



EXHIBIT E

SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO

Water Conservancy District

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May 12, 2022

Kurt Aichele
Hope Chapel of Colorado Springs
5740 N. Academy Blvd
Colorado Springs CO 80918
Sent by email: kaichele@gmail.com

NES, Inc. – Andrea Barlow
619 North Cascade Ave, Suite 200
Colorado Springs CO 80903
Sent by email: abarlow@colorado.com

Subject: Application for assent regarding Hope Chapel Annexation No. 2

Dear Mr. Aichele and Ms. Barlow:

According to Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (Southeastern) formation decree, and repayment contract for the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation secretarial assent is needed for changes of lands to be included in Southeastern. The inclusion of lands into Southeastern makes those lands eligible to receive water from the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project facilities, subject to the decrees for the District and the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project.

The application for assent submitted to Southeastern for the annexation commonly known as Hope Chapel Annexation No. 2 has received Secretary's assent from the Department of Interior-Bureau of Reclamation (Great Plains Region) for inclusion into the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District boundary.

As soon as the land is annexed please provide us the ordinance documentation so we can proceed with our final steps. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance with working with Southeastern, and the Bureau of Reclamation for inclusion into Southeastern boundaries.

Best regards,

Garrett Markus, P.E.
Water Resources Engineer

CC: City of Colorado Springs, Land Use Review Division (katie.carleo@coloradosprings.gov) & Wintz, Katelynn (Katelynn.Wintz@coloradosprings.gov)

Attachments:

- Bureau of Reclamation Assent



United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
Eastern Colorado Area Office
11056 West County Road 18E
Loveland, CO 80537-9711

IN REPLY REFER TO:

EC-1310
2.2.4.22

May 10, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

Mr. Garrett Markus
Water Resources Specialist/Engineer
Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District
31717 United Avenue
Pueblo, Colorado 81001
garrett@secwcd.com

Subject: Inclusion of Lands – Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District Boundary – Kurt Aichele, Hope Chapel of Colorado Springs – Fryingpan-Arkansas Project, Colorado

Dear Mr. Markus:

Enclosed is a signed original assent form for the parcels of land petitioned for inclusion within the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District boundary by Kurt Aichele, Hope Chapel of Colorado Springs, for the annexation commonly known as Hope Chapel Annexation No. 2. Based on the information provided to the Bureau of Reclamation, the Secretary's assent for inclusion is determined to be an action not subject to further National Environmental Policy Act or National Historic Preservation Act compliance review.

However, Federal laws including but not limited to, the Federal Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, and Clean Air Act still apply to the lands associated with the inclusion and landowners are responsible for any future related compliance.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance. If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Reclamation, Eastern Colorado Area Office Natural Resource Specialist, Mr. Jacob Hoffman at 970-461-5450 or jthoffman@usbr.gov. If you are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

Sincerely,

**JEFFREY
RIEKER**

Digitally signed by JEFFREY RIEKER
Date: 2022.05.10 09:46:16 -0600

Jeffrey Rieker
Area Manager

Enclosure - 1

cc: Margie Medina, Administrative Support Specialist
Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District
margie@secwcd.com



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SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District, organized and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of Colorado, has advised that petitions have been filed with the District Board of Directors as prescribed by the laws of the State of Colorado for changes in the boundaries of said District to include therein 8.12 acres for Kurt Aichele, Hope Chapel of Colorado Springs, within El Paso County, Colorado; and,

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District has provided an annexation letter, dated April 21, 2022, on said petition for inclusion of lands and said petition specifically describes the lands to be considered for inclusion; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of its contract of January 21, 1965, with the United States, the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District, by letter dated April 21, 2022, has requested the Secretary of the Interior to assent to the changes in the boundaries of said District as proposed in the petition aforementioned; and,

WHEREAS, lands associated with the inclusion continue to be subject to all applicable federal laws. Landowners are responsible for any future compliance associated with, including but not limited, to the Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, and Clean Air Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, having been fully advised in the premises and pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, I do hereby assent to the changes in the boundaries of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District to include the land described in the aforementioned petition, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Dated at Loveland, Colorado, this 10th day of May, 2022.

JEFFREY RIEKER Digitally signed by JEFFREY RIEKER
Date: 2022.05.10 09:47:03 -06'00'

Jeffrey Rieker
Area Manager
Eastern Colorado Area Office
Missouri Basin Region
Bureau of Reclamation