

# **TOWN OF PAONIA**

# WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA 5:00 PM

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**MEETING ID: 870 9153 1017** 

## **Roll Call**

## **Approval of Agenda**

# **Actions & Presentations**

- 1. Appointment of Officers
- 2. Master Plan Status Update Phoenix Rising Resources
- 3. 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

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.

<sup>\*</sup> This schedule of business is subject to change and amendment.

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.

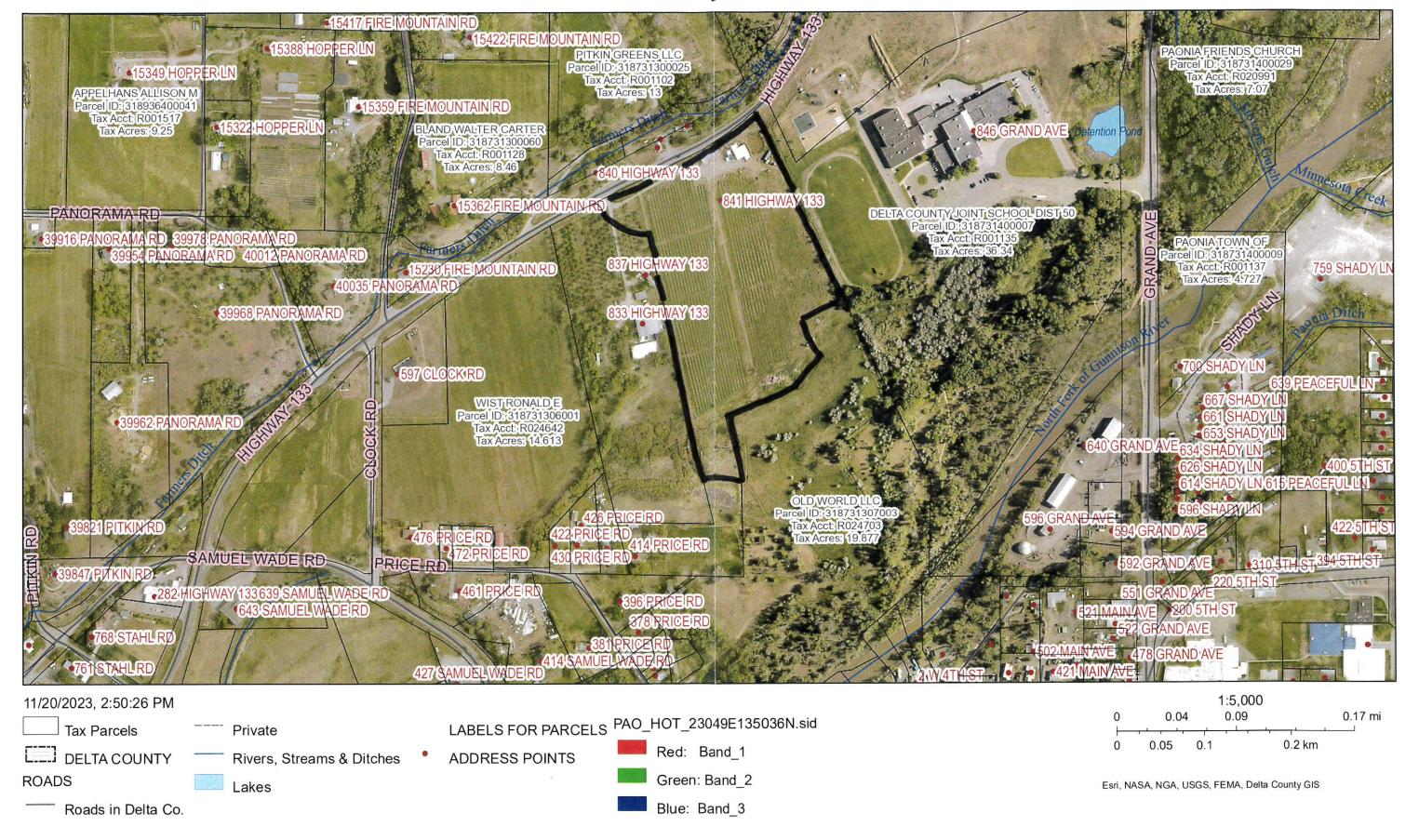
Section 3. Once the deliberations have taken place in executive session, the Board should reconvene in regular session to take any formal action decided upon during the executive session. If you have questions regarding the wording of the motion or whether any other information should be disclosed on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

