



**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**  
117 South Main Street, Monticello, Utah 84535. Commission Chambers  
April 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM

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**AGENDA**

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/wma-afjh-gbg>

Or dial: (US) +1 727-877-8458 PIN: 489 854 957#

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**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Welcome / Roll Call**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes**

1. Approval of March 9, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

2. Consideration and Approval Conditional Use Permit, Indian Canyon Ranch, Joe Toska
3. Consideration and Approval Conditional Use Permit, Fairview Acres, Alfred Hall

**LEGISLATIVE ITEMS**

4. Consideration and Recommendation, Balanced Rock Resort Rezone Application, Jim Schnepel, Gardner Plumb LLC
5. Spanish Valley Storm Water Master Plan, Greg Poole, Hansen Allen and Luce Engineers

**BUILDING PERMIT(S) REVIEW**

6. Building Permit List

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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## PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

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### MINUTES

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

##### Welcome / Roll Call

Planning Commission Chair Trent Schafer called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

##### PRESENT

Chairman Trent Schafer  
Commissioner Lloyd Wilson  
Commissioner William Johnston  
Commissioner Cody Nielson  
Commissioner Ed Dobson  
Commissioner Ann Austin

##### OTHERS

Ben Tomco, Building Inspector  
Scott Burton, Planning and Zoning Administrator  
Mack McDonald, County Administrator

##### Pledge of Allegiance

The PC conducted the Pledge of Allegiance.

##### Approval of Minutes

##### 1. Approval of February 9, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Nielson, Seconded by Commissioner Johnston.

Voting Yea: Chairman Schafer, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner Nielson, Commissioner Dobson, Commissioner Austin

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Time stamp 2:51 (audio)

Planning Commission Chair Trent Schafer opened the meeting for public comment. The following individuals made comment.

**Randy Day**, a resident of Grand Canyon asked about the Spanish Valley water system, and available shares. PC Commissioner Lloyd Wilson who also sits on the San Juan Spanish Valley Special Service District Board discussed the available water and the status of the shares available.

**Monet Clark**, a resident of Spanish Valley asked that the information provided to the public be improved.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Time stamp 11:10 (audio)**

Motion to enter the Public Hearing was made by Commissioner Wilson, Seconded by Commissioner Austin.

Voting Yea: Chairman Schafer, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner Nielson, Commissioner Dobson, Commissioner Austin

PC Chair Trent Schafer asked for a presentation by the applicant.

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**Laura Margoles**, a resident of Spanish Valley expressed her opinion that a resort does not fit in a residential community.

**Allen Margoles**, a resident of Spanish Valley, talked about Balanced Rock being its own community. He also expressed concerns about buffers and lack of water.

**Kim Jacobs**, a resident of Spanish Valley, expressed opposition to the development.

**Colby Smith**, a resident of northern San Juan County, referenced a letter he had sent expressing opposition to the rezone request.

**Randy Day**, a resident of Grand County, who is also involved as the real estate agent with the proposed project expressed support for the rezone and the proposed development.

**Kylie Miller**, a resident of northern San Juan County, expressed concern about a lack of water, and expressed opposition to the rezone request.

**Elise Erler**, with the State Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA), commented about the preliminary community structure plan, and expressed a need for improved connectivity from this plan to the larger area. She also asked that drainage needs to be considered in the development.

**Phillip Plumb** with Gardner Plumb, explained more details about the development plans.

**Eva Christ**, a resident of the elk meadows area north of Monticello, expressed opinion that the resort will become a separate community instead of building a single community.

Motion to move out of the Public Hearing was made by Commissioner Wilson, Seconded by Commissioner Johnston.

Voting Yea: Chairman Schafer, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner Nielson, Commissioner Dobson, Commissioner Austin

## 2. **Rezone: Balanced Rock Resort, Spanish Valley Planned Community District, Residential Flex**

### **Time stamp 11:10 (audio)**

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Motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Commissioner Wilson, Seconded by Commissioner Johnston.

Voting Yea: Chairman Schafer, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner Nielson, Commissioner Austin

Voting Nay: Commissioner Dobson

Commissioner Ed Dobson asked about leaving the comment period open, however the motion was not amended, and the motion passed.

## ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

### 3. Consideration and Approval Conditional Use Permit, Richard Collins

#### Time stamp 1:07:30 (audio)

Richard Collins presented his conditional use permit application and answered questions from the board.

The PC reviewed the recommended conditions as follows:

- *Must comply with the public water system requirements for water storage and pressure for fire suppression standards*
- *Must comply with any state or federal fire restrictions*
- *Must comply with San Juan County Fire Policy*
- *Must comply with all building permit requirements*
- *Must comply with San Juan County Health Department requirements and Utah State water system requirements.*

The planning commissioners asked questions about what is existing on the property, and PC Chair Trent Schafer explained some additional background on the application.

Motion to approve the application with the above mentioned conditions was made by Commissioner Wilson, Seconded by Commissioner Dobson.  
 Voting Yea: Chairman Schafer, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner Nielson, Commissioner Dobson, Commissioner Austin

**4. Consideration and Approval, Hassen Estates Subdivision Amendment 3, Curtis Wells**

**Time stamp 1:13:45 (audio)**

Curtis Wells joined the meeting electronically to present the subdivision amendment. Planning and Zoning Administrator Scott Burton explained the background of the approvals given under the Spanish Valley Overnight Accommodations Overlay, and a change to the access in this subdivision amendment, that has raised a concern from the road department.

The PC discussed the access concerns and potential plans to move Tangren Lane.

It was also discussed that the county come to an agreement with the developer to contribute to the improvement of an access road from Old Airport Road, either the existing road or a new route that the County Road Department is considering.

Motion to recommend approval of the subdivision plat with and agreement that the developer provide a new access from Old Airport Road as they discussed was made by Commissioner Nielson, Seconded by Commissioner Austin.

Voting Yea: Chairman Schafer, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner Nielson, Commissioner Dobson, Commissioner Austin

**5. Consideration and Approval of Lonesome Left Estates Subdivision Amendment 6, Lloyd Wilson**

**Time stamp 1:41:21 (audio)**

Lloyd Wilson presented this subdivision plat amendment.

Motion to approve the amendment was made by Commissioner Johnston, Seconded by Commissioner Austin.

Voting Yea: Chairman Schafer, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner Nielson, Commissioner Dobson, Commissioner Austin

Voting Abstaining: Commissioner Wilson

**LEGISLATIVE ITEMS**

**6. Consideration and Recommendation, Balanced Rock Resort Rezone Application, Jim Schnepel, Gardner Plumb LLC**

**Time stamp 1:43:44 (audio)**

The PC discussed whether the Residential Flex (RF) is appropriate for this location and whether the Overnight Accommodations Overlay (OAO) could be applied for in the RF Zone.

There is a discrepancy in the Spanish Valley Development Ordinances regarding where the OAO applies.

The PC discussed several items with the rezone application including the OAO, and road access.

PC Commissioner Lloyd Wilson asked whether this was the first step in the PC process, or if they would need to come back for the first step of the PC process. It was determined that this could be

After a lengthy discussion the PC asked for a legal opinion from the San Juan County Attorney's office about whether the OAO could be applied for in Residential Flex.

Motion to table the item and ask for the legal opinion was made by Commissioner Wilson, Seconded by Commissioner Johnston.

Voting Yea: Chairman Schafer, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner Nielson, Commissioner Dobson, Commissioner Austin

## **7. Spanish Valley Storm Water Master Plan, Greg Poole, Hansen Allen and Luce Engineers**

**Time stamp 2:22:49 (audio)**

Greg Poole with Hansen Allen and Luce Engineers presented the Spanish Valley Drainage Plan to the Planning Commission.

Planning Commissioners had some discussion and questions about the drainage plan.

After the presentation and discussion, the PC asked for time to review the document before making a recommendation to the County Commissioners.

## **BUILDING PERMIT(S) REVIEW**

### **8. Building Permit List**

**Time stamp 2:49:58 (audio)**

The PC reviewed the Building Permit list.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Time stamp 2:50:23 (audio)**

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Wilson, Seconded by Commissioner Johnston.

Voting Yea: Chairman Schafer, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner Nielson, Commissioner Dobson, Commissioner Austin



## STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** April 13, 2023

**ITEM TITLE, PRESENTER:** Consideration and Approval Conditional Use Permit, Indian Canyon Ranch, Joe Toska

**RECOMMENDATION:** Consideration and Approval

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### SUMMARY

Joe Toska has applied for a Conditional Use Permit for overnight accommodations on his property in Indian Canyon as outlined in the attached application.

The following conditions are consistent with conditions placed on similar conditional use permit applications recently:

- *Must comply with the public water system requirements for water storage and pressure for fire suppression standards*
- *Must comply with any state or federal fire restrictions*
- *Must comply with San Juan County Fire Policy*
- *Must comply with all building permit requirements*
- *Must comply with San Juan County Health Department requirements and Utah State water system requirements.*

### HISTORY/PAST ACTION

N/A

### SAN JUAN COUNTY CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION

Type of Application (check all that apply):

- New Construction
- Land Use Change
- Addition
- Appeal

Subject Property Location or Address: 48 South Rosie Lane  
Monticello, UT 84535

Parcel Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel Area: 0023022066 A Current Use: Camping

Floor Area: \_\_\_\_\_ Zoning Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: Joseph A Toska Jr

Mailing Address: PO Box 1322

City, State, ZIP: Monticello UT 84535

Daytime Phone #: 626.533.5529 Fax#: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: Joet@indiancanyonranch.com

Business Name (If applicable): Indian Canyon Ranch

Property Owner's Name (If different): " "

Property Owner's Mailing Address: " "

City, State, ZIP: " "

Daytime Phone #: " " Fax#: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your request in detail (use additional page(s) if necessary): I want to rent  
Two camper trailers and one school bus set All  
retrofitted as rooms. Also 3 sites for tents

Authorized Signature: Joe A Toska Jr Date: 8/31/22

**Property Owner's Affidavit**

I (we) Joseph A Toska Jr, being first duly sworn, depose and that I (we) am (are) the current owner(s) of the property involved in this application; that I (we) have read the application and attached plans and other exhibits and are familiar with its contents; and that said contents are in all respects true and correct based upon my personal knowledge.

Joseph A Toska Jr  
Owner's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner's Signature (co-owner if any)

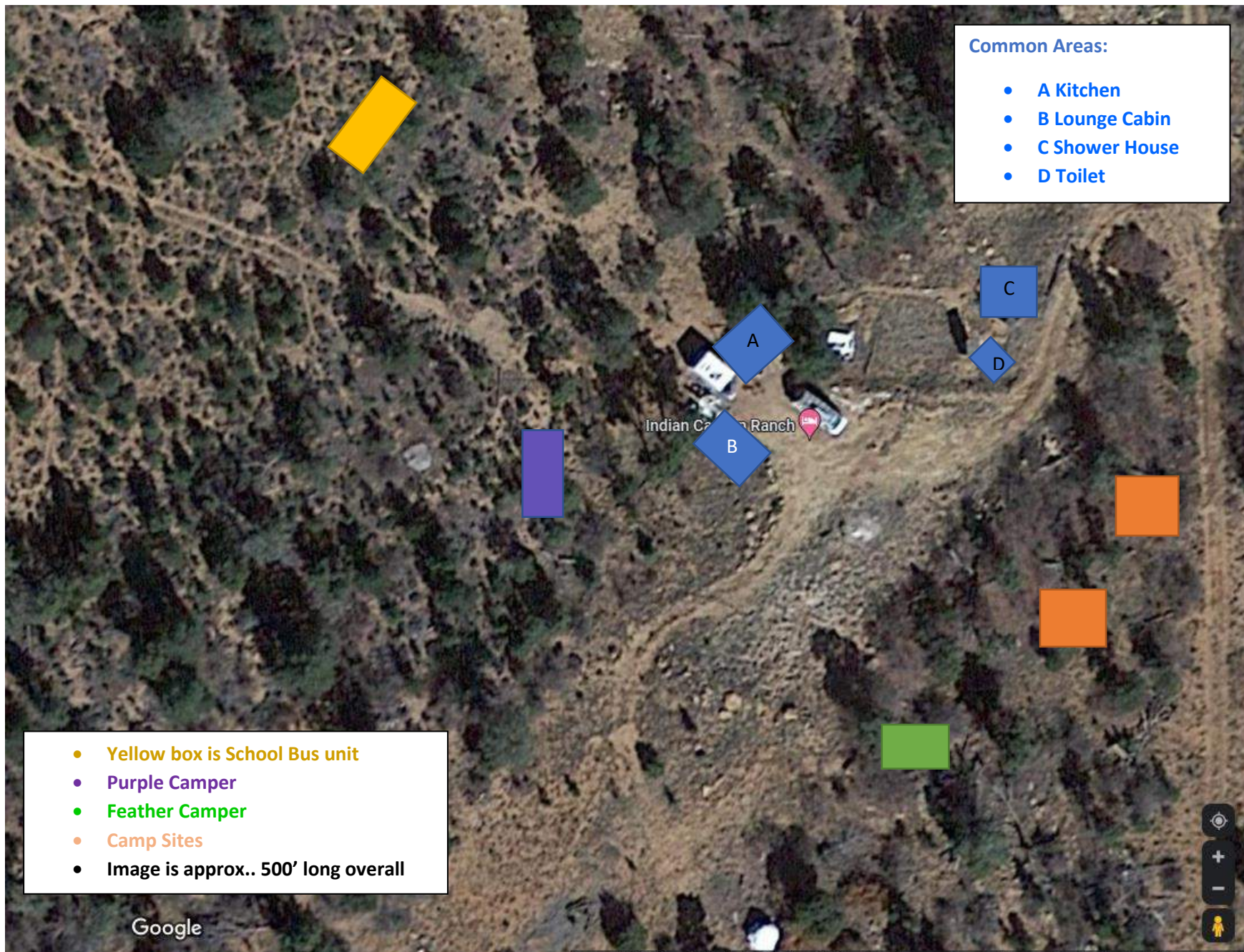
State of Utah )

County of San Juan )

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of March, 2023.

