2019 Sand Creek Drainage Basin Fee Increase

Adjustment to Drainage Fees

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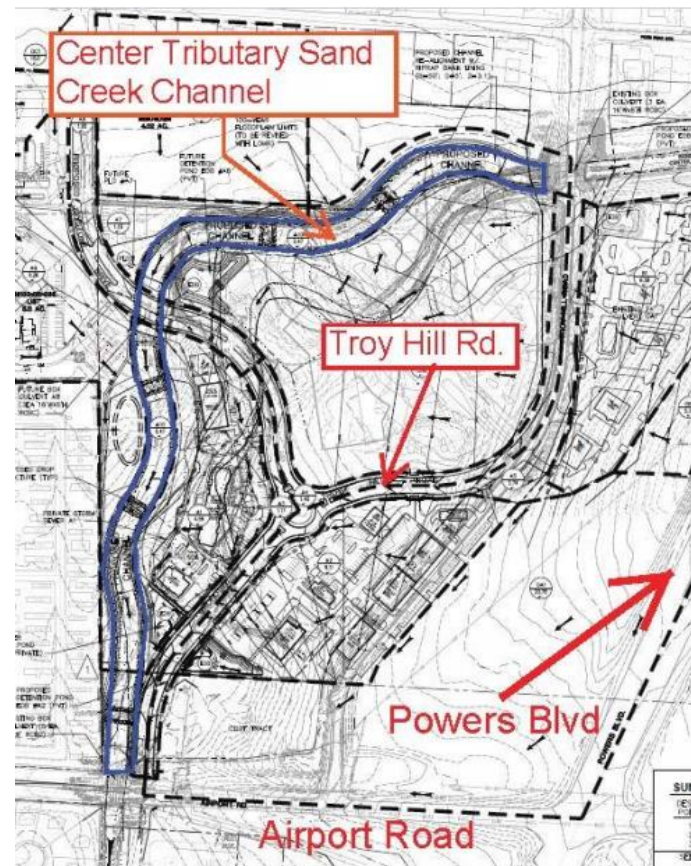
2019 Sand Creek Drainage Fee Increase Details

- On October 8th, 2019, the City Council approved Resolution No. 94-19 establishing the 2019 Drainage Basin Fees, Bridge Fees, and Detention Pond Facility and Land Fees. This resolution set the drainage fee for the Sand Creek basin at $12,673 per acre.

- Colorado Springs/El Paso County Drainage Board approved a per acre increase of $124.00, from $12,673 to $12,797 per acre over the current 2019 Sand Creek Drainage Fee on July 11, 2019.

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- The Drainage Board action to increase the Sand Creek basin fee to cover additional drainage basin costs represents a common practice used by the Drainage Board to cover unanticipated additional drainage facility costs in new subdivision development.

- Unanticipated costs can be described as costs not shown in the Drainage Basin Planning Study for the drainage basin and/or costs that were not included in the fee calculation for the basin.

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- The Drainage Board's action to increase the drainage fee resulted from a request by Powers and Airport, LLC., the developer for Westgate and Powers Filing No. 1.

- Improvements were constructed for Reach CT-1 of Center Tributary Sand Creek as identified in the Drainage Basin Planning Study for the Sand Creek Drainage Basin.

Center Tributary Sand Creek Channel

Troy Hill Rd.

Powers Blvd

Airport Road

2019 Sand Creek Drainage Fee Increase Details

- The estimated cost of the improvements identified in the Sand Creek Drainage Basin Planning Study was $538,876.00 (adjusted for inflation).

- The actual construction cost of $1,329,929.31 exceeded the original estimated cost by $791,053.31.

- The recommended increase would cover the excess cost of the reimbursable improvements.

Recommended 2019 Fee Increase

Drainage Board recommends a per acre increase of $124.00, from $12,673 to $12,797 per acre over the current 2019 Sand Creek Drainage Fee, and approval of the updated fee schedule effective upon City Council approval.

QUESTIONS?