hbound	East	bound	West	bound
	Left	Right	Thru	Right	Left	Thru
Future Background Traffic	1	0	93	2	0	126
Project Trips	2	1	0	3	1	0
Total	3	1	93	5	1	126

7 Turn Lane Warrant Evaluation

SH-133 has a speed limit of 45 mph in both directions. The access classification is R-A. Section 3.5 of the State Highway Access Code (SHAC) provides minimum through lane volumes related to turn lane warrants, called "waiver volumes." Section 3.13 provides turn lane warrant criteria. The need for two turn lanes was evaluated against these requirements.

- A westbound left turn deceleration lane is required when BOTH the westbound left turn volume is above 10 vph AND the eastbound through volume is above 100 vph. Neither of these conditions would occur so the turn lane would not be warranted.
- An eastbound right turn deceleration lane is required when BOTH the eastbound right turn volume is above 25 vph AND the eastbound through volume is above 150 vph. Neither of these conditions would occur so the turn lane would not be warranted.
- A northbound-to-eastbound right turn acceleration lane is required when BOTH the eastbound right turn volume is above 50 vph AND the eastbound through volume is above 100 vph. Neither of these conditions would occur so the turn lane would not be warranted.
- The need for a northbound-to-westbound left turn acceleration lane is based on a set of criteria in SHAC Section 3.5. The turn lane is not recommended for the following reasons.
 - o Relatively low mainline traffic volumes and vehicle density
 - o Low access volume
 - o Low amount of large vehicles



- o Little influence of adjacent access points on SH-133
- No nearby signalized intersections
- Adequate sight distance (see next section)

8 Intersection Sight Distance

Another important element of intersection safety is sight distance for mainline traffic and turning traffic. At 45 mph, the SHAC requires 400-ft of stopping sight distance and 585-ft of intersection sight distance (for single unit truck on 2-lane road). As shown on the figures, adequate sight distance is available in both directions.

Figure 5 - View to East on SH-133 from Project Access







Figure 6 - View to West on SH-133 from Project Access

9 CDOT Access Permitting for the Project Access

A CDOT Access Permit would be necessary when the two-way traffic on the access point changes by 20%, which would occur with the addition of Project traffic. A CDOT access permit would be necessary, and the Permittee would be the property owner – West Elk Land & Hops LLC. The permitted traffic volume would be 10 vph at MP 8.35R. The attached letter from the fire department confirms their approval of the access, with minor widening.

10 Conclusions & Recommendations

The analysis in this Study indicates that the Project Access could safely accommodate new Project traffic without constructing turn lanes on SH-133.

Attachments

CDOT Highway Data – SH-133 near Project Access SH-133 Access Control Plat Existing Traffic Counts– Access AM & PM peak periods Project Trip Generation Calculations Project Trip Distribution Calculations Letter from Paonia Volunteer Fire Department – approving Project Access





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Dated the 19th _ day of December, 2023.

TOWN OF PAONIA, COLORADO Samira Vetter, Town Clerk Published Wednesday, December 27, 2023, January 3, 10, 17, 2024



## Town of Paonia

Office of the Town Clerk 214 Grand Ave. P.O. Box 460 Paonia, CO 81428 O: (970) 527-4101 F: (970) 527-4102

December 19, 2023

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# **B. ACTIONS TO START NOW (YEARS 1-2)**

Actions to start now, following adoption of this plan and within about 2 years:

- Regulate short-term rentals
- Allow for accessory dwelling units
- Explore public-private partnerships to build Housing for the Community
- Establish partnerships for a sweat equity program
- Use, promote, and build on existing resources

## **REGULATE SHORT-TERM RENTALS**

#### **Overview**

Regulating short-term rentals (STRs) was the community's top priority during 2023 community engagement efforts. This action focuses on updating the municipal code to regulate STRs, which are typically defined as a dwelling unit or portion of a dwelling unit that is rented on a short-term basis, typically 30 days or less. There is some confusion about the Town code already prohibiting STRs, specifically within the definition of a dwelling unit. Establishing clear regulations will help address this confusion and other concerns raised by the community.

In Paonia, there are about 30 documented STRs. Community input received during this project identified pros and cons to having STRs in Paonia. Pros included that STRs provide more lodging options (e.g., for people visiting their families), income for local businesses due to visitor spending, and income for local STR owners. Cons included that STRs reduce the supply of housing for the community, provide income and profit for out-of-town STR owners, and negatively impact

#### **Addressing Recurring Themes**

Regulating STRs can benefit locals by helping retain the supply of much needed long-term rentals and discouraging out-of-town investment. This can also help maintain community character by regulating things important to the community like parking. Regulating STRs can be implemented quickly by the Town with minimal resources, as long as the regulations are kept simple and easily enforceable.