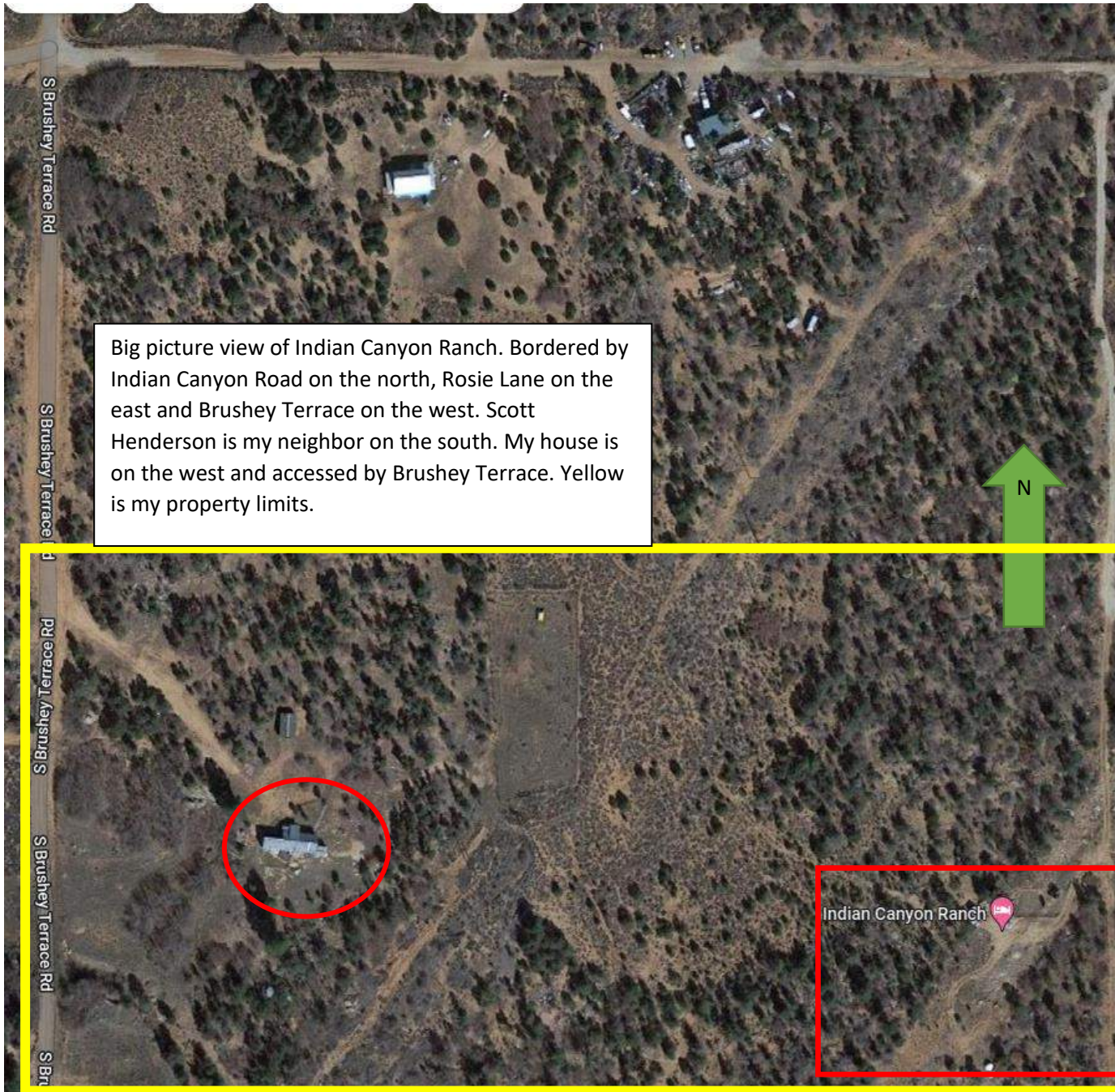


Nathan James Pitts  
Notary Public  
Residing in Monticello UT  
My Commission expires: June 29th 2024



- Yellow box is School Bus unit
- Purple Camper
- Feather Camper
- Camp Sites
- Image is approx.. 500' long overall

- Common Areas:
- A Kitchen
  - B Lounge Cabin
  - C Shower House
  - D Toilet



Big picture view of Indian Canyon Ranch. Bordered by Indian Canyon Road on the north, Rosie Lane on the east and Brushey Terrace on the west. Scott Henderson is my neighbor on the south. My house is on the west and accessed by Brushey Terrace. Yellow is my property limits.

- Left to Right:
- Lounge cabin
  - Kitchen area
  - School Bus
  - Purple Camper
  - Feather Camper
  - Showerhouse, toilet
  - Camp Sites





My goals are to rent out these 3 units with occasional campers in campsites. The bus is quad occupancy, the purple camper is quad and the feather camper is a double. I do not plan to grow in size because I am only looking for enough income to be comfortable and I believe that other campgrounds are too crowded and want to provide a more private/intimate experience for my guests.

I have spent years clearing deadwood and brush on site and provide the existing deadwood as firewood for guests. We observe all fire bans as posted. I provide a well stocked kitchen with many condiments and amenities just like home, i.e. paper plates, silverware, bowls, plates, cups, BBQ utensils, pots, sink, stove, coffee, sugar, oatmeal, etc...





## STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** April 13, 2023

**ITEM TITLE, PRESENTER:** Consideration and Approval Conditional Use Permit, Fairview Acres, Alfred Hall

**RECOMMENDATION:** Consideration and Approval

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### SUMMARY

Alfred Hall has applied for a Conditional Use Permit for overnight accommodations on his property in near summit point as outlined in the attached application.

The following conditions are consistent with conditions placed on similar conditional use permit applications recently:

- *Must comply with the public water system requirements for water storage and pressure for fire suppression standards*
- *Must comply with any state or federal fire restrictions*
- *Must comply with San Juan County Fire Policy*
- *Must comply with all building permit requirements*
- *Must comply with San Juan County Health Department requirements and Utah State water system requirements.*

### HISTORY/PAST ACTION

N/A

### SAN JUAN COUNTY CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION

Type of Application (check all that apply):

- New Construction
- Land Use Change
- Addition
- Appeal

Subject Property Location or Address: 10 Rockhouse Rd, Montecello, VT,

Parcel Identification Number: ~~100~~ 31526E30000

Parcel Area: 100 Acres Current Use: AG

Floor Area: \_\_\_\_\_ Zoning Classification: AG

Applicant Name: Alfred W. Hall

Mailing Address: HC 63 Box ~~100~~ 150

City, State, ZIP: Montecello, VT 89535

Daytime Phone #: 505-860-4489 Fax#: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: alfredzhall@gmail.com

Business Name (If applicable): Fair View Acres

Property Owner's Name (If different): \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner's Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax#: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your request in detail (use additional page(s) if necessary): to erect Clamping tents

Authorized Signature: Alfred Hall Date: 1/14/23

Property Owner's Affidavit

I (we) Alfred Hall and Nancy Hall, being first duly sworn, depose and that I (we) am (are) the current owner(s) of the property involved in this application; that I (we) have read the application and attached plans and other exhibits and are familiar with its contents; and that said contents are in all respects true and correct based upon my personal knowledge.

Alfred W. Hall  
Owner's Signature

Nancy Hall  
Owner's Signature (co-owner if any)

State of Utah )  
:  
County of San Juan )

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of February, 2023.

Nathan James Pitts  
Notary Public  
Residing in San Juan County Utah  
My Commission expires: June 29, 2024



Nathan James Pitts

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## Limited Use Permit

1 message

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**Dr. Alfred Hall** <[alfred2hall@gmail.com](mailto:alfred2hall@gmail.com)>  
To: [sburton@sanjuancounty.org](mailto:sburton@sanjuancounty.org)

Sat, Apr 1, 2023 at 1:20 PM

I am responding to your email sent 3/24/2023.

I have received a conditional use permit application for this property, but I need more information, including the number of overnight accommodations, bathroom facilities, site layout, including access points, and any other pertinent information about the project.

I have one wall tent on a wooden platform. It has one queen size bed. I also have available to campers a pop up tent. Maximum capacity is 6 persons.

Bathroom facility is a small tent with a wooden commode with a 5 gallon bucket with a plastic container with a substance to control odor. The substance was engineered by NASA to be used on rockets. The bag is changed out between each camping party, and then disposed of off site in a sanitary manner.

The campsite is secluded in the trees on the Easter edge of my 160 farm on 10 Rock House Rd. It is a half-mile from the only neighbor.

Access is 1¼ mile off Rock House Road at its dead end.

My site is associated with Tentrr.com, a National Glamping company. It is their "Signature Site". You can see pictures and complete descriptions on their website, [tentrr.com](http://tentrr.com). When you log on to the site, click on "Utah" and then "Fairview Acres" which is the name of my site.

btw, Tentrr has contracts with all the Utah State Parks who use the same setup, restroom, and equipment as mine.

I think this is all the information you asked for. If not, please feel free to contact me.

Alfred Hall aka Freddy Hall  
[alfred2hall@gmail.com](mailto:alfred2hall@gmail.com)  
Phone: 505-860-4489

Please provide additional details to [sburton@sanjuancounty.org](mailto:sburton@sanjuancounty.org).



Brittney M. Ivins  
County Attorney

Mitchell D Maughan  
Deputy County Attorney

March 20, 2023

San Juan County Planning Commission

Re: San Juan County Spanish Valley Overnight Accommodations Overlay District

Dear Planning Commission,

The following is an analysis and legal opinion as to whether the Spanish Valley Residential Flex Planned Community (RF) is subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the San Juan County Spanish Valley Overnight Accommodations Overlay District.

### **Spanish Valley Residential Flex Planned Community (RF).**

The uses, restrictions and standards for the RF zone are found in Chapter 3 of the Spanish Valley Development Ordinance. The purpose of the zone is stated to be: “[t]o accommodate large planned communities using large scale coordinated design and planning efforts”. It specifically lists under “Development Standards” three separate items related to height, buffering and transitioning, which are not germane to this discussion. It also incorporates all the requirements and all of the development standards set forth for large scaled communities in the Planned Community (PC) Zone.

The permitted uses in the RF zone are not enumerated or categorized, as in other zones, but are simply stated as uses consisting of a wide range of residential, single-family, multi-family, townhomes, and employee housing as part of a mixed-use transitional development.<sup>1</sup> Other uses such as parks, open space, commercial, business and similar uses are permitted, within and in proximity to gravel pits, **once extraction operations for the gravel pit have ceased and mitigation efforts are underway**. In addition, non-residential uses shall not be permitted within 100 feet of an adjacent residential district boundary or an existing residential use.

Chapters 3, 4, 5, and 6, dealing with the Residential Flex (RF); Business Flex (BF); Highway Flex (HF); and Highway Commercial (HC), respectively, all contain the same provisions relating to overnight rentals. Each of these Chapters provides:

### ***Uses Subject to the Spanish Valley Overnight Accommodations Overlay***

- *Hotels and Motels*
- *Commercial Condominiums for short-term rentals*
- *Bed and Breakfasts (B&Bs), lodges and resorts*
- *Commercial campgrounds*
- *All other variations of overnight accommodations intended for nightly rentals*

<sup>1</sup> Also, there are no conditional uses in the RF zone.



