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# PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT CRAIG DOSSEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TO: El Paso County Planning Commission

Brian Risley, Chair

FROM: John Green, Planner II

Daniel Torres, PE Engineer II Craig Dossey, Executive Director

RE: Project File #: AL-18-024

**Project Name: Meisman Home Trucking Business** 

Parcel No.: 57350-00-001

OWNER:	REPRESENTATIVE:
Gary Meisman	N/A
612 Harvard Street	
Colorado Springs, CO	
80911	

**Commissioner District: 4** 

Planning Commission Hearing Date: 6/3/2021
Board of County Commissioners Hearing Date 6/22/2021

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A request by Gary Meisman with Gone Trucking, LLC, for approval of a special use for a rural home occupation. The 40.2-acre parcel is zoned RR-5 (Rural Residential) and is located within the Villa Casitas Subdivision, approximately two miles south of the intersection of Rancho Colorado Boulevard and Interstate-25, adjacent to the Pueblo County line and is within Section 35, Township 17 South, Range 65 West of the 6th P.M. The property is located within the boundaries of the South-Central Comprehensive Plan (1988).

The rural home occupation consists of a trucking business that will include outside storage of heavy equipment for earth moving. An Early Assistance meeting was held on June 5, 2018 to discuss the process and feasibility of operating the rural home



occupation on the subject parcel. The owner submitted an application for a special use on October 18, 2018. The applicant initiated the use on the property prior to completing the special use process and prior to receiving approval. On April 30, 2019, a Code Enforcement notice of violation was sent to the property owner regarding the use on the property (PCD file no. CE-19-440).

The El Paso County Planning and Community Development Department sent notification to the adjacent property owners for the administrative special use process on October 29, 2018. Five (5) letters of opposition were received from adjacent landowners. Section 5.3.2(H) of the El Paso County Land Development Code (2018) specifies that "Any special use may be acted upon by the PCD Director. The PCD Director, in his sole discretion, is authorized to elevate a special use application to a public hearing". In this instance, since multiple letters of opposition were received, the PCD Director decided to elevate the special use application to public hearing on March 15, 2021.

# A. REQUEST/WAIVERS/DEVIATIONS/AUTHORIZATION

**Request:** A request by Gary Meisman with Gone Trucking, LLC, for approval of a special use for a rural home occupation in the RR-5 (Rural Residential) zoning district.

**Waiver(s)/Deviation(s):** There are no waivers or deviations requested with this application.

**Authorization to Sign:** There are no documents associated with this application that require signing.

# **B. PLANNING COMMISSION SUMMARY**

Request Heard:

**Recommendation:** 

Waiver Recommendation:

Vote:

Vote Rationale:

**Summary of Hearing:** 

Legal Notice:

# C. APPROVAL CRITERIA

Pursuant to Section 5.3.2.C of the <u>Land Development Code</u>, the Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners may consider the following criteria in approving a special use:

• The special use is generally consistent with the applicable Master Plan;

- The special use will generally be in harmony with the character of the neighborhood, and will generally be compatible with the existing and allowable land uses in the surrounding area;
- The impact of the special use does not overburden or exceed the capacity of public facilities and services, or, in the alternative, the special use application demonstrates that it will provide adequate public facilities in a timely and efficient manner;
- The special use will not create unmitigated traffic congestion or traffic hazards on the surrounding area, and has adequate, legal access;
- The special use will comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations regarding air, water, light, or noise pollution;
- The special use will not otherwise be detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare of the present or future residents of El Paso County; and/or
- The special use conforms or will conform to all other applicable County rules, regulations or ordinances.

## D. LOCATION

North: RR-5 (Residential Rural) Residential South: Pueblo County Pueblo County East: RR-5 (Residential Rural) Residential West: RR-5 (Residential Rural) Residential

# E. BACKGROUND

The 40.2-acre parcel was legally created by deed in May of 1971 (Book 2410, Page 189). The parcel was zoned A-4 (Agricultural) on September 20, 1965, when zoning was first initiated for this area of unincorporated El Paso County. Due to nomenclature changes, the A-4 (Agricultural) zoning district has been renamed as the RR-5 (Rural Residential) zoning district.

An Early Assistance meeting regarding the special use occurred on June 5, 2018 with Planning and Community Development Department staff. The applicant applied for a special use to allow the trucking business on the property on October 18, 2018. Before applying for approval of the special use, the applicant initiated elements of the use on the property, including the storage of heavy equipment. On April 30, 2019, a Code Enforcement complaint was submitted regarding the use on this property. The use is currently the subject of a Code Enforcement action (CE-19-440). The applicant has since ceased operations, therefore, staying the Code Enforcement action.

The El Paso County Planning and Community Development Department sent notification to the adjacent property owners for the administrative special use request on June 23, 2020. Five (5) complaints were received from adjacent landowners. Section 5.3.2(H) of the El Paso County Land Development Code (2018) specifies that "Any special use may be acted upon by the PCD Director. The PCD Director, in his sole discretion, is authorized to elevate a special use application to a public hearing". In this instance, since multiple letters of opposition were received, the PCD Director decided to elevate the special use application on March 15, 2021.

If the special use request is approved, the applicant will be required to submit a site development plan in order to demonstrate compliance with the development standards of the <u>Code</u> and to allow the use to continue on the property. The site development plan will need to be substantially consistent with the site plan provided with the special use application and will need to provide a more detailed depiction of the proposed use, including landscaping, parking, and lighting.

The subject property is currently vacant. An application was approved for construction of a single-family dwelling on the property on June 9, 2020. The proposed single-family dwelling has not yet been constructed. The applicant is now requesting approval of a special use for a rural home occupation for a trucking business. The proposed trucking business is intended to be operated out of a proposed 4,000 square-foot accessory structure. The applicant is required to construct the single-family residence on the property prior to initiation of the rural home occupation.

