#### Increases to 2020 Black Squirrel Creek Pond Land Fee and Middle Tributary Basin Drainage Fee

Adjustment to 2020 Fee Schedule

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**SPRINGS** 



- On December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the City Council approved Resolution No. 153-19 establishing the 2020 Drainage Basin Fees, Bridge Fees, and Detention Pond Facility and Land Fees. This resolution set the pond land fee for the Black Squirrel Creek basin at \$789 per acre.
- Colorado Springs/El Paso County Drainage Board approved a recommendation for a per acre increase of \$2,950, from \$789 to \$3,739 per acre over the current 2020 Black Squirrel Creek Pond Land Fee on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019.



- The Drainage Board's action to increase the drainage fee resulted from a request by Allison Valley Development Company, LLC.
- JR Engineering, on behalf of Allison Valley Development Company, LLC, completed an analysis to determine if the current pond land fees were adequate to reimburse developers for the land associated with reimbursable ponds. The analysis determined that the current pond land fee was inadequate.







- The Black Squirrel Creek Drainage Basin Planning Study (1989) estimated a total of 7.2 acres of reimbursable pond land.
- Due to an increase in the number and size of detention ponds, the estimated reimbursable pond land total is now 26.9 acres, resulting in a shortfall of \$1,203,721 in the Black Squirrel Creek pond land fund.
- The recommended increase would cover the excess cost of the reimbursable pond land.



#### Recommended Fee Increase

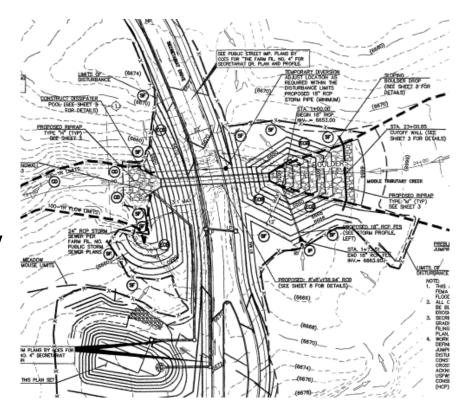
**Drainage Board recommends a per acre increase** of \$2,950, from \$789 to \$3,739 per acre over the current 2020 Black Squirrel Creek Pond Land Fee, and approval of the updated fee schedule effective upon City Council approval.



- On December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the City Council approved Resolution No. 153-19 establishing the 2020 Drainage Basin Fees, Bridge Fees, and Detention Pond Facility and Land Fees. This resolution set the drainage fee for the Middle Tributary basin at \$7,275 per acre.
- Colorado Springs/El Paso County Drainage Board approved a recommendation for a per acre increase of \$17,632, from \$7,275 to \$24,907 per acre over the current 2020 Middle Tributary Drainage Fee on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019.



- The Drainage Board's action to increase the drainage fee resulted from a request by Allison Valley Development Company, LLC., the developer for the Farm Filing No. 4.
- A box culvert was installed to convey the Middle Tributary under Secretariat Drive as identified in the Middle Tributary Drainage Basin Planning Study.









- The estimated cost of the improvements in the Middle Tributary Drainage Basin Planning Study was \$104,751.00 (adjusted for inflation).
- The actual construction cost of \$492,471.55 exceeded the estimated cost by \$387,720.55.
- The recommended increase would cover the excess cost of the reimbursable improvements.



- As requested by the Drainage Board, Allison Valley
  Development Company notified the remaining property
  owner in the basin, Pulpit Rock Investments, of the
  proposed fee increase.
- Pulpit Rock Investments indicated that they would not oppose the fee increase.



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