Brittney M. Ivins  
County Attorney

Mitchell D Maughan  
Deputy County Attorney

**The Spanish Valley Overnight Accommodations Overlay Ordinance**

The Spanish Valley Overnight Accommodations Overlay Ordinance (the “Overlay Ordinance”) sets forth, in the introductory paragraph of Chapter 10, that the Overlay is “An ordinance establishing an overnight accommodations overlay district that can be sought for sites located within the **Spanish Valley Highway Commercial District**”. Later on it contradicts itself by stating “The Spanish Valley Overnight Accommodations Overlay Ordinance is an overlay district for properties located in the **Highway Commercial and Highway Flex districts**”.

There is an obvious conflict, or at the very least, an ambiguity, in the Ordinance as to in what district(s) should the Overlay Ordinance apply?

In interpreting the meaning of a statute or ordinance, a court will first look at the plain language of the ordinance and must assume that each term included in the ordinance was used advisedly. If the ordinance is ambiguous, the court will first look to the legislative history. "Carrier v. Salt Lake Cnty., 2004 UT 98, ¶ 30, 104 P.3d 1208..." Cahoon v. Hinckley Town Appeal Auth., 276 P.3d 1141, 705 Utah Adv. Rep. 26, 2012 UT App 94 (Utah App. 2012)

To resolve conflicts in interpretation of statutes or ordinances, the Courts follow well-settled rules of statutory construction. First, "[i]n cases of apparent conflict between provisions of the same statute, it is the Court's duty to harmonize and reconcile statutory provisions, since the Court cannot presume that the legislature intended to create a conflict." Madsen v. Brown, 701 P.2d 1086, 1089-90 (Utah 1985). Further, "a provision treating a matter specifically prevails over an incidental reference made thereto in a provision treating another issue, not because one provision has more force than another, but because the legislative mind is presumed to have stated its intent when it focused on that particular issue." Id. at 1090. Bennion v. Sundance Development Corp., 897 P.2d 1232 (Utah App. 1995)

The plain language of the Ordinance clearly states that “All other variations of overnight accommodations intended for nightly rentals” are allowed under the sub-heading “Uses Subject to the Spanish Valley Overnight Accommodations Overlay” in Chapters 3, 4, 5, and 6 (dealing with the Residential Flex; the Business Flex; the Highway Flex and the Highway Commercial zones, respectively). It is presumed that this provision was inserted in each of these Chapters for a reason. Conversely, if these provisions were absent from each of these chapters, (with the exception of Chapter 6), it would essentially “gut” these chapters stripping them of any meaningful provisions. Most importantly, under the plain language scenario, Chapter 10 does not specifically negate any overnight overlay in Residential Flex or Business Flex; it simply confirms that the accommodations overlay is allowed in the Highway Flex and Highway Commercial.

In addition, the legislative intent behind the Spanish Valley Development Ordinance overwhelmingly suggests that the overnight accommodations overlay should apply to the RF & BF zones. It has been the heightened focus of San Juan County, its county commission, and administrative officers, to regulate, clarify and standardize overnight rentals in the Spanish Valley area of San Juan County since before the adoption of the Spanish Valley Development Ordinance.

Finally, the Chapter 10 language is the offending language that should not be trusted. The best way to harmonize these inconsistencies is to delete and/or modify the Chapter 10 language because, as stated earlier, Chapter 10 does not specifically negate any overnight overlay in Residential Flex or Business Flex. It simply confirms that the accommodations overlay is allowed in the Highway Flex and Highway Commercial.



# SAN JUAN COUNTY ATTORNEY

Item 4.

Brittney M. Ivins  
County Attorney

Mitchell D Maughan  
Deputy County Attorney

## Conclusion

It is the opinion of the San Juan County Attorney's Office that Chapters 3, 4, 5 & 6, related to Residential Flex, Business Flex, Highway Flex, and Highway Commercial zones respectively, are subject to The Spanish Valley Overnight Accommodations Overlay Ordinance. This conclusion is based upon reading the plain language of the statute; it is supported by the legislative intent; and because the best way to harmonize the conflicting provisions, is to either delete the offending language, or add to the language, that the overlay is available in the Residential Flex and Business Flex, in addition to the Highway Flex and Highway Commercial zones.

/s/ Mitchell D Maughan  
Deputy County Attorney



## STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** April 13, 2023

**ITEM TITLE, PRESENTER:** Consideration and Recommendation, Balanced Rock Resort Rezone Application, Jim Schnepel, Gardner Plumb LLC

**RECOMMENDATION:** Consideration and Recommendation

### SUMMARY

This rezone application includes parcels 27S22E063001, 27S23E06300 and 27S23E010001 as shown in the application. The property totals 72.27 acres and is currently in the Spanish Valley Residential District (SVR). The application is to rezone the property to the Spanish Valley Planned Community District (PC), Residential Flex (RF). The application also includes a preliminary Community Structure Plan for a Small Planned Community as outlined in Chapter 10 of the San Juan County Spanish Valley Development Ordinances. In order to qualify for the Small Planned Community the property needs to be 20 acres under single ownership.

This is step one of the PC approval process outlined in Table 2-1. The application provides the necessary information outlined in the table, including the Preliminary Community Structure Plan. (See attached application and PCSP)

The Planning Commission makes a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners for their approval of the rezone request.

### HISTORY/PAST ACTION

At the March 9, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting the Planning Commission voted to table this item and asked for a legal opinion about whether the Spanish Valley Overnight Accommodations Overlay could be applied for properties in the Residential Flex District or not. The legal opinion has been received and is included in the meeting packet.

**San Juan County, Utah**  
Planning and Zoning  
117 S. Main Street  
Monticello, UT 84535

**REZONE APPLICATION**

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Property Owner:** Elkin Spielman Charitable Remainder Trust  
**Contact:** Karl Spielman  
**Address:** 404 W. Main Street, #123, Cortez, CO 81321  
**Phone:** 435-260-1383  
**Email address:** 2karlspielman@comcast.net

**Owner Representative:** Gardner Plumb LLC  
**Contact:** Jim Schnepel  
**Address:** 201 S. Main Street, Suite 2000, Salt Lake City, UT 84111  
**Phone:** 801-231-3666  
**Email address:** westernlanddev@gmail.com

**PROJECT INFORMATION**

**Planned community name:** Balanced Rock Resort  
**General location of property:** North end of Spanish Valley  
**Size of property:** 72.27 acres (per the survey)  
**Current zoning:** SVR  
**Proposed zoning:** Planned Community District, Small Community, Residential Flex

**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION**

**Parcel 1**  
27S22E063001  
35.92 acres

**Parcel 2**  
27S23E063000  
10.01 acres

**Parcel 3**  
 27S23E010001  
 26.34 acres

See Appendix A for a map of the property.

See attached Balanced Rock Resort Conceptual Layout. (230125\_Balanced Rock Resort\_Conceptual Layout)

## **SUPPORTING MATERIALS**

The attached Preliminary Community Structure Plan (CSP) has additional project information, and a list of the adjacent parcels. (230125\_Balanced Rock Resort\_Community Structure Plan\_preliminary)

## **NARRATIVE**

- The Subject Property falls within the Spanish Valley Ordinances' definition for Central Development Areas:

*These are the flattest, least sensitive and easiest-to-develop sites in the Spanish Valley, which makes them suitable for a wide range of residential and park/open space uses. These are the preferred areas for locating higher residential density and mixed-use neighborhood centers, where a mix of residential, locally-scaled commercial and civic services will be provided. 4-5 residential units/ERUs per acre. [ERU = Equivalent Residential Unit] (p.14)*

- The San Juan County Spanish Valley Area Plan (April 17, 2018) recommends that, *"...development should be implemented sequentially from north to south as part of a rational extension of municipal water and sewer services (Phases 1-6)."* (p. 33) The Subject Property lies within Phase 1 of the *SUMMARY OF LAND USE PHASING ASSUMPTIONS* table which anticipates that Phase 1 properties will be developed first, within the next 0-10 years (written in 2018), and that these properties will draw from the existing 5,000 acre-feet of water supply. (p.36)
- This application to rezone approximately 72.27 acres ["Subject Property"] to the Spanish Valley **Planned Community (PC) District, Small Community, Residential Flex** is requested to accommodate a large-scale master-planned development, in accordance with the San Juan County Spanish Valley Development Ordinances of the San Juan County Zoning Ordinance, dated September 13, 2019. ["Spanish Valley Ordinance"]
- According to the Spanish Valley Ordinance,

*“PC Zone(s) may include residential neighborhoods and subdivisions; neighborhood commercial centers; business, research and educational campuses; highway commercial and flex development areas; and parks and open space with convenient pedestrian access and connections. Individual structures within each PC Zone may contain mixed uses. Permitted densities may be higher than those permitted in surrounding districts.” (p.14)*

- The Spanish Valley Ordinance lists the permitted uses in the Small Planned Community zone (20-199 acres), which include, among others (pp. 17-18):
  - *“Residential uses of various types and lot sizes including single family detached; single family attached; multifamily residential; town homes; loft apartments; residential units above ground floor retail or office...”*
  - *“Home-based businesses;”*
  - *“Common areas, such as parks, plazas, playgrounds, and trails;”*
  - *“Open space, including landscaped areas and areas in natural vegetation, waterways, parks, trails and recreational areas;”*
  - *“Other accessory uses which are ancillary and designed to serve the foregoing uses.”*

- The Spanish Valley Ordinance states that the conditional uses in the Small Planned Community zone as:

*“The PC Zone Plan or Community Structure Plan may include provisions for specific land uses identified as either a permitted or a conditional use within a given PC Zone and may include uses listed elsewhere in this chapter or additional uses.” (p. 18)*

- The proposed permitted and conditional uses for the Balanced Rock Resort (Subject Property) include a range of lots consisting of single family, duplex, live/work/play townhomes or condominiums [“condos”], and a lodge (up to 130 rooms). (Depending on market conditions, the lodge lot may be converted to lots for condos or apartment building(s), and/or to the other uses listed above.)

**Land Use Table: Permitted and Conditional Uses**

| PERMITTED USES   | CONDITIONAL USES | NOTES           |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
|                  | Lodge            | Up to 130 rooms |
| Single-Family    |                  |                 |
| Duplex           |                  |                 |
| Townhomes/Condos |                  | Live/Work/Play  |

- The rezone would allow for a density of up to 4 units/ERUs<sup>1</sup> per acre, which is approximately 289 units given the 72.27 acres. (A later application may be submitted to develop under the PUD ordinance, which could provide a density bonus if it is needed.<sup>2</sup>)

- The current preliminary layout includes a mix of single-family lots, duplex lots, live/work/play townhome/condo lots, and a lodge lot (up to 130 rooms). It will have open space with trails, as well as a community clubhouse with a pool, pickleball and tennis courts (which will also have basketball standards), a playground and other amenities.
- During discussions with the Planning and Zoning department, as well as by analyzing similar approaches in other municipalities, the number of lodge rooms may be converted to an equivalent number of units (ERUs) based on their being smaller in size than typical residential units, and due to their being occupied at a lower occupancy rate.

**Land Use Table: Acres and Density (maximum density)**

| ACRES | MAXIMUM SQ. FT. NON RESIDENTIAL* | MAXIMUM UNITS/ROOMS | MAXIMUM ERUs** | DESCRIPTION   |
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- The major utilities (gas, water, sewer, electric) are at, or near, the property boundary. (Depending on the power needs of the lodge there may be an option to reimburse the county for some of the expenses paid to install the 3-phase power to the Special Service District culinary well.)

## **APPLICANT STATEMENT**

The applicants submit this request for a rezone with the intent of using the Small Planned Community Residential Flex zone to master plan a resort-style community. We believe that the type of real estate product mix we are proposing will hold high appeal to the types of residents and visitors who want to be in the Moab area. Our goal is to create a quality resort community that will reflect positively on San Juan County.

We plan to continue to work with SITLA and other landowners to ensure that our designs harmonize with the future developments planned for neighboring areas.

The Gardner Plumb group has a strong history of building high-quality communities and looks forward to bringing this resort to fruition.