**Time Needed to Complete** 4-6 months

Implementation: easy Impact: medium Timing of Impact: short term

community and neighborhood character and residents' quality of life.

As part of this project, the consultant team will deliver a first draft of proposed code revisions to regulate STRs. This first draft will be based on community input received throughout this project and the

Regulate short-term rentals! This is the most-obvious, biggest bang-forbuck tool in our kit. Open House participant

consultant teams' expertise. This draft will jump-start implementation of this action and can be revised through the Town's typical process for code revisions. Developing clear and easily enforceable regulations is recommended.

An additional fee or tax on STRs, like a regulatory fee or excise tax, could be considered but should not delay adopting regulations. Establishing a new fee or tax requires ample time to analyze the possibilities (which may be limited due to Paonia being a statutory town), conduct legal review, and seek and obtain voter approval if a tax is desired.

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#### Implementation

Step	Lead/Partner
1. Discuss and gather feedback on the first draft of proposed code revisions to regulate STRs as delivered by the consultants. This could entail the planning commission (PC) holding a public meeting, the Town hosting an open house, or other methods determined to be the most productive way to deliberate and collect community input.	Town staff, board, PC/citizens
2. Refine the first draft of proposed code revisions based on feedback. Prepare	Town staff
an ordinance to amend the municipal code.	
3. Go through the Town's process to review and consider an ordinance to revise	Town staff, board,
the municipal code. Edit the ordinance as needed.	PC/citizens
4. Finalize and adopt the ordinance.	Town staff, board
5. Publicize the newly adopted regulations to the community, and consider	Town/STR
allowing a little time to gain compliance.	operators
6. Monitor and enforce the new regulations.	Town

#### Examples

- There are a lot of different ways to regulate STRs. The Colorado Municipal League published a table with communities' regulatory approaches to STRs that can be found online: <a href="https://www.cml.org/docs/default-source/uploadedfiles/issues/economic-development/short-term-rental-ordinance-matrix.pdf?sfvrsn=96264f69">https://www.cml.org/docs/default-source/uploadedfiles/issues/economic-development/short-term-rental-ordinance-matrix.pdf?sfvrsn=96264f69</a>. When looking at other communities' regulations, consider the recurring themes in this document to be sure any new regulations help achieve the community's overall desires. Also consider the cost and enforceability of the regulations.
- The Colorado Lawyer published a comprehensive article in April 2022 with an overview of STR regulations in Colorado: <u>https://cl.cobar.org/features/the-state-of-short-term-rentals-in-</u> <u>colorado/</u>.
- Local Housing Solutions published a brief on regulating STRs: <u>https://localhousingsolutions.org/housing-policy-library/regulating-short-term-rentals/</u>.
- Educate the community through a "rent local" campaign—partner with local organizations and businesses to communicate the need for and benefits of renting units to locals rather than as an STR.
- In the future, and if funding is available, consider incentivizing the conversion of STRs to longterm rentals. These programs require ample funding but often result in many conversions. The Town of Winter Park runs an incentive program: <u>https://wpgov.com/stf/.</u> Summit County also has an incentive program: <u>https://www.summitcountyco.gov/1461/Lease-to-Locals</u>.
- A regulatory fee on STRs could be considered like in Breckenridge, Pagosa Springs, and Estes Park. This can generate funding for affordable housing but is most effective in areas with a lot of tourism and STRs. The fee amount needs to be based on the relationship between STRs and employment generation that leads to the need for affordable housing, which a study will help determine.
- An excise tax could also be implemented on STR stays like in Ouray (15%), Crested Butte (7.5%), and Telluride (2.5%). Note that these examples are all home rule municipalities and Paonia is a

Town of Paonia – Housing Needs Assessment and Housing Action Plan Page 59 statutory town, which may limit taxing options. Any tax increase must be approved by the voters through an election. This is most productive in areas with high tourism and a lot of STRs.

#### **Resource Needs and Funding**

- Town staff, board, planning commission, and attorney time will be needed to prepare and adopt an ordinance. Town staff time will also be needed for ongoing monitoring and enforcement.
- The Town may choose to engage a consultant to assist with drafting and refining the code language.
- Consider implementing a licensing fee that will offset all costs of administering the STR regulations, including staff time to review, monitor, and enforce code compliance. A licensing fee does not require a study or voter approval; it should simply be informed by the staff time and resources needed to implement the regulations.
- STR operators should already be paying 9.5% sales tax and the 2% Delta County lodging tax. Ensure these existing taxes are being remitted.