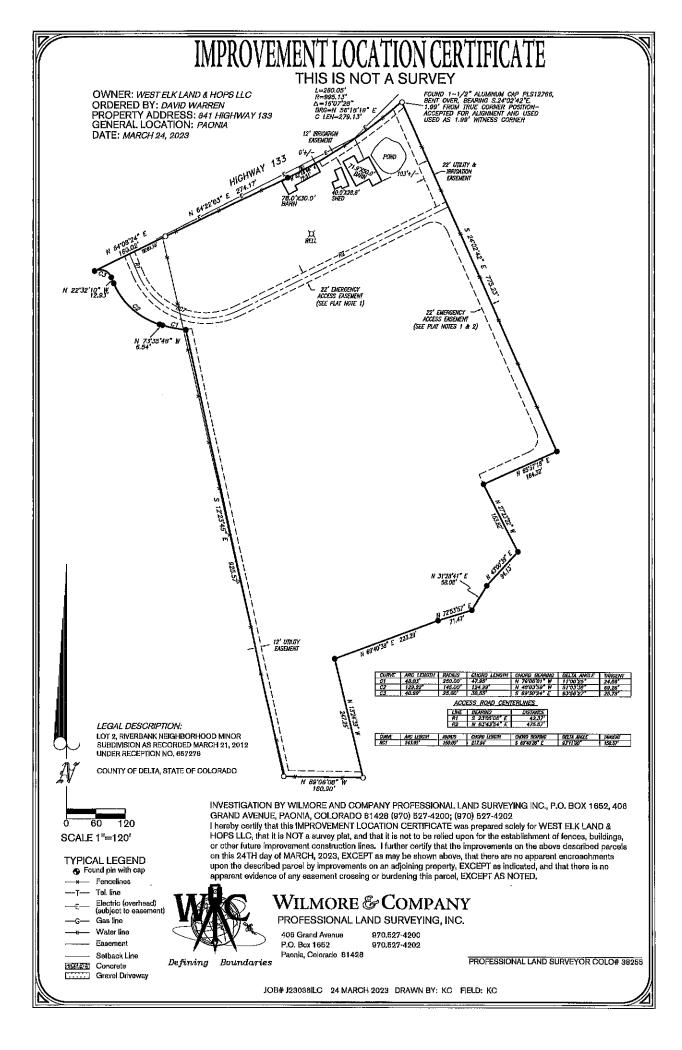
#### IV. SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT

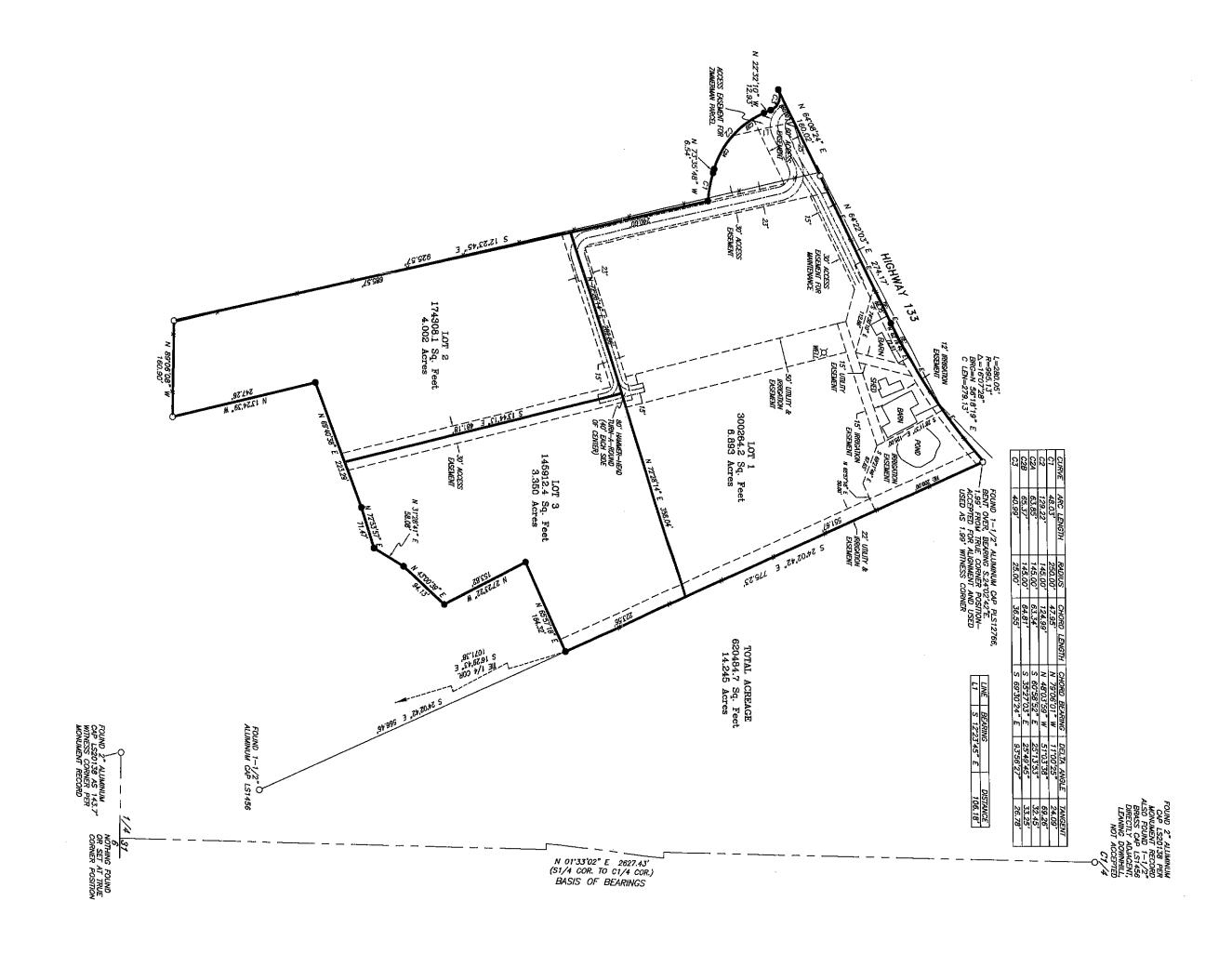
Section 1. Deviations. The Board may deviate from the procedures set forth in this Resolution, if, in its sole discretion, such deviation is necessary under the circumstances.