For the Elkin Spielman Charitable Remainder Trust

Karl Spielman trustee 01/25/23  
Karl Spielman Date

Melinda Elkin trustee 01/25/23  
Melinda Elkin Date

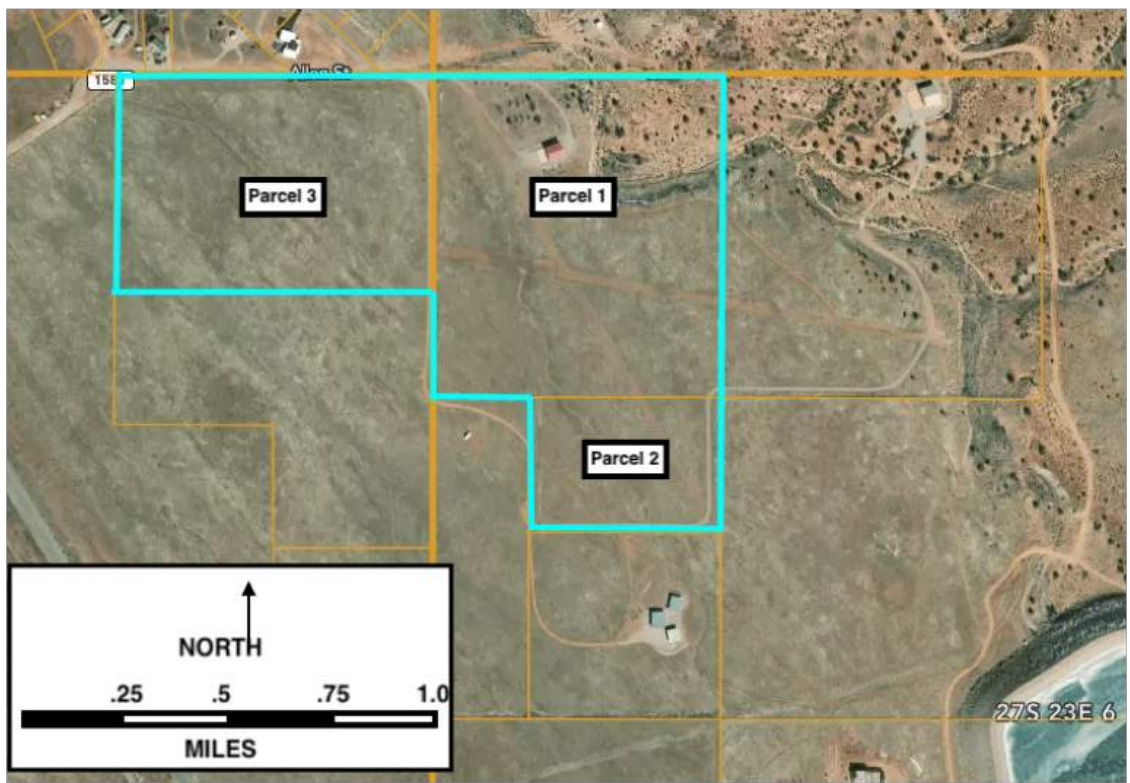
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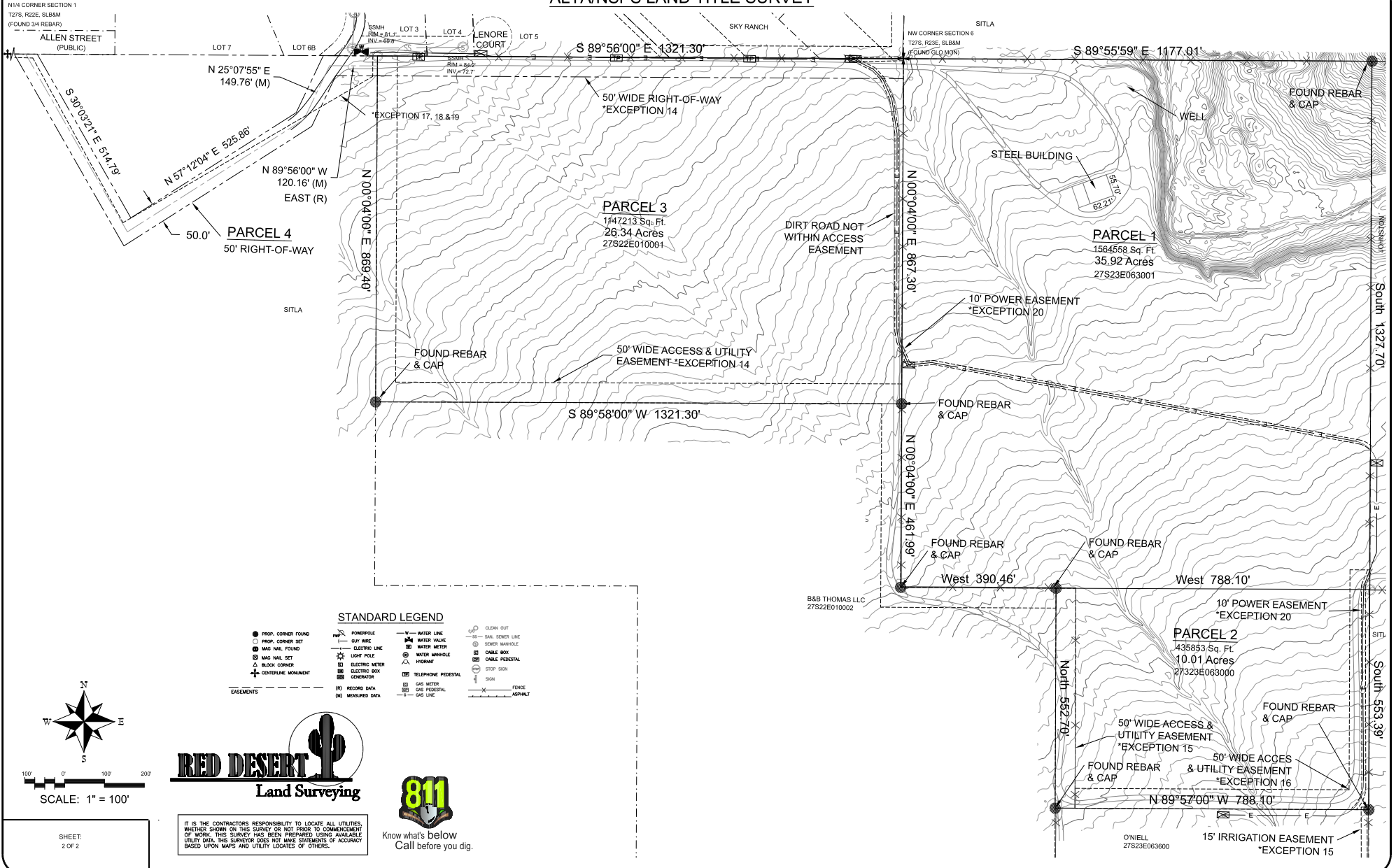
- 1. The density for the zone may be 4-5 units/ERUs rather than the 4 units/ERUs used in the table. The Spanish Valley Ordinances state that 4-5 units/ERUs per acre are allowed in the Central Development Areas. (p.14) It further states that 4-5 units/ERUs per acre are allowed in the three Flex Development Areas. (p.15) And, later states that 4 units per acre are allowed in a Small Planned Community. (p.16)
- 2. The San Juan County Utah Zoning Ordinance (Amended Sept. 2011) states: "Planned unit developments may be allowed by Planning Commission Approval in any zoning district." (p.29)

Exhibit A





### ALTA/NSPS LAND TITLE SURVEY



**STANDARD LEGEND**

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| ○ PROP. CORNER SET    | — GUY WIRE        | — WATER VALVE        | — SAN. DRAIN LINE |
| ⊙ MAG. NAIL FOUND     | — ELECTRIC LINE   | ⊙ WATER METER        | — SEWER MANHOLE   |
| ⊙ MAG. NAIL SET       | — LIGHT POLE      | ⊙ WATER MANHOLE      | ⊙ CABLE BOX       |
| △ BLOCK CORNER        | ⊙ ELECTRIC METER  | ⊙ HYDRANT            | ⊙ CABLE PEDESTAL  |
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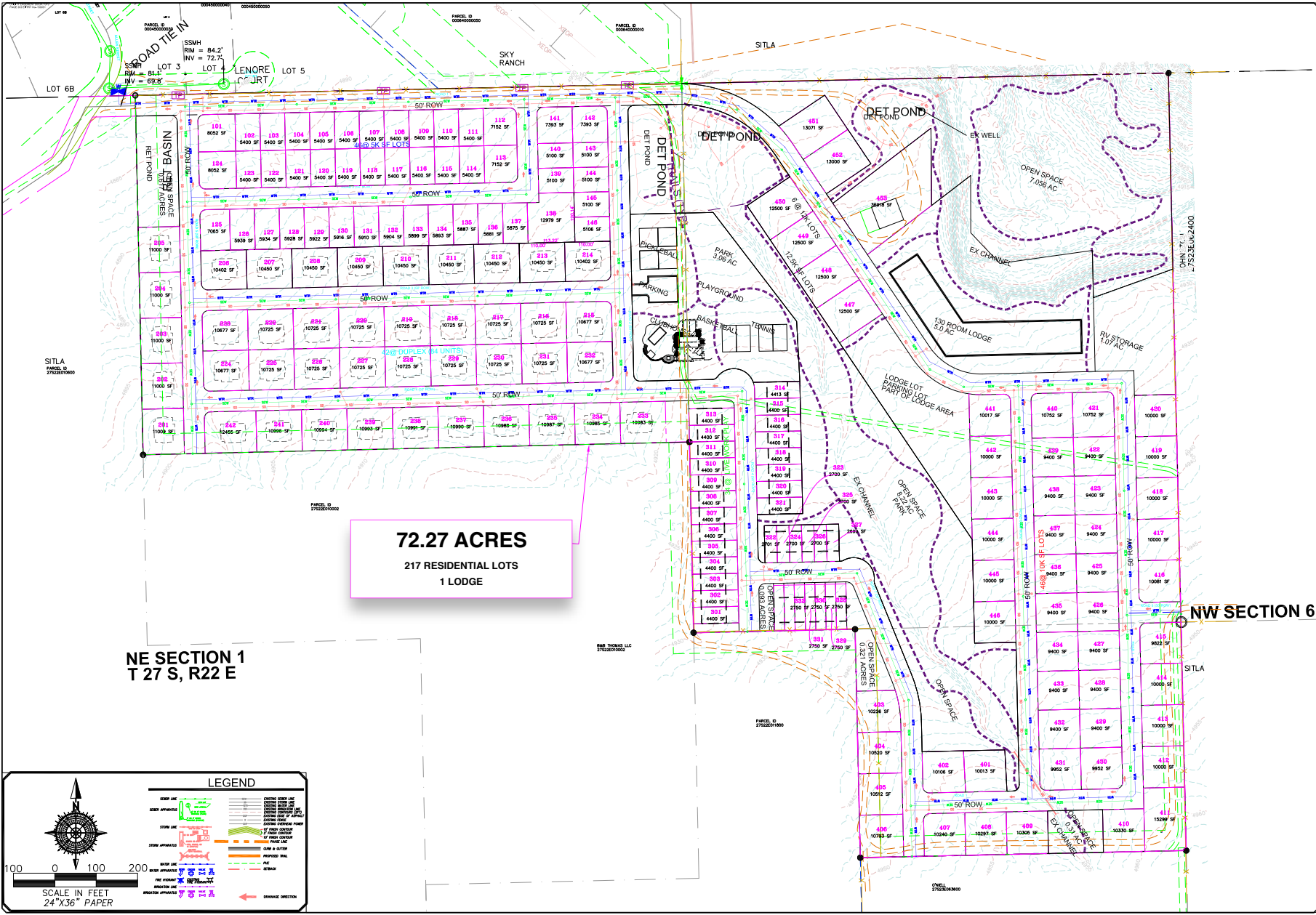
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**72.27 ACRES**  
**217 RESIDENTIAL LOTS**  
**1 LODGE**