# F. ANALYSIS

# 1. Land Development Code Analysis

The applicant is proposing to allow an aggregate trucking business to be operated accessory to the proposed single-family dwelling as a rural home occupation. The proposed home trucking business qualifies as a rural home occupation, pursuant to Section 5.2.29(b) of the <u>Land Development Code</u>. Section 5.2.29(b) of the <u>Code</u> states:

"The following types of uses, in addition to those allowed as a residential home occupation, may qualify as rural home occupations, if the general standards of a rural home occupation are met:

 Contractor's equipment yards, construction businesses, welding shops..." A rural home occupation is allowed in the RR-5 zoning district with special use approval for lots a minimum of 5 acres in size. The subject property is 40.2 acres in size and is qualified to request approval of a rural home occupation. Potential impacts related to approval of the special use request include noise, light, traffic, and visual clutter.

The applicant is intending to have up to six (6) employees performing aggregate trucking delivery services throughout the Pikes Peak region. The proposed business is intended to operate seasonally, primarily in the summer months. The trucks used for hauling would make daily trips to and from the property between the hours of 6:00 AM and 7:00 AM for morning departures, while arriving between the hours of 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM for return trips. It is anticipated that the business would generate an average of 24 daily trips.

The vehicles used by the business will be stored inside the proposed shop building or in a designated outdoor storage area. The applicant has indicated that the business will be operated seasonally in typically warm weather conditions. The trucks used for the business will likely not need any extended period of warming before driving off the property, thus reducing potential impacts of additional noise and light traditionally associated with this type of use. If trucks do need to be warmed up, the applicant has indicated they will use the areas inside the proposed shop and outside of the shop within the screened area.

In addition to potential noise and light impacts, an outside storage facility could result in visual clutter as seen from the adjacent residential properties if the outside storage areas are not properly screened from view. Section 5.2.29(B)(7) of the Code states:

"Outside storage, parking and work areas are allowed provided these are set-back a minimum of 50 feet from all property lines and are limited in combination to one acre or 5% of the total lot or parcel area, whichever is less. The screening standards of Chapter 6 of this Code shall apply to all outside storage areas."

# Chapter 6 of the Code requires:

"Outside storage shall be enclosed and concealed by a solid fence or wall at least 6 feet in height or any combination of berms, shrubs, trees fencing or walls which will provide at maturity a minimum of 6 feet of height and 100% opaque screening for the area utilized for outside storage."

The applicant's site plan confines all outside storage uses to the interior of the property to screen much of the material storage from view of the neighboring residential properties. Additionally, the applicant is proposing to construct a solid, opaque fence to screen the property from the roadway facing the residential properties. If the special use request is approved, the applicant will be required to submit and receive approval of a commercial site development plan. The site development plan will need to be substantially consistent with the site plan provided with the special use application.

The surrounding parcels are within the RR-5 (Residential Rural) zoning district. The adjacent parcels to the north, northwest, west, and southwest are developed with single-family dwellings. The property located south of the subject property is within Pueblo County, while Interstate 25 is adjacent to the property to the east. The proposed aggregate trucking use would be located in the southern portion of the property, approximately 360 feet from the western property line and 206 feet from the southern property line. The proposed single-family dwelling will be located on the northwestern portion of the property, approximately 140 feet from the western property line. The applicant is proposing to further mitigate the potential visual impacts with the additional setback buffer.

Although the parcel is surrounded by RR-5 (Rural Residential) zoned properties, within two miles of the subject parcel are located more intense non-residential uses that preclude the nearby vicinity from being considered solely rural residential in nature. A special use application was approved for a property located approximately one mile north of the subject property to allow for mineral extraction (PCD File# AL-89-018). In addition, a variance of use for a scrap tire recycling facility (PCD File # VA-16-001,) was also approved in the same area. Both of the uses listed above are located on properties zoned RR-5 (Rural Residential).

# 2. Zoning Compliance

The subject property is zoned RR-5 (Rural Residential). The RR-5 zoning district is intended to accommodate low-density, rural, single-family residential development. The density and dimensional standards for the RR-5 zoning district are as follows

- Minimum lot size 5 acres
- Setbacks 25 feet on all sides
- Maximum building height 30 feet

# Maximum lot coverage – 25%

The special use site plan depicts that the proposed structures will comply with the 25-foot setbacks requirement from all property lines. Prior to initiation of the use, a site development plan must be reviewed and approved by the County. The County will review the application for compliance with all Use Specific Standards in Chapter 5 of the Code and General Development Standards in Chapter 6 of the Code, such as parking, landscaping, and ADA accessibility.

# 3. Policy Plan Analysis

The <u>El Paso County Policy Plan</u> (1998) has a dual purpose; it serves as a guiding document concerning broader land use planning issues and provides a framework to tie together the more detailed sub-area elements of the County Master Plan. Relevant policies are as follows:

**Policy 6.1.8** - Encourage incorporating buffers or transitions between areas of varying use or density where possible.

**Policy 6.4.6** - Allow for the accommodation of necessary supporting commercial uses within or in proximity to rural residential areas in a manner that preserves the rural character of these areas.

**Policy 6.4.7** - Accommodate limited very low impact business and other employment uses in <u>rural residential developments</u> if these serve to reduce overall levels of traffic in these areas and do not otherwise detract from the desired rural residential character, provided the requisite level of services is or will be available in a timely fashion. These uses should primarily serve the needs of local residents.

The applicant is proposing to operate an aggregate trucking business in conjunction with the proposed single-family dwelling on the property. The applicant is intending to have up to six (6) employees performing aggregate trucking delivery services throughout the Pikes Peak region. The proposed business is intended to operate seasonally, primarily in the summer months. The trucks used for hauling would make daily trips to and from the property between the hours of 6:00 AM and 7:00 AM for morning departures, while returning between the hours of 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM. It is anticipated that the business would generate an average of 24 daily trips.

The surrounding parcels are within the RR-5 (Residential Rural) zoning district. The adjacent parcels to the north, northwest, west, and southwest are developed with single-family dwellings. The property located south of the subject property is within Pueblo County, while Interstate 25 is adjacent to the property to the east. The proposed use may be considered incompatible with those surrounding rural residential uses and may have negative impacts such as additional noise, traffic, dust, and visual clutter. The applicant has proposed to mitigate these potential impacts through a variety of actions as discussed below.