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

# Delta County, Colorado









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 applicatio	on shall include the following:	PAID
$\overline{\mathbf{v}}$	Application fee of \$500.00	NOV 2 2 2023
V	A legal description of the property TO	WN OF PAONIA
V	1 Tool of ownership	
[v	proposed subdivision parcels sufficien parcel and describing each such parce tracts, or parcels on the Town Plat. Th	tified by a Colorado licensed surveyor Plat of the nt to determine the size and area of each proposed cel, as a portion of a lot, tract, or parcel, or lots, or he plat shall also identify the location of all public vehicular access to each parcel and the location of
V	Narrative Statement describing fire pr proposed vehicular access	rotection, emergency access, flood protection and
V	Copy of any restrictive covenants that lots, tracts or parcels that are the subj	t are proposed or have been recorded affecting the ject of re-subdivision
\(\sigma\)	Any other information or documents re necessary to render a decision under	equested by the Town Administrator that are 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 rights.</u> One lot will have the existing metal building and long shed. Irrigation infrastructure is installed on <u>all 3 lots. The project is ideal for small scale market farming while providing on-farm housing.</u> 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 Volunteer Fire Department and incorporated all their recommendations into our subdivision plan (see 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 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.</u>
- 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**

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.

#### 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

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and West Elk Land & Hops	, LLC, a Colorad	do Limited Liab	ility Compa	ากบ
(whether one, or more than on P.O. Box 747, Paonia	c), the "Grantee," whose			
of the		Delta	and State of	Colorado
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County of Delta, Stat	e of Colorado.			
TO HAVE AND TO HOL.  and the Grantee's heirs and assi The Granter, for the Grante Grantee, and the Grantee's heirs scized of the premises above de fee simple; and has good right, if as aforesaid; and that the same encumbrances and restrictions o tubject to easements, and the Granter shall and adjoining vacated street or alley Grantee, against all and every p IN WITNESS WHEREOR RIVER bank Neighborhoo	r and the Grantor's heirs and assigns; that at the f soribed; has good, sure, all power and lawful aut tree and clear from a f whatever kind or natur restrictions, r for the curren will WARRANT AND, if any, in the quiet and asson or persons claimin, the Grantor has execut	and assigns, does cover into of the ensealing and perfect, absolute and in thority to grant, bargain all former and other goes seever, except and sure eservations, rityear, by FOREVER, DIMENT penceable possession of the whole or any part of this deed on the date	eannt, grant, barg, d dolivery of thes addressible estate, sell and convey ants, hargains, sa bject to: In none, ights of war of the Grantee and thereof, est forth above.	ain, and agree to and with the presents, the Grantor is we of Inheritance, in law and i the same in manner and form les, liens, taxes, assessments, or the the following matters y visible, in placeribed premises, but not and due heirs and assigns of the
Russel Andrew	Backhouse, memb		Hal Brill	member
STATE OF C	OLORADO	1		
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		Marie Marie		
Name and Ad	idress of Person Creating No	wly Created Legal Descrip	tion (§38-35-106.5,	CRS)

No. 932A. Rev. 10-05. WARRANTY DEED (For Photographic Record)

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# **DELTA COUNTY TREASURER**

Account

Parcel Number

Receipt Date

Receipt Number

R023690

318731303002

Mar 28, 2023

03-28-2023-17-3929

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

Situs Address

841 HIGHWAY 133 PAONIA

Payor

LOCKBOX

#### **Legal Description**

841 HIGHWAY 133 PAONIA 81428 S: 6 T: 14S R: 91W Subdivision: RIVERBANK NEIGHBORHOOD MINOR Lot: 2, TOTAL 14.244 AC+- LOT-2 RIVERBANK NEIGHBORHOOD M.S. PT E2SW4 SEC 31 T13S R91W & PT NE4NW4 SEC 6 T14S R91W 6PM. BK 497 PG 942 (R-395324 BK 498 PGS 76 THRU 78 (R-395404) BK 435 PGS 989 (R-377637) BK 522 PG 64 BK 681 PG 417 BK 686 PG 289 BK 769 PG 366 SVY BK 32 PG 41 FLAGER-CCE ADD BK 32 PG 79 R-590947 R-590948 R-592749 R-597816 R-616610 R-617493 PLAT R-630302 PLAT R-630675 PLAT R-631993 PLAT R-631999 R-630303 R-630304 R-630676 R-631994 & R-631995 R-631998 R-632000 R-632002 PLAT R-657778 R-657769 R-6577772

Property Code	Actual	Assessed	Year	Агеа	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 - 4279	6,515	1,720	2022	BR-	72.307
4280 - all other agriculture buildings - 4280	55,988	16,237	2022	BR-	72.307
4471 - graze VI - 4471	118	31	2022	BR-	72.307

#### Payments Received

CHECK

Multi-Account Payment

Reference L03282023

#### Payments Applied

Year	Charges	Billed	Prior Payments	New Payments	Balance
2022	Tax Charge	\$1,525.40	\$762.70	\$762.70	\$0.00
		Balance l	 Due as of Mar 28, 202:	\$762.70	\$0.00 <b>\$0.00</b>