**NE SECTION 1**  
**T 27 S, R 22 E**

**NW SECTION 6**

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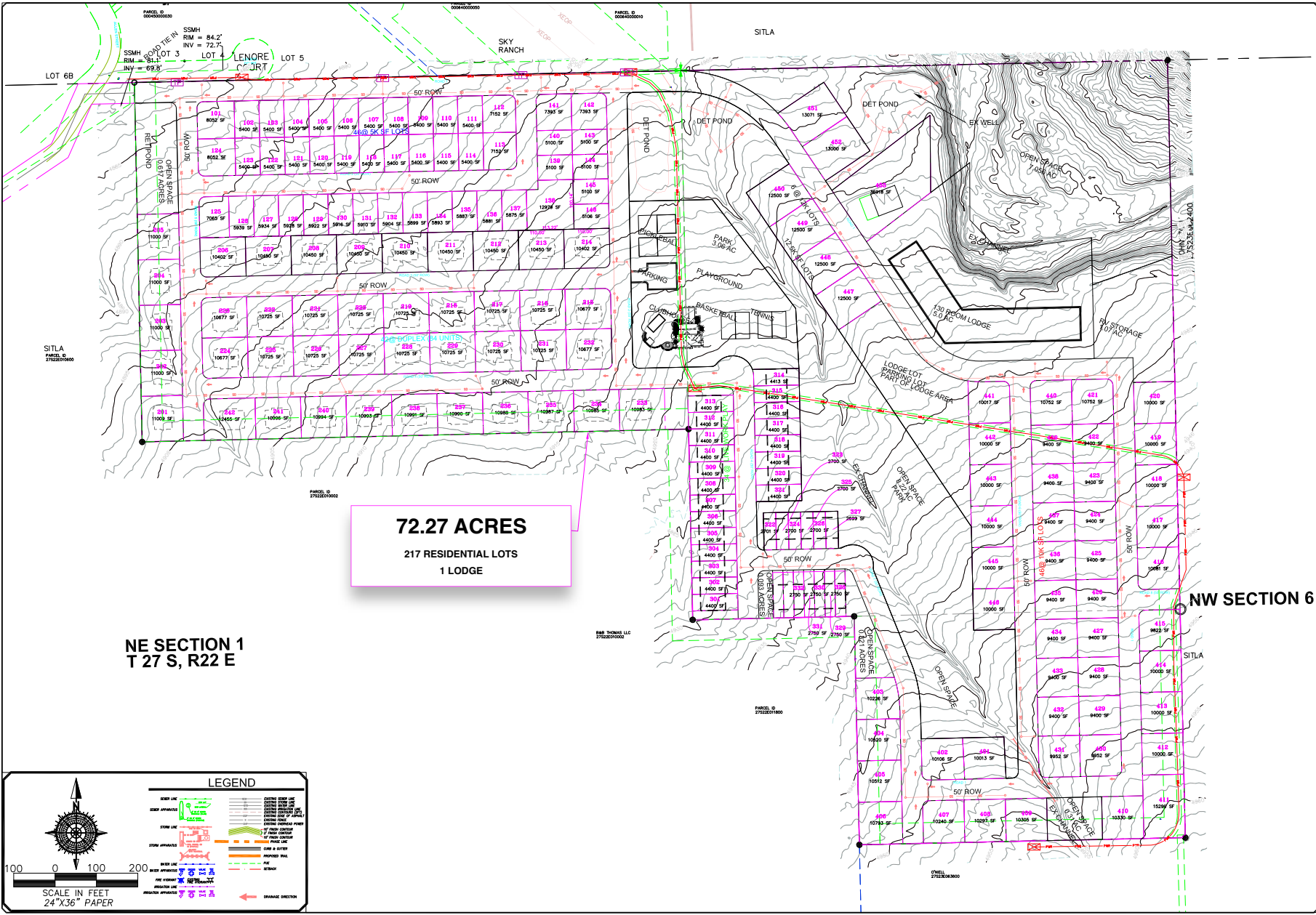
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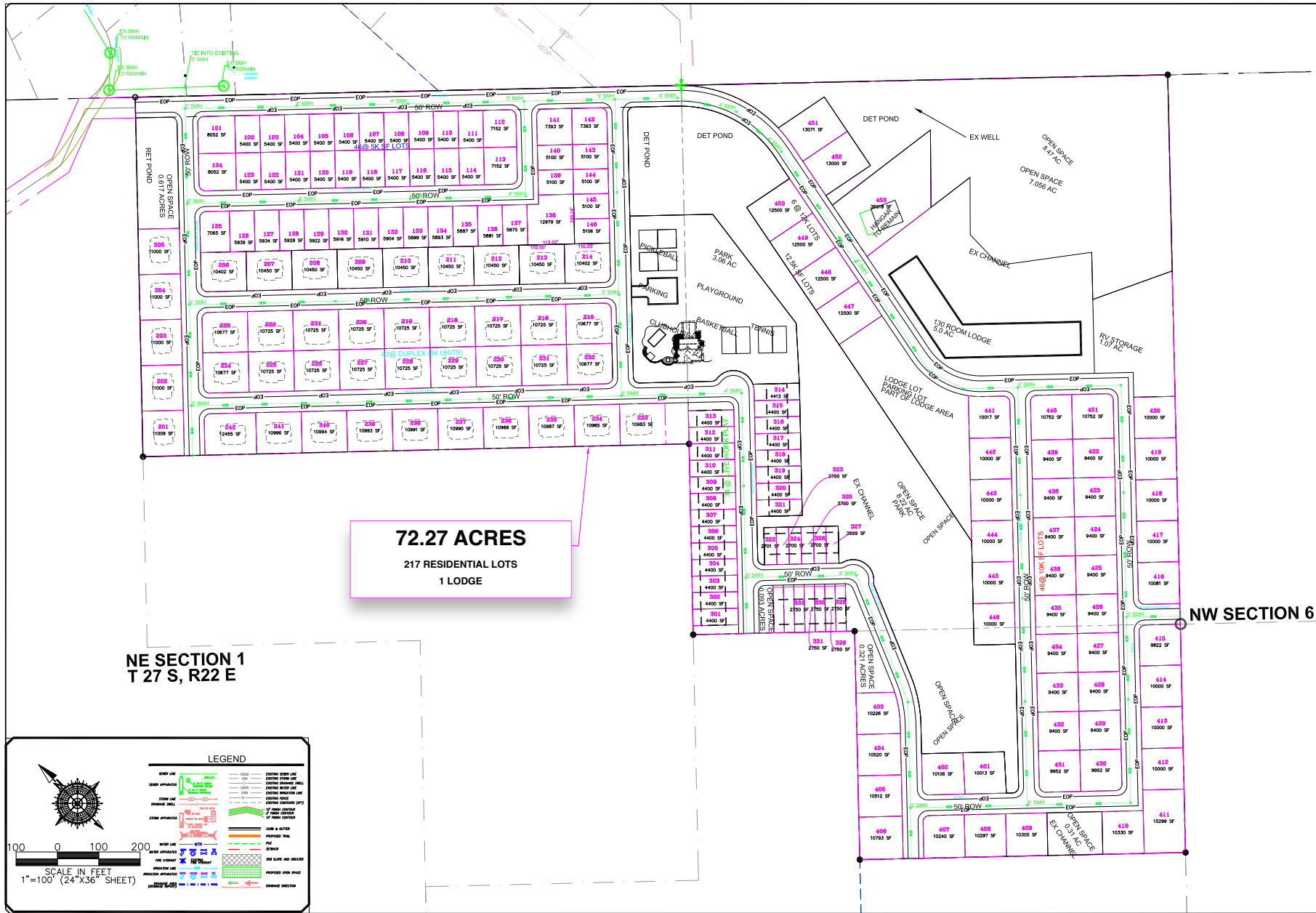
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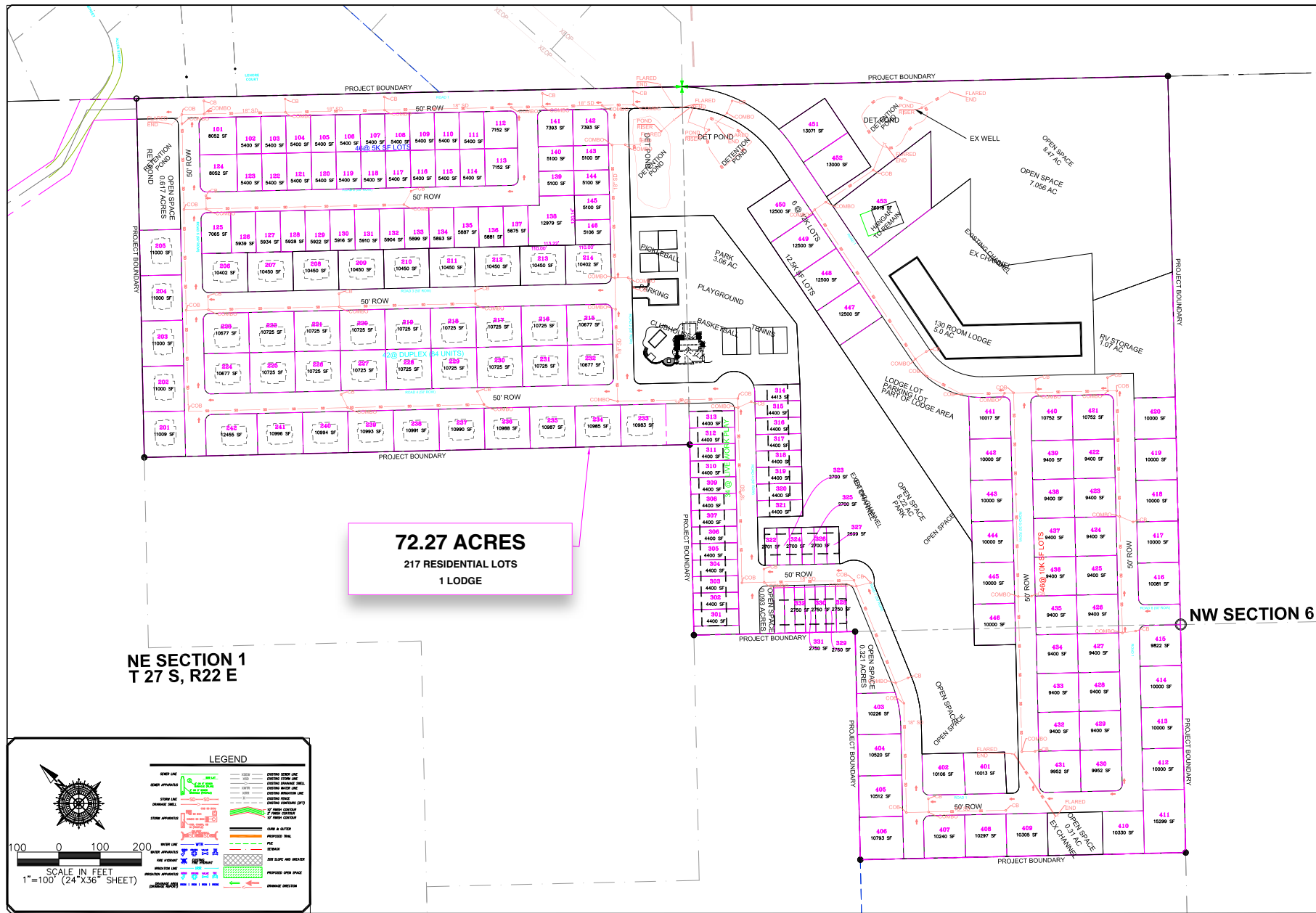
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# Community Structure Plan *(preliminary)*

**Spanish Valley  
San Juan County, Utah**

**January 25, 2023**



## **Introduction**

The Gardner Plumb group proposes to develop approximately 72.27 acres of land that is currently owned by the Elkin Spielman Charitable Remainder Trust. The land is located on the north end of Spanish Valley, in San Juan County, and is generally very flat. This preliminary Community Structure Plan (CSP) outlines our vision for the Balanced Rock Resort community we plan to build.

Please reference the Balanced Rock Resort conceptual plan as you read through the following pages. (230125\_Balanced Rock Resort\_Conceptual Layout)

**1. Name of Planned Community**

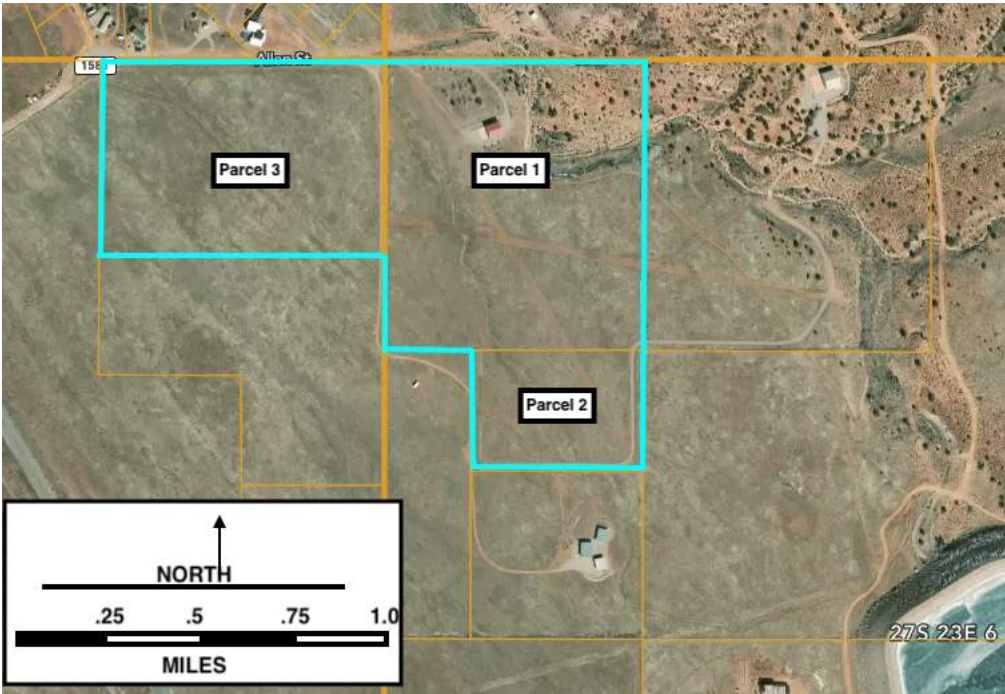
Balanced Rock Resort

**2. Name, Address, and Phone Number of Applicant and Property Owner**

Property Owner: Elkin Spielman Charitable Remainder Trust  
Karl Spielman and Melinda Elkin  
404 W. Main Street, #123  
Cortez, CO 81321  
435-260-1383