First, the proposed use will be developed with opaque screening between the proposed shop building and all roadways and adjacent single-family dwellings. Specifically, the proposed outdoor storage area surrounding the shop building will be screened from view of the surrounding parcels by a 3-foot earthen berm and a 6-foot opaque screening fence built on top of the berm to reduce visual clutter. Additionally, the proposed shop building is located over 350 feet from the western property boundary, creating a transition between the proposed trucking business use and the adjacent residential development. Regarding dust and traffic concerns, the applicant has agreed to enter into an agreement with the local homeowners' association to provide limited maintenance and repair of the roadways impacted by the use, in addition to providing some level of cost sharing to the local association for road maintenance and repair. Finally, the applicant has indicated that noise impacts will be mitigated in part due to the seasonality of the proposed use, which would reduce the need for the trucks to idle while their engines are warming up, thus reducing the light and noise impacts typically associated with this type of use.

The proposed rural home occupation provides services to the region in support of construction activities and roadway maintenance. Additionally, the applicant has proposed to offer both monetary and physical aid to improving the primary access roads serving the business for the benefit of the surrounding residential development and to off-set any deterioration of the roadway caused by the trucking business. The proposed rural home occupation may be found to be in general conformance with the <u>Plan</u> with the mitigation measures proposed by the applicant.

# 4. Small Area Plan Analysis

The subject property is located within the <u>South-Central Comprehensive Plan</u> (1988). The applicant did not identify specific criteria of the <u>South Central</u> <u>Comprehensive Plan</u> which support the proposed development. However, the following policies are relevant to the proposal:

**Policy 2.1.C** – Site planning and building design should minimize the visual exposure of roads and structures. Low horizontal buildings which are compatible with the environment should be encouraged over high profile structures which compete with the environment and create negative visual impacts.

**Policy 2.6** – Physical development activities within the planning area should be consistent with the Land Development Guidelines as promulgated in Article II of the El Paso County Land Development Code.

As part of the review of the proposed rural home occupation it is required that the proposed shop area be completely screened from view from nearby roadways and neighboring dwellings.

The applicant is proposing to construct a 3-foot high earthen berm around the perimeter of all outdoor storage areas. The applicant is also proposing to build a 6-foot opaque screening fence on top of the earthen berm around the outdoor storage areas. Additionally, the proposed site plan identifies that the proposed shop area will be set back over 350 feet from the western property boundary, further limiting the visual impact of the proposed development. The proposed special use will not result in visual clutter or obstructions; therefore, staff recommends that the special use is generally consistent with the <u>Plan</u>.

# 5. Water Master Plan Analysis

The <u>El Paso County Water Master Plan</u> (2018) has three main purposes; better understand present conditions of water supply and demand; identify efficiencies that can be achieved; and encourage best practices for water demand management through the comprehensive planning and development review processes. Relevant policies are as follows:

**Goal 1.1** – Ensure an adequate water supply in terms of quantity, dependability and quality for existing and future development.

**Policy 1.1.1** – Adequate water is a critical factor in facilitating future growth and it is incumbent upon the County to coordinate land use planning with water demand, efficiency and conservation.

**Goal 1.2** – Integrate water and land use planning.

The subject parcel is in Region 7 of the <u>El Paso County Water Master Plan</u>. Region 7 has a current water supply for central water providers of 15,376-acre feet per year and a current demand of 10,141 -acre feet per year. The 2040 water supply is projected to be 25,241-acre feet per year and the projected demand is 15,846-acre feet. The 2060 water supply is projected to be 27,840-acre feet per year, whereas the demand is anticipated to be 26,969-acre feet per year; therefore, there is projected to be a surplus supply of water for central water providers in this region of the County. It is important to note, however, that the proposed use is not anticipated to be served by a central provider but rather via an individual groundwater well, as discussed below in the Water section of this report.

A finding of water sufficiency is not required with review of a special use application. However, the applicant has indicated that the property will be served by a proposed well and on-site wastewater treatment system. The proposed well and septic system will serve both the proposed single-family dwelling and the proposed trucking use.

#### 6. Other Master Plan Elements

The El Paso County Wildlife Habitat Descriptors (1996) identifies the parcels as having a low wildlife impact potential. Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the El Paso County Environmental Services Division were not sent referrals for the project but will receive a referral on the subsequent site development plan application.

The <u>Master Plan for Mineral Extraction</u> (1996) identifies stream terrace deposits and mesa gravel in the area of the subject parcels. A mineral rights certification was prepared by the applicant indicating that, upon researching the records of El Paso County, no severed mineral rights exist.

Please see the Parks section below for information regarding conformance with The El Paso County Parks Master Plan (2013).

Please see the Transportation section below for information regarding conformance with the El Paso County <u>2016 Major Transportation Corridors Plan Update</u> (MTCP).

#### G. PHYSICAL SITE CHARACTERISTICS

# 1. Hazards

There are no known hazards identified on the site.

# 2. Wildlife

The property is identified as being located within an area of the County with low wildlife impact potential.

# 3. Floodplain

The property is not located within a defined floodplain as determined from review of the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map panel number 08041C1170G, dated December 7, 2018.

# 4. Drainage and Erosion

The property is located within the Young Hollow (FOFO0200) drainage basin, which is an unstudied basin and contains no drainage basin or bridge fees. It is anticipated that a drainage report providing hydrologic and hydraulic analysis to identify and mitigate the drainage impacts of the development as well as a grading and erosion control plan will be required with the subsequent site development plan application.

# 5. Transportation

The property is accessed from Calle Pacifico Point and Avenida Hermosa View, which are unimproved roadways within platted right-of-way that are maintained by the homeowners' association for the Villa Casitas Subdivision. The rural home occupation will utilize the proposed driveway access from Avenida Hermosa View. A traffic impact study was not required due to the proposed special use not expected to generate 100 daily vehicle trips more than the property would be expected to generate without approval of the special use request.

The El Paso County 2016 Major Transportation Corridors Plan Update (MTCP) does not depict roadway improvement projects in the immediate vicinity of the site.