# Statement of Taxes Due

Account Number R023690

Assessed To

Parcel 318731303002

WEST ELK LAND & HOPS LLC

PO BOX 747 PAONIA, CO 81428-0747

#### Legal Description

Taxes Billed 2022

\* Credit Levy

Situs Address

84 HIGHWAY 133 PAONIA 81428 S: 6 T: 14S R: 91W Subdivision: RIVERBANK NBIGHBORHOOD MINOR Lot: 2. TOTAL 14.244 AC+- LOT-2 RIVERBANK NBIGHBORHOOD M.S. PT E2SW4 SBC 31 T13S R91W & PT NE4NW4 SEC 6 T14S R91W 6PM. 18就 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
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*		\$19.11	4280 - all other	\$55,988	#16 02T
FIRE DISTRICT #2		3.35000000*		\$70,67	agriculture building		\$16,237
NF WATER CONS DIST		0.5610000		\$11,84	4471 - graze VI	\$118	\$31
COLORADO RIVER WATER CONS	SD	0.5010000		\$10.57	Total	\$74,295	\$21.00¢
NORTH FORK MOSQUITO ABATE	ME.	1.8020000		\$38.02	10(11	\$14,293	\$21,096
DELTA COUNTY MEM HOSPITAL	4	0.8560000*		\$18.06			
NORTH FORK AMBULANCE HEALTH		6.0980000		\$128.64			
NORTH FORK POOL, PARK & REG	2	2.5000000		\$52,74			
DELTA COUNTY LIBRARY		3.00000000		\$63.29			
COUNTY R & B 1/2 SHARES		0.4500000		\$9.49			
PAONIA R & B 1/2 SHARES		0.4500000		\$9.49			

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.

\$1,525.40

72.3070000

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

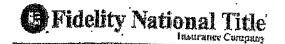
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To Whom It May Concern,

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



# 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.

FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY

uthorized Officer or Agen

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

By:

President

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Attest.

Secretary

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# CONDITIONS AND STIPULATIONS

- 1. The term "mortgage", when used herein, shall include deed of trust, trust deed, or other security instrument
- 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 fall to disclose such knowledge to the Company in 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 amount stated in Schedule A for the policy or policies committed for and such liability exceed the insuring provisions, the Conditions and Stipulations, and Exclusions from Coverage of the form of policy or 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:

**Policy Amount** 

(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: 4. 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

The Title Company of Delta 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.

- 1.. Right or claims of parties in possession not shown by the public records.
- 2. Easements, or claims of easements, not shown by the public records.
- Discrepancies, conflicts in boundary lines, shortage in area, encroachments, and any facts, which a correct survey
  and inspection of the premises would disclose, and which are not shown by the public records.
- 4. Any lien, or right to a lien, for services, labor, or material heretofore or hereafter furnished, imposed by law and not shown by the public records.
- 5. Defects, liens, encumbrances, adverse claims or other matters, if any, created, first appearing in the public records or 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.
- 7. The Owner's Policy to be issued, if any, shall contain the following items in addition to the ones set forth above:

(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.
- 8. Reservations as contained in United States Patent recorded April 13, 1891 in Book 16 at Page 71, said reservations 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, 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,
   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 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 togation 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.

- Right for the uninterrupted flow of the North Fork of the Gunnison River as it may affect subject property.
- 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.
- 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.
- Stipulations, restrictions, conditions, provisions and easements as shown by plat of River Side Estates boundary adj, recorded February 10, 2009 at Reception Number 631993.
- Stipulations, restrictions, conditions, provisions and easements as shown by plat of Riverbank Neighborhood/Zimmerman bdy adj, recorded February 10, 2009 iat Reception Number 631999.
- Terms, conditions, obligations and stipulations as contained in Irrigation Pipeline Easement recorded July 24, 2009 at Reception Number 636443.
- 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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**WELL PERMIT NUMBER** 

329389-

RECEIPT NUMBER

10025764

#### **ORIGINAL PERMIT APPLICANT(S)**

WEST ELK LAND & HOPS LLC

APPROVED WELL LOCATION

Water Division: 4

Water District: 40

Designated Basin:

N/A N/A

Management District: County:

DELTA

Parcel Name:

DEL 17 N/A

Physical Address:

841 HWY 133 PAONIA, CO 81428

Section 31 Township 13.0 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

- 1) 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 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.
- 2) The construction of this well shall be in compliance with the Water Well Construction Rules 2 CCR 402-2, unless approval of a variance has been granted by the State Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors in accordance with Rule 18.
- 3) 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 monitoring water levels and/or water quality sampling.
- 4) This well must be equipped with a locking cap or seal to prevent well contamination or possible hazards as an open well. The well must be kept capped and locked at all times except during sampling or measuring.
- 5) Records of water level measurements and water quality analyses shall be maintained by the well owner and submitted to the Division of Water Resources upon request.
- 6) Upon conclusion of the monitoring program the well owner shall plug this well in accordance with Rule 16 of the Water Well Construction Rules. A Well Abandonment Report must be completed and submitted to the Division of Water Resources within 60 days of plugging.
- 7) The owner shall mark the well in a conspicuous location with the well permit number and name of aquifer as appropriate, and shall take necessary means and precautions to preserve these markings.
- 8) This well must be constructed by or under the supervision of a licensed well driller or other authorized individual according to 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 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.
- 10) A Well Construction and Yield Estimate Report (Form GWS-31), including lithologic log must be submitted by the individual 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

DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 4, COLORADOSE
1200 North Grand Avenue, Bin A
Montrose, CO 81401-3146
Telephone: (970) 252-4300

Concerning the Application for Water Rights of:

WEST ELK LAND & HOPS, LLC,
In the Gunnison River, Delta County, Colorado.