Applicant: Gardner Plumb LLC  
Jim Schnepel  
201 S. Main Street, Suite 2000  
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**3. CSP Location, Legal/Boundary Description and Acreage**



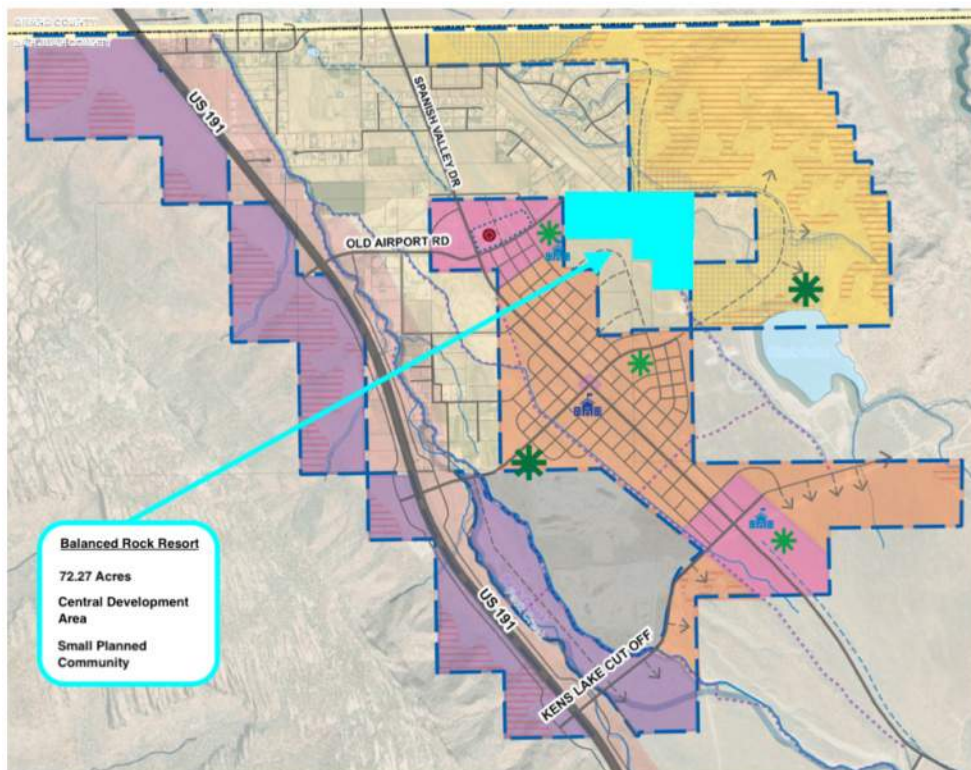
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Township 27 South, Range 23 East, SLBM  
Section 6: Lot 2  
Parcel No: 27S23E063001

Parcel 2:  
Beginning at a point which is South 89° 55' East 391.9 feet and North 767.4 feet from the West ¼ corner of Section 6, Township 27 South, Range 23 East, SLM, and proceeding thence North 552.7 feet to a corner, thence South 89°57' East 788.1 feet to a corner, thence South 552.7 feet to a corner, thence North 89° 57' West 788.1 feet to the point of beginning  
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Parcel 3:  
Beginning at the Northeast corner of Section 1, Township 27 South, Range 22 East, SLM, and proceeding thence with the East line of said Section 1, South 0° 04' West 867.3 feet to a corner, thence South 89° 58' West 1321.3 feet to a corner, thence North 0° 04' East 869.4 feet to a corner, thence with the North line of said Section 1, South 89° 56' East 1321.3 feet to the point of beginning.  
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### 4. Proposed Land Use District Boundaries and Acreages

This map was taken from SITLA’s South Valley Community: Community Structure Plan (August 2, 2022) and modified to illustrate how a rezone will correlate with what is planned for the greater area.



### 5. Maximum Number of Dwelling Units and Acreages

These tables describe the general land uses, acreages, and assumptions for the CSP.

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**Land Use Table: Floor Area Ratios (FAR), and Acres by Lot Type (based on the conceptual layout)**

| LOT TYPE                    | QTY   | BUILDING FOOTPRINT SF | TYPICAL LOT SF | FAR | TOTAL ACRES BY LOT TYPE | LOT TYPE AS % OF TOTAL ACRES* | NOTES  |
|-----------------------------|-------|-----------------------|----------------|-----|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Single-Family "5k SF Lots"  | 46    | 2,200                 | 5,000          | 44% | 6.3                     | 9%                            |  |
| Single-Family "10k SF Lots" | 46    | 3,500                 | 10,000         | 35% | 10.9                    | 15%                           |  |
| Single-Family "12k SF Lots" | 6     | 3,500                 | 12,000         | 29% | 1.7                     | 2%                            |  |
| Single-Family "Hangar Lot"  | 1     | 5,865                 | 37,026         | 16% | 0.9                     | 1%                            | The addition of a single-family house is planned for this lot            |
| Duplex                      | 42    | 2,800                 | 10,450         | 27% | 10.4                    | 14%                           | There will be 2 living units per lot, for a total of 84 units            |
| Live, Work, Play Townhomes  | 34    | 2,400                 | 4,400          | 55% | 2.9                     | 4%                            |  |
|                             |       |                       |                |     | 33.1                    | 46%                           | <b>Totals</b>  |
| Lodge                       | 1     | 45,000                | 152,024        | 30% | 5.0                     | 7%                            | The Lodge lot is 3.49 acres. (There is also a separate lot for parking.) |
| Clubhouse                   | 1     | 5,800                 | 133,294        | 4%  | 3.1                     | 4%                            |  |
| Open Space                  | MISC. |                       |                |     | 16.617                  | 23%                           |  |
| RV Parking                  | MISC. |                       |                |     | 1.08                    | 1%                            |  |
| Streets                     | MISC. |                       |                |     | 13.43                   | 19%                           |  |

\* Total acres of project: 72.27

Note: The conceptual layout has 175 residential lots, for a total of 217 dwelling units (there will be two units on each duplex lot.)

### 6. Master Circulation System Plan

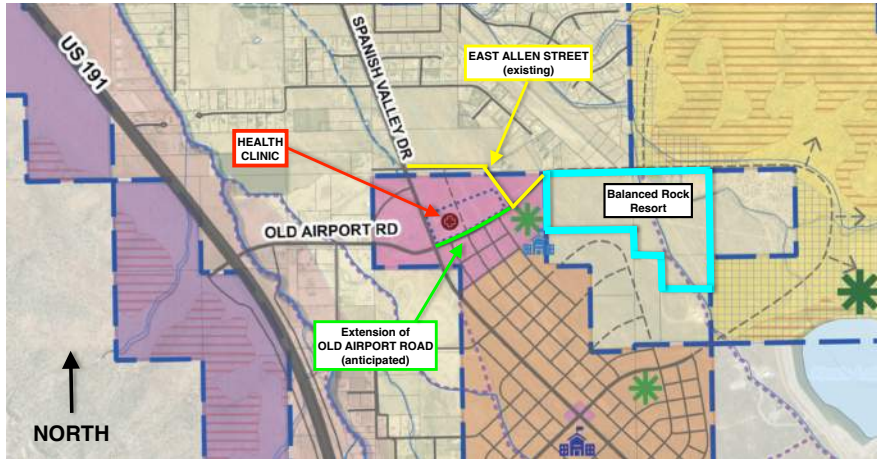
#### Existing Transportation System

The Spanish Valley area is primarily served by US-191 and Spanish Valley Drive. The property being proposed for the Balanced Rock Resort community currently is accessed by East Allen Street, which is a county road that goes from Spanish Valley Drive to the property boundary.

#### Future Transportation System

It is anticipated that in the future the Balanced Rock Resort community will primarily be accessed via a new road which will be an extension of Old Airport Road, which currently goes from US-191 to Spanish Valley Drive. One half of this future road extension has been identified along the south edge of the 10 acres that the county owns just east of Spanish Valley Drive (where the health clinic is located). SITLA has committed to provide the other

half of the land needed in the Purchase and Sale Agreement that covered the acquisition of the 10 acres by the county. This future road is shown in SITLA’s latest plan and will connect to the eastern part of East Allen Street. Once completed, it will provide residents a direct route to Spanish Valley Drive and US-191.



The Balanced Rock Resort will also connect to adjoining land, with roads being planned to access properties to the east, west and south (where another subdivision is being planned). We strongly believe in coordinating with other landowners to ensure that roadways will effectively serve existing and future land uses.

The conceptual plan for the Balanced Rock Resort community shows proposed road alignments, ROW widths, and trails (for pedestrians and bicyclists) that will connect residents and the community to open spaces, and neighboring properties. It was designed to work with SITLA’s most recent plan.

## 7. Water Sources, Flood Control, and Major Utilities and Easements

Major utilities run along the north border of the property, including water, sewer, and electricity. Natural gas is at the northwest property corner, and a smaller gas line (not adequate to serve the new development) runs to an existing structure. Please refer to Exhibit A.

It is anticipated that culinary water and sanitary sewer services will be provided through the San Juan Spanish Valley Special Service District. The property falls within that area that The San Juan County Spanish Valley Area Plan (April 17, 2018) identified as being the first phase

of development for the area, and that it would draw from the existing 5,000 acre-feet of water supply. The project has received an initial approval that the Special Service District will be able to provide service (see Exhibit B).

Please refer to the conceptual plan for the Balanced Rock Resort to see other easements that affect the property. We plan to work with the neighboring property owners who benefit from those easements to work on realignments of the easements that currently interfere with the development of the project.

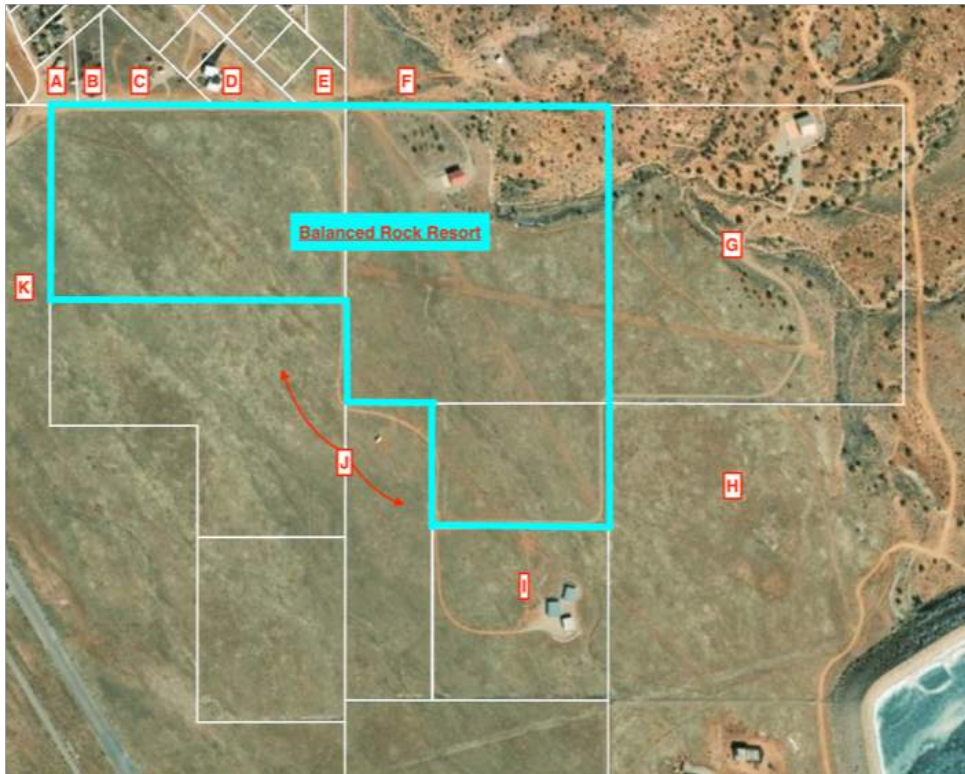
There is an existing well identified on the conceptual layout. Water from the well may be used for irrigation, at least initially to help establish new plants and trees.

The conceptual plan includes measures to mitigate surface and storm water. Low Impact Design (LID) storm water practices shall be required wherever possible.

There are no known FEMA designated flood zones for the property.

### 8. Adjacent Parcels

This map and table show the adjacent parcels, their owners, and their uses.