The site is subject to the El Paso County Road Impact Fee Program (Resolution 19-471), as amended.

# H. SERVICES

### 1. Water

Water service will be provided by a proposed onsite well.

# 2. Sanitation

Wastewater service will be provided by a proposed onsite wastewater treatment system.

# 3. Emergency Services

The property is within the Hanover Fire Protection District. The district was sent a referral for the project and provided a statement on the proposed development. Specifically, the department indicated that should the project be approved, a condition of approval be considered mandating that an agreement between the applicant and the local homeowners' association be reached regarding maintenance and upkeep of the roads within the development that will have increased use and damage as a direct result of the trucking business. El Paso County Planning and Community Development Department staff has not included an additional recommended condition of approval due to El Paso County not having the ability or right to enforce a private agreement between the homeowner's association and the applicant. The statement from the Hanover Fire Protection District has been added to this report as an attachment.

### 4. Utilities

Mountain View Electric Association will provide electrical service to the property while Black Hills Energy will provide natural gas service to the property.

# 5. Metropolitan Districts

The property is not located within a metropolitan district.

# 6. Parks/Trails

Land dedication and fees in lieu of park land dedication are not required for a special use application. The <u>El Paso County Parks Master Plan</u> (2013) indicates that there are no existing or proposed parks or trails within or adjacent to the proposed development. As such, the proposed use is not anticipated to impact any parks or trails within the region.

# 7. Schools

Land dedication and fees in lieu of school land dedication are not required for a special use application.

# I. APPLICABLE RESOLUTIONS

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# J. STATUS OF MAJOR ISSUES

The Planning and Community Development Department received multiple letters of opposition from concerned property owners in the neighborhood surrounding the

subject property throughout the review process of the proposed special use for a home occupation. Specifically, staff received five (5) letters from concerned property owners in the area. To summarize, the specific concerns outlined in the letters of opposition include statements regarding the increase of traffic in the area, water availability, and roadway infrastructure damage due to the nature of the trucks used for the business.

The applicant has attempted to coordinate with the neighborhood homeowners' association to provide some level of cost sharing to maintain the roadway infrastructure accessing the property, in addition to offering an annual repair services for any damage to Calle Pacifico Point in an effort to mitigate negative impacts to neighborhood infrastructure caused by the business.

Please see attached for all responses received to date.

### K. RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS AND NOTATIONS

Should the Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners find that the request meets the criteria for approval outlined in Section 5.3.2 of the <u>El Paso</u> County Land Development Code (2018), staff recommends the following conditions and notations:

#### CONDITIONS

- 1. Approval is limited to the home trucking use as discussed and depicted in the applicant's letter of intent and the attached site plan exhibit.
- 2. Within ninety (90) days of special use approval, the applicant shall apply for and receive approval of a commercial site development plan. The deadline for receipt of approval of the site development plan may be extended by the PCD Director, at his or her discretion, if the Director finds that the applicant has made a good faith effort to secure such approval.
- 3. Prior to approval of a site development plan for the trucking business, the proposed single-family dwelling must be constructed. The home occupation use shall not operate on the property until the proposed single-family dwelling is constructed and receives a Certificate of Occupancy from the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department. .

# **NOTATIONS**

1. Special use approval includes conditions of approval and the accompanying site plan and elevation drawings. No substantial expansion, enlargement,

intensification or modification shall be allowed except upon reevaluation and public hearing as specified in the <u>El Paso County Land Development Code</u> (2018).

- 2. The Board of County Commissioners may consider revocation and/or suspension if zoning regulations and/or special use conditions/standards are being violated, preceded by notice and public hearing.
- 3. If the special use is discontinued or abandoned for two (2) years or longer, the special use shall be deemed abandoned and of no further force and effect.

# L. PUBLIC COMMENT AND NOTICE

The Planning and Community Development Department notified seven (7) adjoining property owners on May 19, 2021, for the Planning Commission meeting. Responses will be provided at the hearing.

# M. ATTACHMENTS

Vicinity Map
Letter of Intent
Site Plan
Hanover Fire Protection District Statements
Adjacent Property Owner Responses

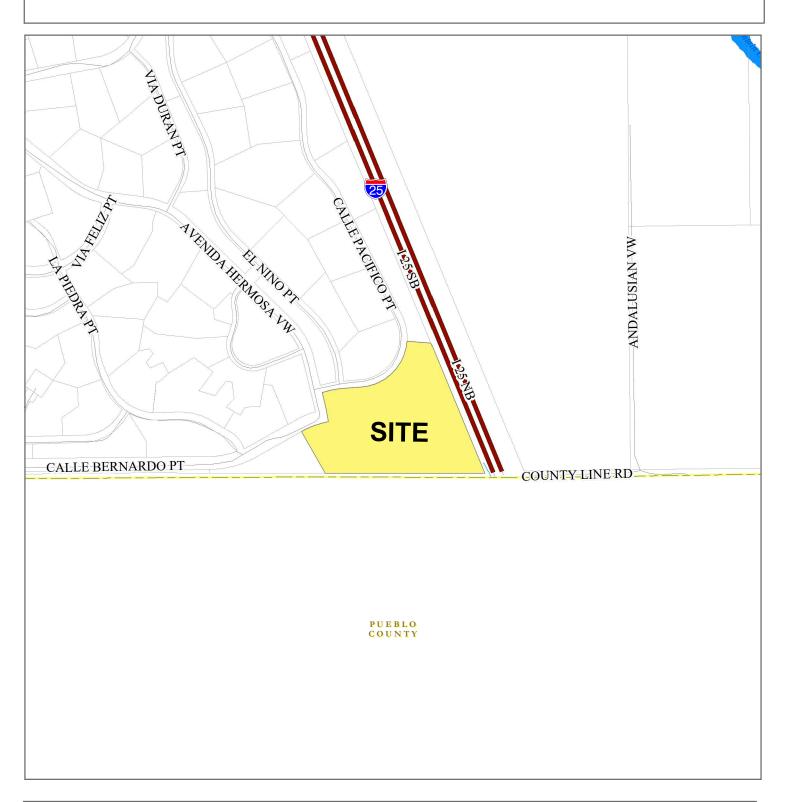
# **El Paso County Parcel Information**

PARCE NAME
5735000 MEISMAN GARY

File Name: AL-18-024

Zone Map No. --

Date:



# **Letter of Intent**

Application for Rural Home Occupation Special Use
October 11, 2018
Revised May 10, 2019
Revised August 26, 2020
Revised February 10, 2021

Gone Trucking, LLC 21255 Calle Pacifico Point Fountain, Colorado 80817 Owner: Gary Meisman

# I. Owner/Applicant and Consultant.

Gone Trucking, LLC is owned by Gary Meisman. The Owner/Applicant and Consultant contact information is as follows:

# **Owner/Applicant:**

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### Consultant:

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# II. <u>Site Location, Size and Zoning.</u>

The property Mr. Meisman plans to develop is a parcel of vacant land located at 21255 Calle Pacifico Point, Fountain, Colorado. The property borders Villa Casitas subdivision to the North and West, Interstate 25 to the East, and the El Paso/Pueblo County line to the South. The property is easily accessible from Exit 119 off I-25. The property consists of one parcel of 38.86 acres, and is listed under Assessor's Schedule Number 5735000001. The property is zoned RR-5, Residential Rural. A parcel map showing the property is included in Appendix A.

# III. Request and Justification.

Mr. Meisman has operated a small aggregate hauling business for the past 10 years. The business delivers dirt and asphalt materials for road construction and maintenance projects within a 100 mile radius of the Pikes Peak region. The business is seasonal, and operates primarily during the Summer months.

Mr. Meisman purchased the 21255 Calle Pacifico Point property in December 2017. Mr. Meisman plans to build a house and shop on the property, and to operate his business there as a rural home based business. Mr. Meisman is applying for a rural home occupation special use approval for this purpose.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Assessor's record shows the parcel size is 40.2 acres. However, a recent land survey established the accurate measurement to be 38.86 acres. An updated Land Survey Plat was recorded in the records of the El Paso County Clerk and Recorder on June 17, 2019, at Reception Number 219900099, a copy of which is filed with this Application.

# IV. <u>Proposed Facilities, Structures, Roads, etc.</u>

The property consists of 38.86 acres of vacant land. Mr. Meisman intends to develop the land as follows:

- 1) Build a single family residence for the Meisman family (approximately 3,200 square feet ranch style).
- 2) Simultaneously with, or after building the residence, build a 50' x 80' (4,000 sf) shop for his trucking business.
- 3) An outdoor storage area by the shop building for trucks and business equipment, with appropriate screening.

Mr. Meisman electronically filed a building permit application, construction plans and required supporting documents (e.g., architectural drawings, soils report, truss calculations, code analysis, etc.) for the proposed residence with the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department ("PPRBD") on May 4, 2020. Regional Building approved Mr. Meisman's plans for the residence on June 23, 2020 (Plan No. R128052).

Mr. Meisman's business operates on a seasonal basis, primarily during the Summer months. Equipment and trucks will be stored in the shop building, as well as in a designated outdoor storage area, which will be screened by a natural ridge and a berm covered in natural grasses with a minimum height of 3 feet. The business currently owns a total of 8 trucks to include dump trucks, end dumps, and tractor/trailers. No aggregate materials will be stored on site.

The business has 6 employees. The employees usually pick up their trucks from the shop from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, and return to the shop with their trucks from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for a total of 24 trips per day. All vehicles will enter the property via a driveway access on Avenida Hermosa View. Mr. Meisman will apply for the required driveway access permit prior to commencing construction on the shop building and outdoor storage area. Employees will park their personal vehicles near the shop. No customers will visit the property. There will be no signage on the property advertising the business.

The property's topography is hilly and includes a ridge that will block the view of the shop and storage area from adjoining properties. Mr. Meisman will have to construct his improvements within a 20 acre area, which is the only buildable space on the property. The lots in the surrounding Villa Casitas subdivision are 5 acres each with a single family home. The roads in the subdivision and adjoining Mr. Meisman's property are gravel.

The roads in the Villa Casitas Subdivision, which adjoins Mr. Meisman's property, are public rights-of-way, and Mr. Meisman has the legal right to use those roads to access his property. The Villa Casitas Homeowners' Association is responsible for maintaining the roads in the Subdivision, and has the equipment to do

so with the exception of equipment to haul material. Over a period of several months Mr. Meisman diligently attempted to negotiate a road maintenance agreement with the HOA, which included generous proposals for routine road maintenance services and assistance with hauling in material to improve the condition of Avenida Hermosa View before Mr. Meisman's trucks use the road. Unfortunately, the HOA has declined to enter into any agreement with Mr. Meisman.

The Hanover Fire Department has expressed concern about possible damage to the roads in the Subdivision. Mr. Meisman's trucks will only travel over Avenida Hermosa View, and will not access the property from any other road in the Subdivision.

The current traffic on Avenida Hermosa View is from Subdivision residents and their guests, trash trucks, postal deliveries and from other heavy trucks (e.g., furniture deliveries). The road base is clay with some sand and gravel. The roads are relatively flat and smooth with the exception of rutting that occurs from vehicle traffic after storms. To date, the Subdivision has failed to adequately maintain the roads in the Subdivision including Avenida Hermosa View.

Avenida Hermosa View will not be traveled by Mr. Meisman's trucks alone. Mr. Meisman does not have the experience, equipment, or ability to maintain the road, nor should he bear that entire burden for the subdivision. In order to compensate for potential damage to the road from his trucks, Mr. Meisman proposes to pay the HOA \$2,000 annually and to provide the HOA 20 hours of material transport time using any of his trucks (approximately \$2,000.00 additional value). Mr. Meisman will also agree to allow the HOA to purchase the material at his cost if so desired. Mr. Meisman's proposal will compensate for any additional damage to the road caused by his trucks, and will directly benefit the Subdivision by providing much needed resources to make the roads safer and more passable for the residents, their guests and vendors, and emergency personnel.