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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

- 1. <u>Jurisdiction</u>: 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. Name, address, and telephone number of Applicant:

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. Request for groundwater right:
  - 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. <u>Legal description of location of well</u>: 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. Source: 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. Request for approval of plan for augmentation:
  - A. Name of structure to be augmented: 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

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. Date of original decree and Case Nos.: 06CW59
- b. Type of water right: 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. Appropriation date: March 31, 2006
- f. Amount: 383 a.f.
- g. <u>Decreed use</u>: Irrigation, recreation, fish culture, fire protection, stock water, industrial, commercial, hydroelectric, and augmentation

#### ii. Blue Mesa Reservoir:

- a. Date of original decree and Case Nos.: 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. Source: Gunnison River
- e. <u>Appropriation date</u>: November 11, 1957
- f. Amount: 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 adjudicate?</u> Yes, requested below
- E. Statement of plan for augmentation:
  - 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. Potential calls on the North Fork of the Gunnison River: 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. Potential calls on the Gunnison River: 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. Request for approval of exchange project associated with an augmentation plan (appropriative right of exchange):
  - A. Name of exchange: 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).
    - ii. <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. Source: 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.

# **RULING OF REFEREE**

- 15. Old Hops Well: 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. Old Hops Well Exchange Project: 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-of-priority 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:

S. Gregg Stanway, Water Referee

Division 4, Water Court

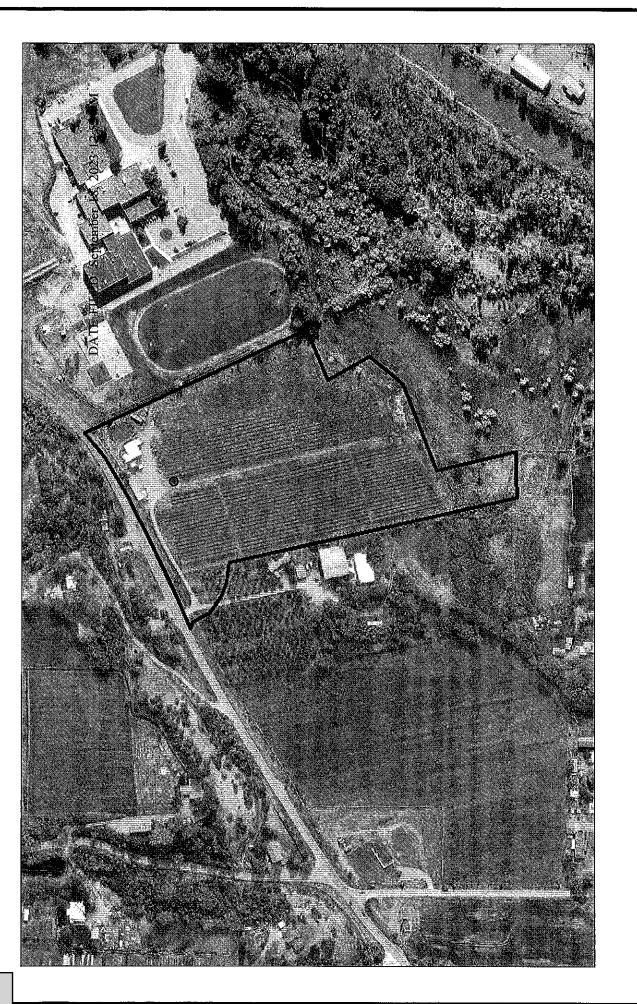


Figure 2: Old Hops Well Location West Elk Land & Hops, LLC

**EXHIBIT A** 

Delta County, Colorado

Feet 200

250

Property Boundary Old Hops Well

Legend

Mentil Water Rights Consulting LLC

## **DECREE**

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 H	omes
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

<sup>(1)</sup> Assumes 100 gallons per person per day, 3.5 People per home

<sup>(2)</sup> Depletions = 10 percent of demand accounting for septic system return flows

Table 2: Potential Call Period for Redlands Power Canal

Month	Junior	RPC Call <sup>1</sup>	Senior	RPC Call <sup>2</sup>
MOILI	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%
May	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%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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

Table 3: Water Lease Obligations Old Hops Well

		Potential	Potential Out-of-Priority				
Mod		Call Period	Depletions	Water Lease	Potential	Potential Out-of-Priority	Water Lease Obligation
	Total	North Fork	North Fork	Obligation	Call Period	Depletions	Blue Mesa
	Depletions	Gunnison River	<b>Gunnison River</b>	Lost Lake Slough	Gunnison River	Gunnison River	Reservoir
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(2)	(9)	(2)
January	0.018	%0	0.000	0.000	100%	0.018	0.019
February	0.018	%0	0.000	0.000	100%	0.018	0.019
March	0.018	%0	0.000	0.000	%06	0.016	0.017
April	0.018	%0	0.000	0.000	37%	0.007	0.07
May	0.018	%0	0.000	0.000	19%	0.003	0.00
June	0.018	20%	0.009	0.009	17%	0.003	0.003
July	0.018	100%	0.018	0.019	%0	0.000	0000
August	0.018	100%	0.018	0.019	%0	0.000	0000
September	0.018	100%	0.018	0.019	%0	0.000	0000
October	0.018	20%	0.009	0.009	%0	0.000	0000
November	0.018	%0	0.000	0:000	13%	0.002	0.003
December	0.018	%0	0.000	0.000	100%	0.018	0.019
Annual Total	0.216	ı	0.072	0.076	ı	0.086	0.090