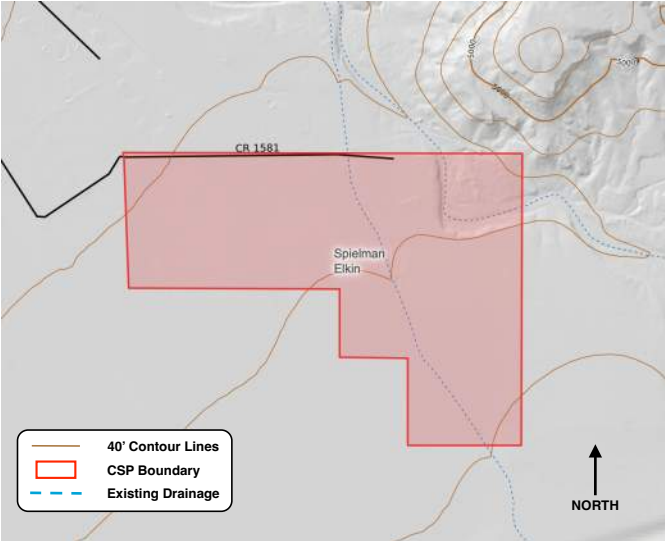
| MAP IDENTIFIER | PARCEL NUMBER | USE       | OWNER                                    |
|----------------|---------------|-----------|--|
| A              | 000450000030  | One house | Ronald Tazz Robinson and Kellie Warden   |
| B              | 000450000040  | One house | James Peter Patterson; Kimberly J Jacobs |
| C              | 000450000050  | One house | James Peter Patterson; Kimberly J Jacobs |
| D              | 000640000050  | One house | Business Resolutions, LLC                |
| E              | 640000010     | Vacant    | Business Resolutions, LLC                |
| F              | T26S R23E     | Vacant*   | SITLA                                    |
| G              | 27S23E062400  | Hangar    | Stephen P & Kathleen M Johnston          |
| H              | T27S R23E     | Vacant*   | SITLA                                    |
| I              | 27S23E063600  | One house | Timothy & Beverly B O'Neill              |
| J              | 27S22E010002  | Vacant*   | B & B Thomas LLC                         |
| K              | T27S R22E     | Vacant*   | SITLA                                    |

\* Owner intends to develop the property

### 9. Topography and Form

The following map shows the 40-foot contours and significant topographic features within or adjacent to the CSP property. A more detailed topographic map can be found in the conceptual layout.

Most of the property is relatively flat, or moderately sloped, and is conducive to development. The high hill to the northeast provides some natural isolation to that area of the property.



### 10. Existing and Proposed Secondary Water Rights, Shares and Usage

This table shows the existing water rights that are within the CSP boundary. It is anticipated that the project will use water from the existing well for irrigation.

| STATUS   | WATER RIGHT | ACRE FEET | EXISTING USE            | FUTURE USE |
|----------|-------------|-----------|-------------------------|------------|
| EXISTING | 05-2779     | 6.73      | Irrigation and culinary | Irrigation |
| EXISTING | 05-2730     | 19.374    | Irrigation and culinary | Irrigation |

### 11. Open Space Plan

As is shown on the conceptual plan, there is approximately 16.6 acres of open space designed into the community. This represents about 23% of the entire property that will be available for residents and visitors to enjoy. We are planning to add a network of trails in the open space.

The open space is primarily broken into two major areas, with the first (approximately 8 acres) running north-south following a natural drainage through the heart of the development, and the second (approximately 7 acres) sited in the northeast corner of the property where greater privacy will be felt.

See Exhibit C for a map showing the open space.

### 12. Major Public Infrastructure Standards

#### Streets

All streets will be paved and will meet the county’s road specs. The street rights-of-way are fifty feet wide. We do not anticipate including street furniture.

#### Sidewalks/Trails

To maintain an essence of the rural feel of Spanish Valley the streets and lots have been purposefully designed to not have sidewalks. There will be a network of trails for residents and visitors to enjoy sited in the open spaces. The trails within the central open space will be approximately 5-6’ wide and will be finished with crushed gravel to ensure durability. The trails in the northeast portion of the property will follow a more natural style and will be more of a hiking path that you would find in a wilderness setting. There will be some benches provided along the trails.

#### Community Lighting

Dark sky preservation will be the prevailing theme. Limited public lighting will be provided. All lighting will be high quality and commercial grade, “Dark Sky” compliant, and will meet the requirements in the county code.

**Clubhouse and Grounds**

The clubhouse and associated amenities will be built early in the development of the project. On approximately 3 acres there will be a clubhouse, pool, pickleball and tennis courts (which may double as a basketball court), and a playground. The proposed locations are shown on the conceptual plan. Following, are photos of some amenities we built for a community we developed in St. George, UT:



**13. Building Standards**

**Architectural Form**

To create a community that fits into the natural environment and setting, the Balanced Rock community will advance architectural design standards that will create a cohesive-looking community. The design standards will apply to single-family, duplexes, townhomes (live/work/play), clubhouse and lodge.

Currently the Modern Desert style of architecture best captures our vision for the look and feel we like for the community. Here are some examples of the style:



The design, but not the Modern Desert style, of the live/work/play townhomes is represented by this photo:



The use of appropriate exterior materials for all structures will be chosen regarding colors that fit into the desert landscape, and for their permanence and resilience for maintenance.

Structure setbacks will conform with San Juan County codes.

Plumbing, maintenance, and mechanical equipment should be located on the interior of buildings whenever possible. If it is necessary to locate such features outside of building or on roofs, they should be screened using parapet walls, high-quality site walls, and other screening methods that match the quality and look of the structure.

#### **Walls and Fencing**

To maintain a sense of open space and community, the use of walls to separate lots will be discouraged unless they are made of high-quality materials (concrete, stone, adobe, etc.) and built with changes in height or other design features to enhance architectural interest. Fences, if any, will be made of metal (wrought iron or similar) or wood of a design that falls within the Modern Desert theme. Plastic/vinyl and chain-link fencing will not be allowed.

#### **RV/Trailer Parking**

Residents and visitors will be encouraged to park RVs and trailers in the provided parking lot.

#### **Landscaping and Irrigation**

Water-wise landscaping will be mandated and will follow the Spanish Valley Water Efficient Landscape ordinance to ensure that the water resources available in the region are used wisely and conserved. It is anticipated that the minimal landscaping that will be required near the clubhouse will be drawn from the existing well and the water rights associated with it.

All areas of lots and parcels not designated for open space, parking, buildings, or other hard surfacing shall be landscaped and properly maintained. The well water will be used to help establish drought tolerant plants and shrubs.

Designated open space shall remain in a natural condition and properly maintained. A small grass area may be planted in the immediate area of the playground and pool area.

**Maintenance**

The applicable owners shall properly maintain all private areas of individual lots or parcels.

A Homeowners Association (HOA) will be established to manage the maintenance of all common area improvements including buildings, open space, recreational facilities, roads, fences/walls, utilities, landscaping, walkways, streetlights, and signs not specifically dedicated to or accepted for ownership or maintenance by San Juan County or other incorporated entity. The HOA will collect fees from lot owners to cover these costs.

EXHIBIT A

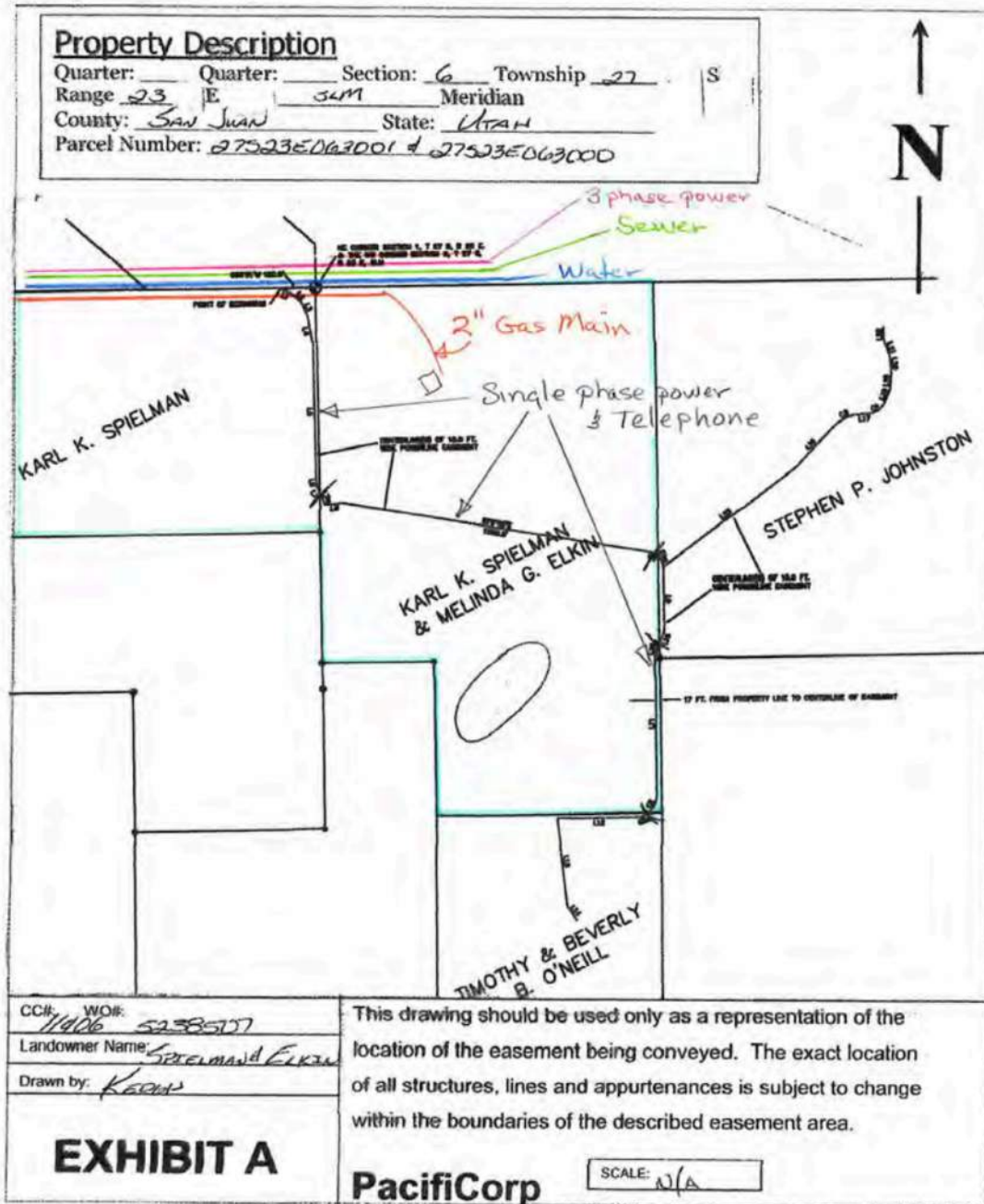


EXHIBIT B



San Juan Spanish Valley Special Service District

64 E Tangren Ln – 375 S Main St #234 – Moab, UT 84532  
435-459-4121

Date: January 20, 2023

Property Owner: Elkin Spielman Charitable Remainder Trust

Mailing Address: 404 W. Main Street, #123

City: Cortez State: Colorado Zip: 81321

Phone: 435-260-1383

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Contact Person(if Different): Jim Schnepel

Contact Phone: 801-231-3866 jbschnepel@yahoo.com

Property Developer  
Gardner Plumb LLC  
201 S. Main Street, Suite 2000  
SLC UT 84111

Service Address: 185 S. Planesfield Drive, Spanish Valley

Development Name  
Balanced Rock Resort

Parcel Number: 27S23E063001, 27S23E063000, 27S22E010001

Requested Services: Sewer and Water service

Need Service For  
216 Residential Units:  
98 Single Family Houses  
84 Duplex Units (42 buildings)  
34 Townhomes (Live/Work/Play)  
216 Total  
130 Lodge Rooms