To address the Hanover Fire Department's concern about potential damage to Avenida Hermosa View by trucks entering and exiting Mr. Meisman's property, the business driveway has been configured at an angle so the trucks have straight access to and from the property from Avenida Hermosa View with little to no turning required.

Mr. Meisman acknowledges that he performed some grading on the property in 2018 before filing this application. Pursuant to direction from Inspection Supervisor Paul Wigg, Mr. Meisman addressed the drainage and erosion control concerns raised by the Planning Department in its Stop Work Order dated March 20, 2019, by stabilizing and reclaiming all the areas of disturbance by re-seeding the area to 70% of original vegetative cover to ensure that there is no potential for any offsite transfer of sediment or drainage impacts to adjacent properties. Inspections Supervisor Brad Walters inspected the property and confirmed that the reclamation work has been performed. The e-mail correspondence concerning the reclamation work and confirming Mr.

Walters' inspection is attached. All required engineering documents including the ESQCP, drainage report, financial assurance estimate, grading and erosion control plan, grading and erosion control checklists, PBMP applicability form, storm water management plan, and storm water management checklists have been prepared with input from the Planning Engineer and will be submitted with the site development plan.

# V. <u>Waiver Requests.</u>

No waivers are requested at this time.

# VI. <u>Criteria for Approval.</u>

### I. Location and Parcel Size.

The subject property is located in an RR-5 zone district, and consists of 38.86 acres. As such, the property meets the rural home occupation special use criteria for location and parcel size.

# II. Employees.

The business has 6 full-time employees and, therefore, meets the rural home occupation special use criteria that allows a maximum of 10 employees.

#### III. Traffic.

Each of Mr. Meisman's 6 employees generate a maximum of 4 automobile trips to and from the property each day, for a total of 24 trips per day. This number is far below the maximum of 50 per day set out in the rural home occupation special use criteria.

# IV. Inoperable Vehicles.

Mr. Meisman will not keep any inoperable vehicles on the property in conjunction with the business.

# V. Outside Storage and Work Areas.

Mr. Meisman will use an outdoor area around the shop for storage of business trucks and equipment and for a minimal amount of outdoor repair and maintenance work. The outdoor storage and work area will be located at least 50 feet from all property lines, and will be screened by a large naturally occurring ridge and a minimum 3 foot high natural grass covered berm.

# VI. Environmental Impacts.

No noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odors, heat, or electrical interference will be detectable to the normal senses beyond the boundary line of the property. Any fuels,

solvents, oils, grease, and other such substances will be stored in the shop in appropriately marked containers, and used products will be collected and disposed of in an environmentally safe and legal manner. No fuel storage tanks will be present on the property. The presence of petroleum products will be limited to the amount of oil and lubricants needed for routine maintenance of the trucks and equipment, and that contained in the truck fuel tanks.

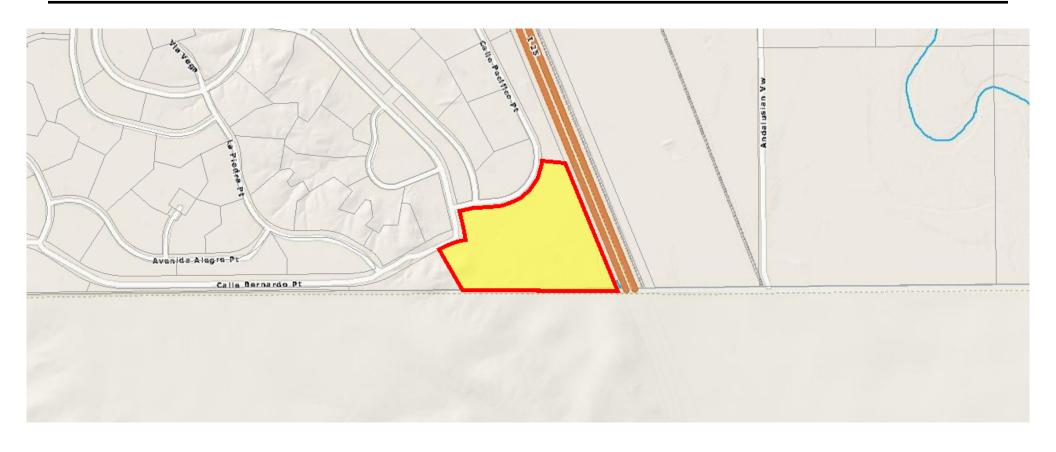
The business will comply at all times with all health and safety regulations governing the business. The business does not use any hazardous, explosive, or highly flammable substances (other than fuel needed to power the trucks and equipment), and has not received any complaints for excessive noise, dust, or other environmental impacts.

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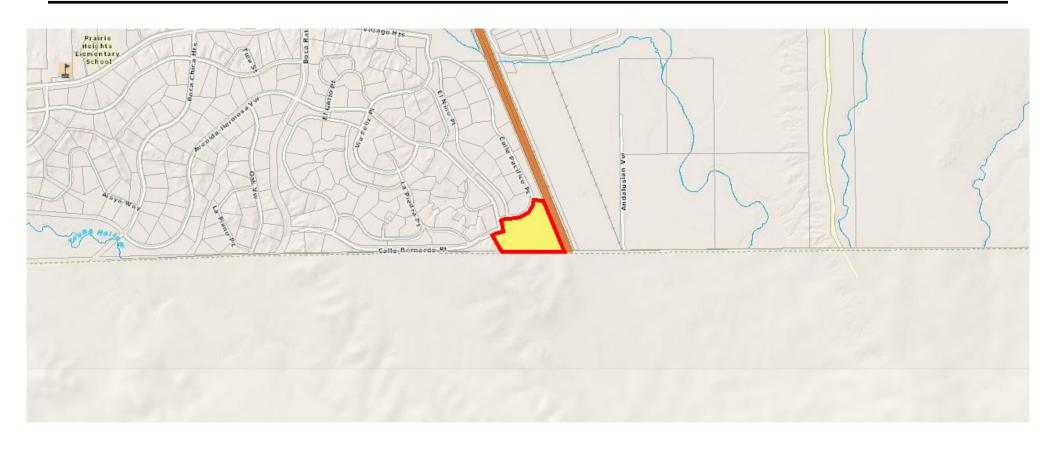


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# **Debra Eiland**

From: Brad Walters <BradWalters@elpasoco.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 4:02 PM

To: 'Debra Eiland'

Cc: Daniel Torres; Elizabeth Nijkamp; Lori Seago

Subject: RE: Gary Meisman - 21255 Calle Pacifico; Planning Dept. File No. AL1824

#### Dedra.

Sorry for the delay in getting back to you on this project. I have inspected the property and the reclamation work has been performed. I know this project is still in the review process in our office so no work can be started until it has been approved by our office.