All values in acre-feet

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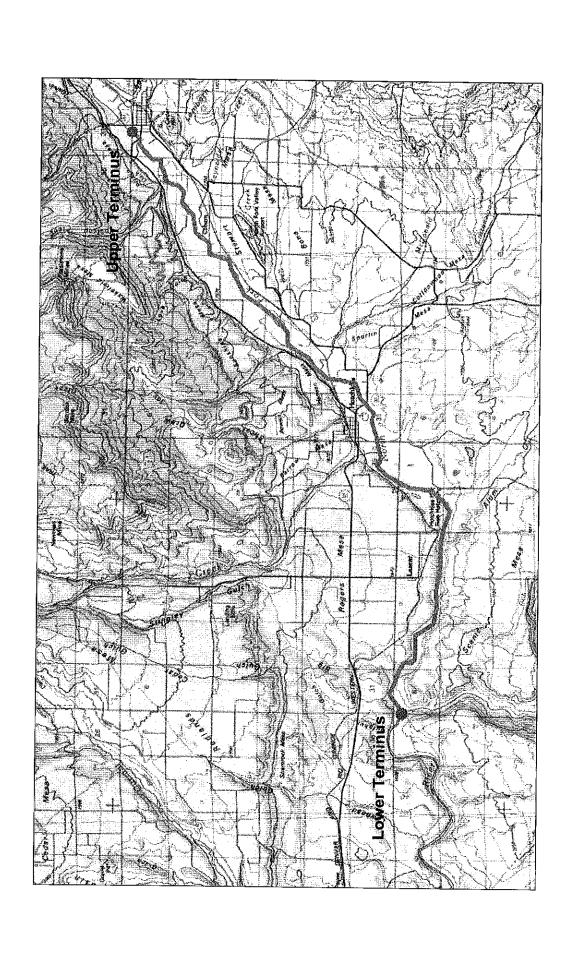


Figure 3: Exchange Reach Old Hops Well Exchange Project

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West Elk Land & F PO Box 1143 Paonia, Colorado (970) 270-2855	•			TurnKey Consulting PO Box 629 Mesa, Colorado 81 (970) 314-4888		
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# COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE HIGHWAY ACCESS PERMIT APPLICATION

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18) Check with the issuing authority to determine which of the following documents are required to complete the review of your application.

- 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.
- d) Map and letters detailing utility locations before and after development in and along the right-of-way.
- e) Subdivision, zoning, or development plan.
- f) Proposed access design.
- g) Parcel and ownership maps including easements.
- h) Traffic studies.
- 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/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:

<a href="http://www.dot.state.co.us/DesignSupport/">http://www.dot.state.co.us/DesignSupport/</a>, 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 Blip Hudson	Print name  Skip Hudson, PE	Date 5-4-23
If the applicant is not the owner of the property, we require their legally authorized representative (or other acceptable with this application by all owners-of-interest unless state cases, will be listed as the permittee.	le written evidence). This signature shall	constitute agreement
Property/owns/feignature	Print name David Warren	Date 514/23

# 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.

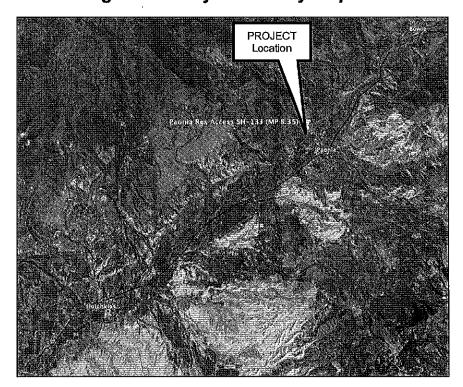


Figure 1 - Project Vicinity Map

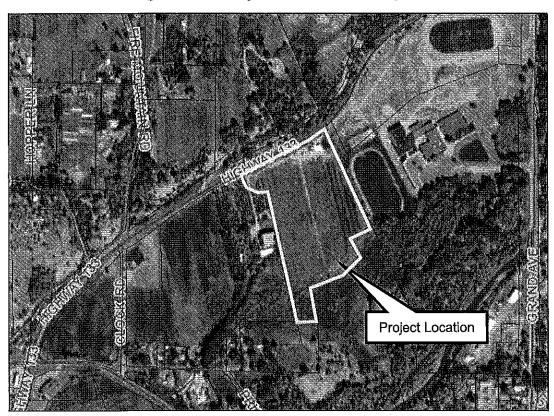
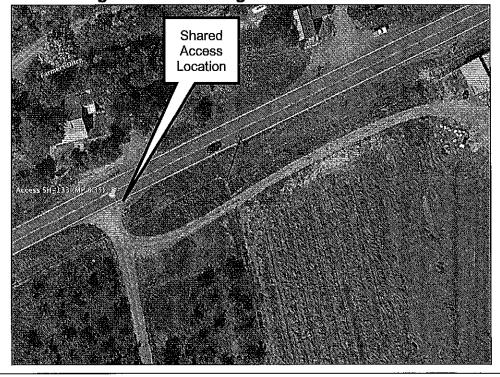


