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Water Conservancy District

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July 28, 2023

Dakota Springs Engineering
31 N Tejon Street Suite 518
Colorado Springs CO 80903
Via email: Dse.pak7@gmail.com

Subject: Application for assent regarding Villages at Waterview North

Dear Dakota Springs Engineering;

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 Villages at Waterview North 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

Attachments:

- Bureau of Reclamation Assent with letter dated July 26, 2023

CC: Colorado Springs – Katie Carleo & Gabe Sevigny
Colorado Springs Utilities – Jenny Bishop



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:

Jul 26, 2023

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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 – Dakota Springs Engineering – 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 Dakota Springs Engineering, for the annexation commonly known as Villages at Waterview North. 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,

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Jeffrey Rieker
Area Manager

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COLORADO*, KANSAS, MONTANA*, NEBRASKA, NORTH DAKOTA*, OKLAHOMA, SOUTH DAKOTA*, TEXAS*, WYOMING*

* PARTIAL

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 144.821 acres for Dakota Springs Engineering, within El Paso County, Colorado; and,

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District has provided an annexation letter, dated June 16, 2023, 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 June 16, 2023, 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 26th day of July, 2023.

JEFFREY RIEKER Digitally signed by JEFFREY RIEKER
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Jeffrey Rieker
Area Manager
Eastern Colorado Area Office
Missouri Basin Region
Bureau of Reclamation