Thanks You

Brad Walters
Inspections Supervisor
Planning and Community Development
El Paso County
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Monday - Friday, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

From: Debra Eiland <edebra@qwest.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 5:15 PM

To: Brad Walters < BradWalters@elpasoco.com>

Subject: Gary Meisman - 21255 Calle Pacifico; Planning Dept. File No. AL1824

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Dear Brad:

I am writing to follow up on the Meisman matter referenced in my previous correspondence with Paul Wiggs below. Mr. Meisman indicated that he performed the reclamation and reseeded the land disturbance as directed. He does not know whether anyone from your office came out to inspect the work. We are in the final stages of completing his application submittal, and need verification for the Planning engineer that this was done in order to avoid the need for a drainage report, ESQCP, SWMP, etc.

When you have a minute would you please check your file to confirm whether Mr. Meisman's work was inspected and cleared? If not, would it be possible to send someone out to do that? And, if/when done, would you please send me an e-mail confirming that so I can include it with Mr. Meisman's application?

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. If you are not the person to contact regarding this, can you please direct me to the right person? Thank you for your kind consideration of this request.

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From: Paul Wiggs <PaulWiggs@elpasoco.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2019 5:20 PM
To: 'Debra Eiland' < <a href="mailto:edebra@qwest.net">edebra@qwest.net</a>>

Cc: 'Hannah McCullough' <hmccullough@qwest.net>

Subject: RE: Gary Meisman - 21255 Calle Pacifico; Planning Dept. File No.

#### Debra,

Thanks for forwarding over that information. After I spoke with you I talked to our engineering manager and asked about how to proceed without obtaining all the documents and permits outlined in the letter. Basically, she agreed with what we had discussed in terms of having Mr. Meisman stabilize and reclaim all the areas of disturbance, making sure that there is no potential for any offsite transfer of sediment or drainage impacts to adjacent properties. By reclaim, I mean it needs to be seeded and stabilized to 70% of original vegetative cover. Any stockpiles of dirt on the property should be removed as well. If he can accomplish this right away, there would be no further action required from our office. He still will need to obtain Building permits through Regional for any structures he plans to build on his property

and make sure that he does exceed an acre of disturbance going forward. Let us know what his plan is and we will schedule a site inspection to verify all this has been accomplished.

Paul Wiggs Inspection Supervisor EPC Planning and Community Development 2880 International Cir. Suite 110 Colo. Spgs., Co. 80910 719-520-6819 719-332-3599

From: Debra Eiland [mailto:edebra@qwest.net]

Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2019 4:20 PM

To: Paul Wiggs

Cc: 'Hannah McCullough'

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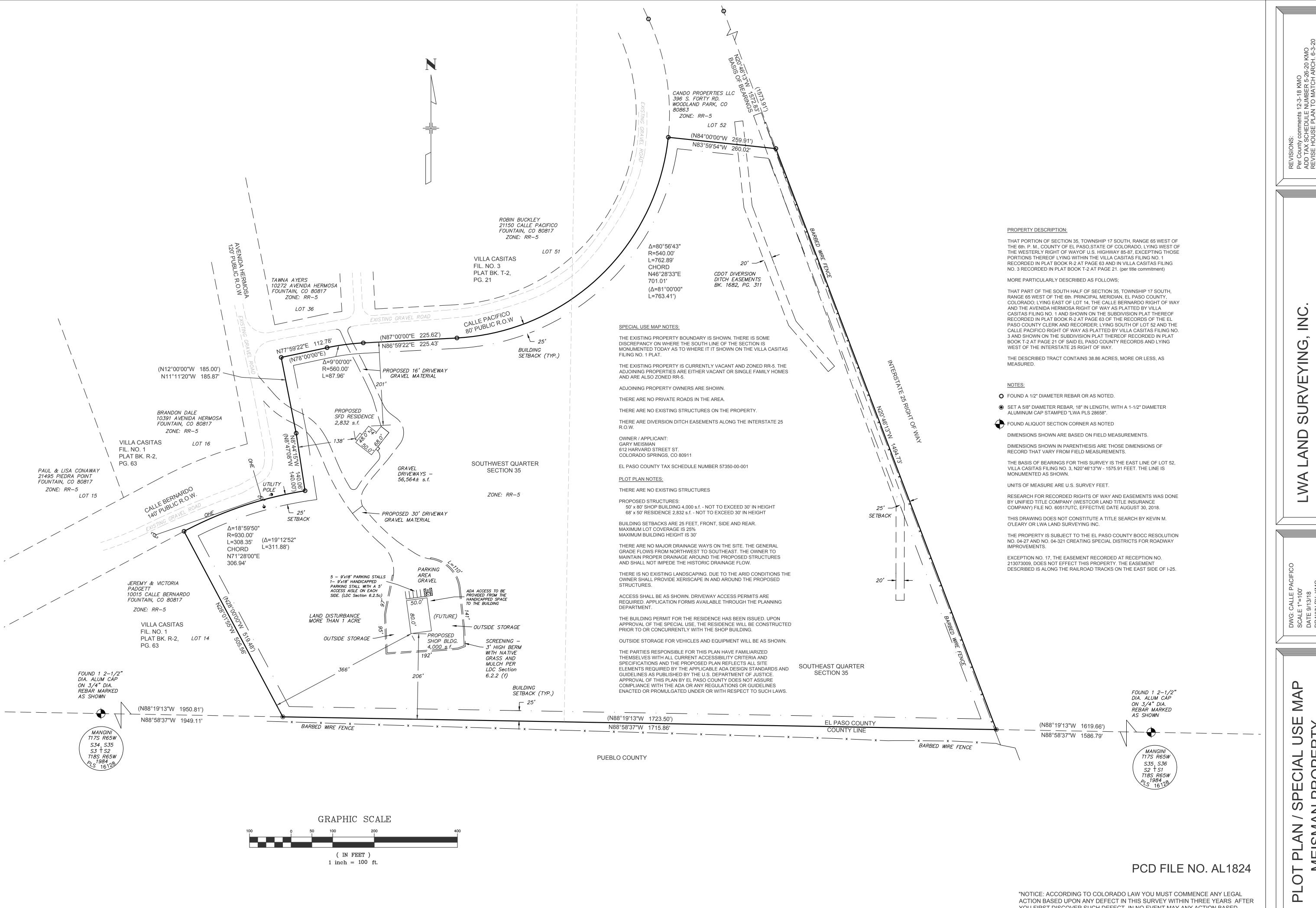
Thank you for talking with me this afternoon about Mr. Meisman's property and the Stop Work Order issued by your office on March 20. I have attached a copy here, along with Mr. Meisman's home occupation special use application and supporting documents.