Figure 2 - Project Location Map





# 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
  - o 285-ft to private driveway north side

#### **Access Control Plan**

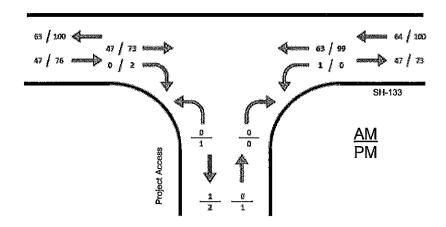
CDOT established an access plan for this section of SH-133 (attached). There appears to be some discrepancies in access location mileposts, but it appears that the Project Access would remain as a full-movement connection to SH-133.

# 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

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

CALYR	JANCOUNT	FEBOOUNT	MARCOUNT	APRODUNT	MAYCOUNT	JUNCOUNT	JULCOUNT	AUGCOUNT	SEPCOUNT	DOTCOUNT	NOVOOUNT	DECCOUNT
2022	3,989	4,061	4,371	4,901	5,141	5,648	5,296	5,403	5,617	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	5,152	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	4,130	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	4,726	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	4,466	4,264	3,877	3,581
Total,=	37,380	36,994	41,576	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%	76%
Pk Season Factor =	1.37	1.32	1.23	1.20	1.09	1.01	1.00	1.01	1.01	1.08	1.23	1.31

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

Consideration of Other Future Adjacent Land Development Projects 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.

Table 2 – Project Trip Generation Estimate

Period	Projec	t Trip En	ds (6 DU)
Periou	ln	Out	Total
Weekday	38	38	76
AM Peak Hour	1	5	6
PM Peak Hour	4	3	7

#### **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.

Table 3 - Peak Hour Project Trip Assignment at Project Access

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

# 6 Total Project Access Traffic Volumes

Total future total traffic is the sum of Project trips and background traffic. The following tables show 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	bound	Eastb	ound	Westi	oound
	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 - Project Access Peak Traffic Volumes - 2023 PM

	North	nbound	Eastk	ound	Westl	oound
	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

Table 6 - Project Access Peak Traffic Volumes - 2043 AM

	Nort	hbound	Eastl	oound	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 7 – Project Access Peak Traffic Volumes – 2043 PM

	Nort	hbound	Eastl	oound	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.
  - Relatively low mainline traffic volumes and vehicle density
  - Low access volume
  - Low amount of large vehicles



- o Little influence of adjacent access points on SH-133
- No nearby signalized intersections
- o 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.

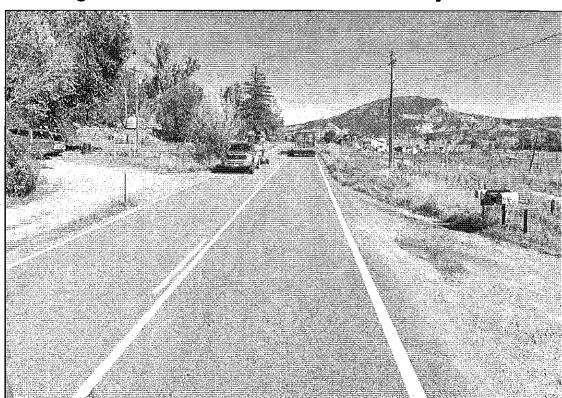


Figure 5 - View to East on SH-133 from Project Access

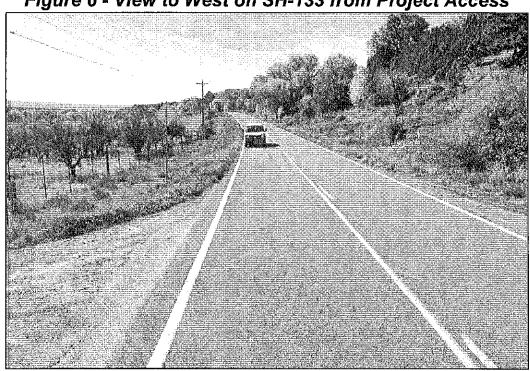


Figure 6 - View to West on SH-133 from Project Access

# 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.

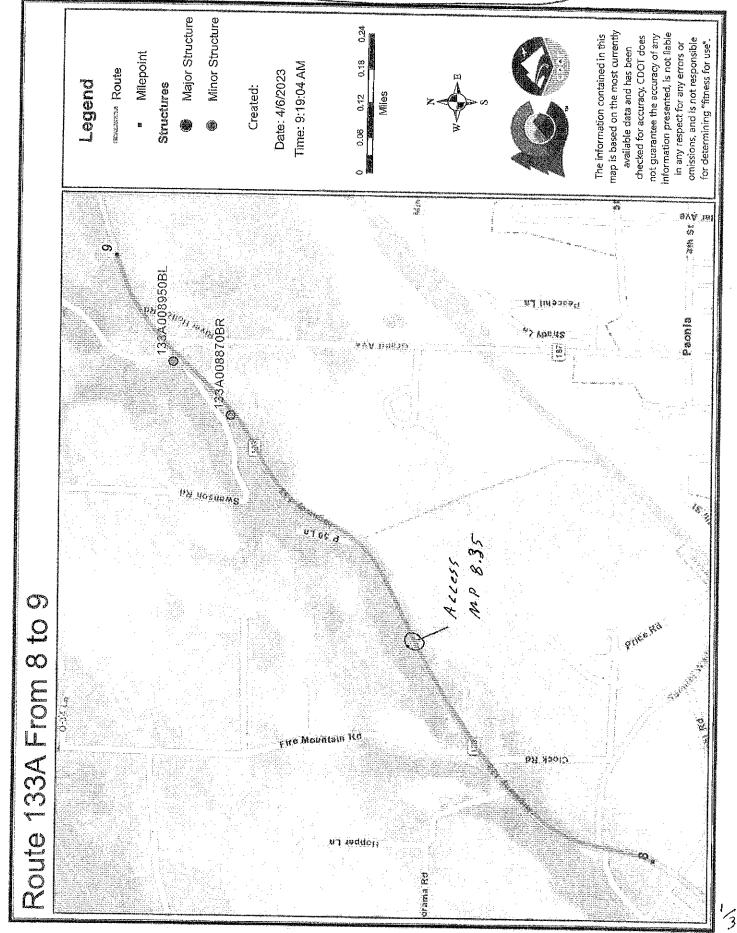
# 10 Conclusions & Recommendations

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

(LDOT DATA for SH-133)



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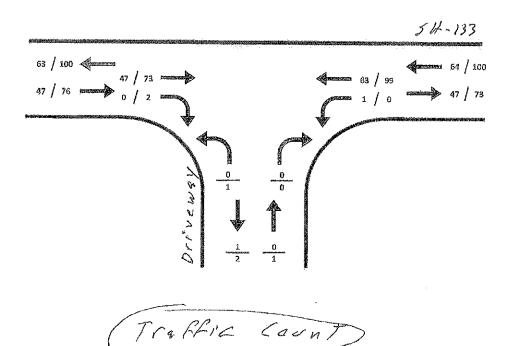


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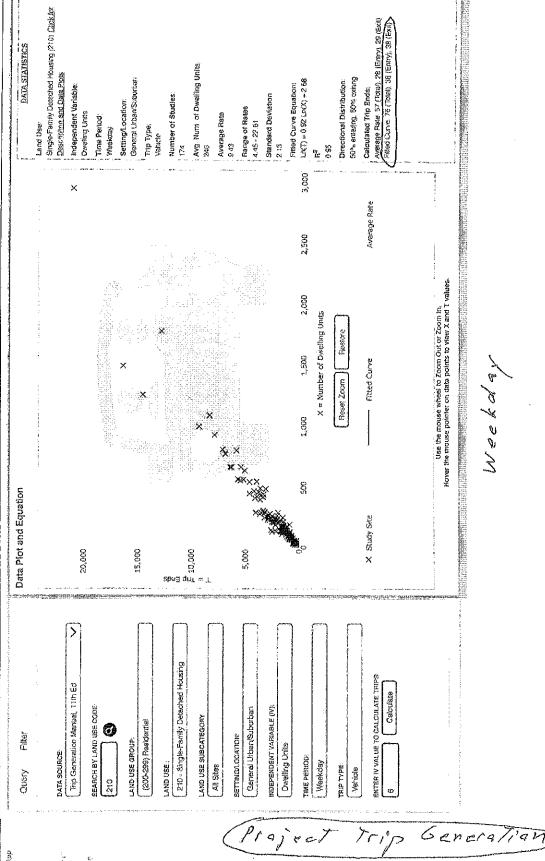
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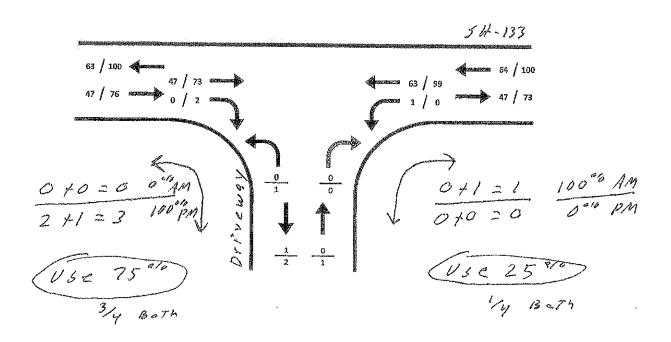
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Dated the 19th \_ day of December, 2023.

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

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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

community and neighborhood character and residents' quality of life.

#### **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

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.

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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.



#### **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: <a href="https://cl.cobar.org/features/the-state-of-short-term-rentals-in-colorado/">https://cl.cobar.org/features/the-state-of-short-term-rentals-in-colorado/</a>.
- Local Housing Solutions published a brief on regulating STRs:
   https://localhousingsolutions.org/housing-policy-library/regulating-short-term-rentals/.
- 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 long-term rentals. These programs require ample funding but often result in many conversions. The Town of Winter Park runs an incentive program: <a href="https://wpgov.com/stf/">https://wpgov.com/stf/</a>. Summit County also has an incentive program: <a href="https://www.summitcountyco.gov/1461/Lease-to-Locals">https://www.summitcountyco.gov/1461/Lease-to-Locals</a>.
- 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

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.