Please let me know at your convenience the best way for Mr. Meisman to respond. We very much appreciate your guidance and consideration.

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YOU FIRST DISCOVER SUCH DEFECT. IN NO EVENT MAY ANY ACTION BASED UPON ANY DEFECT IN THIS SURVEY BE COMMENCED MORE THAN TEN YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE CERTIFICATION SHOWN HEREON."

#### AL-18-024 Hanover Fire Statements

Hanover Fire Department has no objection over this project as it stands if the impact to the roads can be address. We do acknowledge that there is a dispute between the HOA and Mr. Meisman over this project and the conversations or negotiations have broken down. Mr. Meisman acknowledge through the letter of intent that the HOA is responsible for maintaining the roads that his trucks and employees will be using to access his property throughout the week. In his letter he states he has a legal right to use those roads and the meetings that we have attended that was never been in dispute. What has been in contention between the 2 groups is running a trucking business off his property and the damage it will cause to the roads. The pictures that we have provided previously are from the 2 of the 3 roads that these trucks could use. The damages in these pictures are from the residents that was caused after a rainstorm. We would encourage that if this project is approve that there has to be an agreement in place on the repairs needed due to the damages that these trucks will cause furthermore we would hope that they are kept to a primary and secondary roads so the damages are limited to 2 roads.

From: christian kang <762courier@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 8:11 PM

To: Len Kendall

**Subject:** Rezoning 21255 Calle Pacifico Point, Fountain CO 80817

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Dear Mr. Kendall

I would like to express my concern for the issue on rezoning property in our neighborhood. I am strongly against it.

We have a very peaceful neighborhood with many families that enjoy the tranquility of our area. Allowing businesses to develop here would be the end of residential living. Property value would plummet, making it very appealing to other businesses. A company looking to setup shop in such a removed area is looking to step around regulations and formalities he/she would be subjected to in a common professional area.

Another issue that may arise is water. We do not have enough in our wells nor the infrastructure to support an industrial park. Cheif Carl of the Hanover Volunteer Fire Department has also expressed great concern over this matter.

Please do not take our concerns lightly. Our community is ready to voice our opinions on this issue. It has become the pinnacle of conversation lately in this area. Thank you for your time.

Best regards, Christian Kang 719-466-3963 762courier@gmail.com

From: Mary Martin <mustangs4mary@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2019 3:26 PM

To: Len Kendall

**Subject:** Re-zoning - 21255 Calle Pacifico Point, Fountain CO 80817

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Hello Mr Kendall

I would like to petition against the re-zoning of the lot known under 21255 Calle Pacifico Point, Fountain CO.

The re-zoning request has been submitted by Gary Meisman. He has submitted for review in order to run his truck repair and hauling business from the above address.

This lot is zoned Rural / Residential as is the entire neighborhood. As a resident of this area, I am opposed to the re-zoning, this will allow our residential streets to be used for a commercial business and detract from the value of my home.

Having a commercial business operating on residential neighborhood roads such as our creates a huge issue with the road maintenance that our HOA is struggling to pay for and complete. Commercial trucks going back and forth to this property will be a hazard for children playing and also for the numerous equestrians who utilize our roads.

Please let me know how I go about preventing this re-zoning. I am willing to attend any hearings, or get signatures on a written petition if necessary.

Thank you,

Mary M. Martin 20785 El Nino Pt. Fountain, CO 80817 719-440-8816

mustangs4mary@gmail.com

From: rachel <rdatwins@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 6:33 PM

To: Len Kendall

**Subject:** VCHOA AND GARY MEISMANN

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I oppose Gary Meismann of Gone trucking coming to our area and starting a repair shop for semi-trucks. I have lived on el nino pt. for 20 years. I moved out here for the peace and quiet. Having that much traffic coming down our roads will damage them. People walk their dogs and ride their horses on our roads. Extra traffic will make it dangerous for animals and children. We enjoy our peaceful country community. Please help us keep it this way.

Thank you

Rachel Arguello

Sent from my iPhone

From: Heather Kang <ikck1606@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 5:23 PM

To:Len KendallSubject:Villa Casitas

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Mr. Kendall, I am writing to say I am against Gary Meisman, of Gone Trucking opening his business in our neighborhood.

We live on El Nino Pt., which is very close to Mr. Meisman's property.

If you have any questions, please call me at (808)306-3031.

Sincerely, Heather Kang

# Petition Regarding Gone Trucking, LLC

Gone Trucking, LLC (owner Gary Meisman) is seeking a Special Use Permit to allow for a Rural Home Occupation for a trucking business within the RR5 zoning district. This permit would allow the business to utilize privately maintained roads in the Villa Casitas residential development.  We, the undersigned, as concerned home owners would urge our leaders to act now to stop this business from being permitted in our RR5 district. The allowance of this permit to Gone Trucking, LLC will be disruptive to our neighborhood and destructive to the roadways that we struggle to maintain with limited funding.
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