Project Type  Residential  Commercial  Industrial

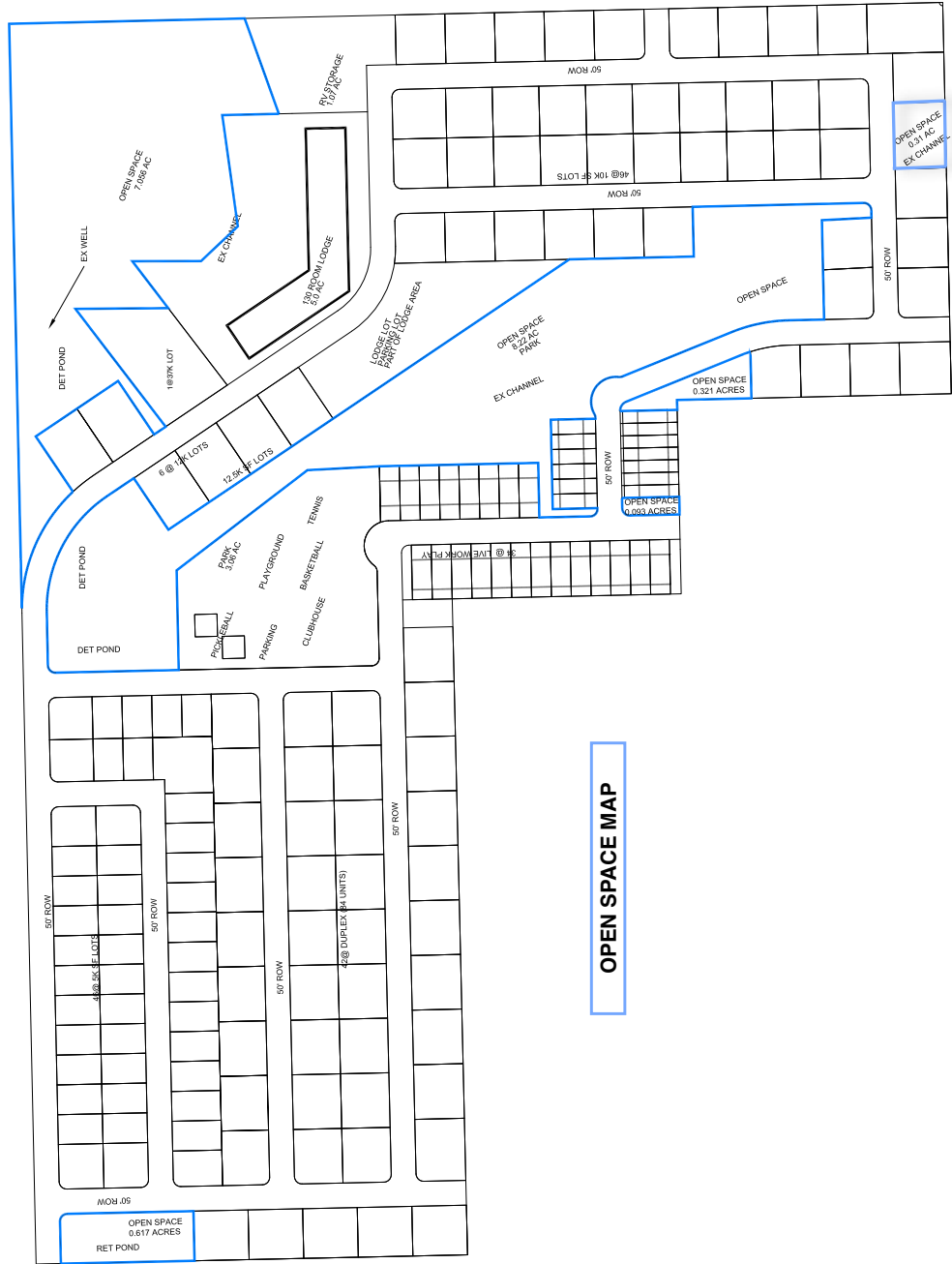
Meter Size Requested Various

Authorized Signature:

Date: January 23, 2023

This approval is A PRELIMINARY proof of service availability. SJSVSSD REQUIRES A WILL SERVICE APPLICATION, FEE AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PRIOR TO FINAL APPROVAL

EXHIBIT C







## STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** April 9, 2023

**ITEM TITLE, PRESENTER:** Spanish Valley Storm Water Master Plan, Greg Poole, Hansen Allen and Luce Engineers

**RECOMMENDATION:** Consideration and Recommendation

### SUMMARY

This Spanish Valley Storm Water Master Plan was prepared by Hansen, Allen and Luce Engineers. The plan was paid for by SITLA and San Juan County. County staff formed the stakeholder committee in the development of the plan.

The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the Board of San Juan County Commissioners for adoption of the plan.

#### Possible Recommendations:

1. Include the Spanish Valley Storm Water Master Plan as an exhibit of the San Juan County Land Use and Development Ordinance (LUDMO).

#### OR

2. Codify the Spanish Valley Storm Water Master Plan as an Exhibit to the San Juan County Spanish Valley Development Ordinances of the San Juan County Zoning Ordinance, September 13, 2019, and modify the Table of Contents of the San Juan County Spanish Valley Development Ordinances of the San Juan County Zoning Ordinance, September 13, 2019 to include this plan

### HISTORY/PAST ACTION

This master plan was presented at the March 9, 2023 PC meeting. No action was taken.



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Spanish Valley is expected to experience significant population growth and development. San Juan County recognizes the importance of developing a drainage master plan to guide development planning. This storm drainage master plan focuses on the San Juan County Spanish Valley floor where most of the development is expected to occur.

The San Juan County Area Plan (2018) and the South Valley Community Structure Plan (2022), prepared by Landmark Design for the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA), provide a framework for future development and a basis for storm drainage master planning.

### KEY MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES

- Protect developments from flooding in events up to the design storm runoff event.
- Potential development impacts on storm water quality and quantity to Pack Creek must be mitigated.
- Plan facilities with maintenance in mind.

### STUDY AREA

The study area includes the San Juan County Spanish Valley floor south of the county line plus directly tributary areas.

### PACK CREEK MASTER PLAN

Pack Creek poses a flood hazard risk to a significant portion of the San Juan County Spanish Valley floor. The braided nature of the channel network in the southern end of the valley is evidence of an alluvial fan. Above the valley floor Pack Creek flood flows are confined in mountain ravines which have high gradients and convey large quantities of eroded sand, rock, and boulders out onto the valley floor. On the valley floor land slopes are reduced and flood flow velocities are reduced depositing sediment and debris that form a fan shape. The erosion/deposition process results in channel braiding where channels are alternately cut and filled with sediment. This phenomenon is commonly referred to as an alluvial fan.

HAL performed a hydrologic study on Pack Creek previously to help San Juan County and SITLA better understand the flood hazards in Spanish Valley (HAL, 2019). San Juan County and SITLA are pursuing a recommendation from that study to develop debris basins and other facilities with sufficient capacity to convey the 1% chance flood event.

Two debris basins are currently planned as part of a Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) project upstream of the drainage master plan study area. These new debris basins are

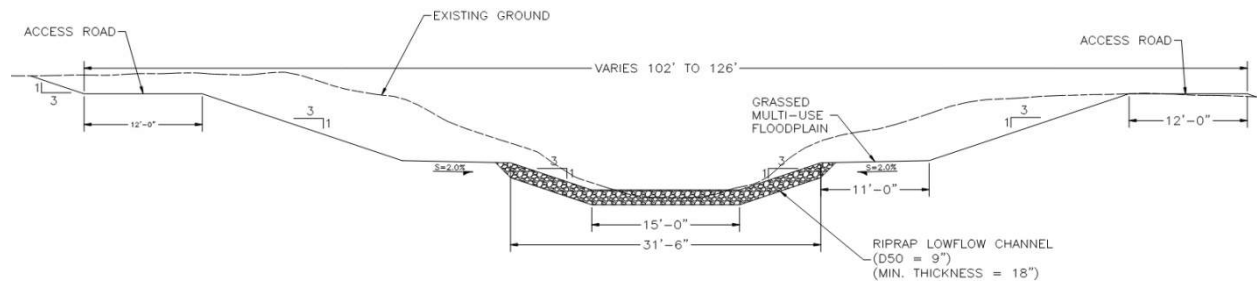
expected to reduce debris floods on the alluvial fan. In addition to the debris basins, a Pack Creek flood control basin is proposed to reduce the 1% chance flood flows.

The Pack Creek flood control basin is conceptually sized to provide about 423 acre-feet of flood attenuation storage. The flood control basin will normally be dry with available storage space to reduce storm runoff peak flood flowrates during a 100-year 24-hour storm event from 5,200 cfs to 1,500 cfs.

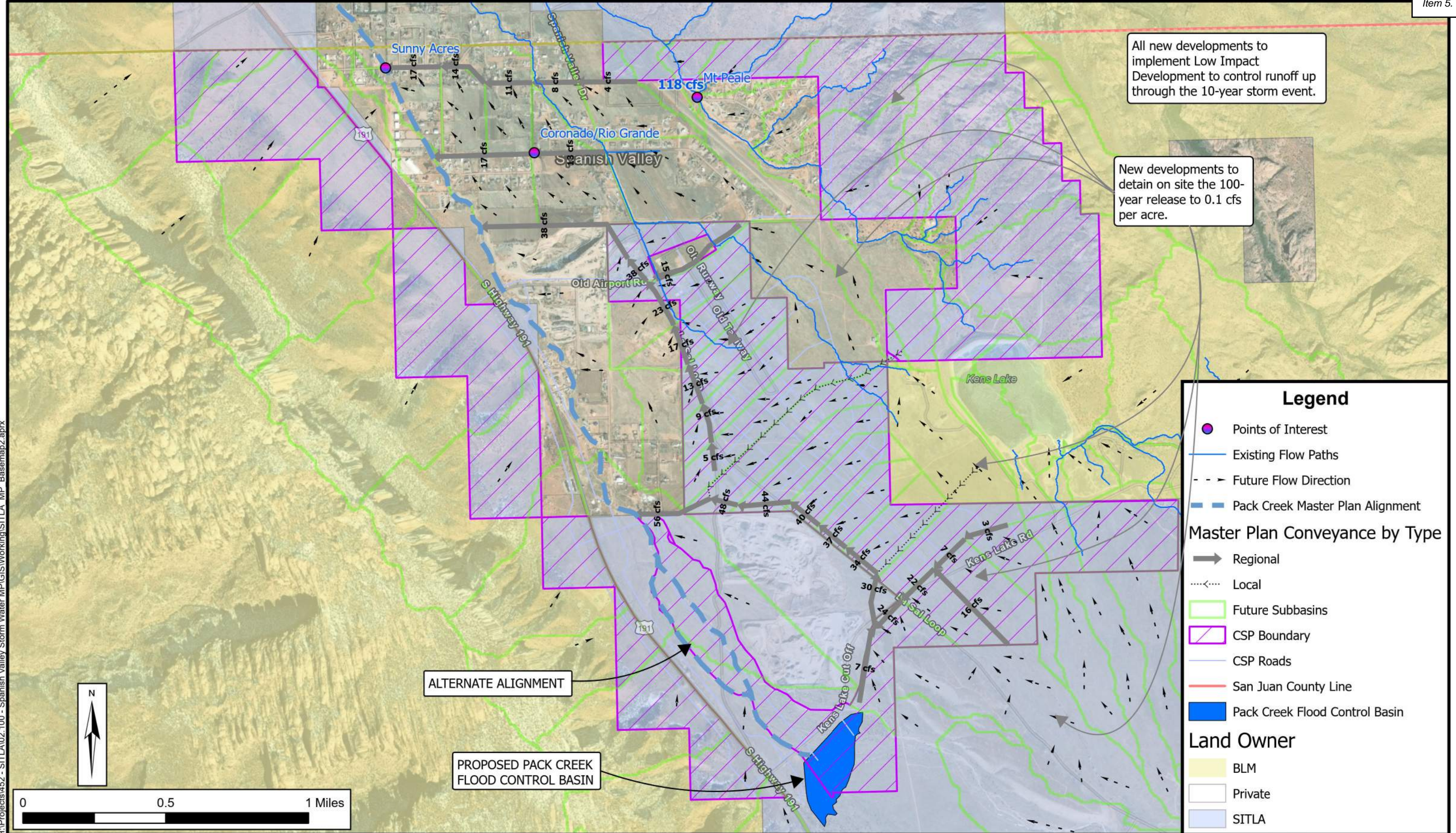
The Pack Creek master plan includes channel improvements below the flood control basin. The master plan improvements include grade control structures, channel forming and lining, and road crossings. The Pack Creek master plan alignment and proposed flood control basin are shown in **Figure EX-1**. The preferred channel cross section is shown in **Figure EX-2**. Conceptual construction cost estimates for the Pack Creek improvements are provided in **Table EX – 1**.

**Table EX-1. Conceptual Cost Estimates for Pack Creek**

| Item                          | Estimated Construction Cost | Notes  |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Flood Control Detention Basin | \$6,000,000                 | Cost estimate does not include land costs  |
| Channel Improvements          | \$16,800,000                | Total assumed length is 16,400 ft (from proposed detention basin to County line). Cost includes grouted boulder drops and protection for the low flow channel. |
| Typical Road Crossing         | \$430,000                   | Assumes three 9' x 6' box culverts to pass 1,500 cfs without overtopping the road.   |



**Figure EX-2 – Preferred Pack Creek Master Plan Cross Section**



All new developments to implement Low Impact Development to control runoff up through the 10-year storm event.

New developments to detain on site the 100-year release to 0.1 cfs per acre.

### Legend

- Points of Interest
- Existing Flow Paths
- - - Future Flow Direction
- Pack Creek Master Plan Alignment

### Master Plan Conveyance by Type

- Regional
- ⋯ Local

### Future Subbasins

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### CSP Boundary

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### CSP Roads

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### San Juan County Line

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### Pack Creek Flood Control Basin

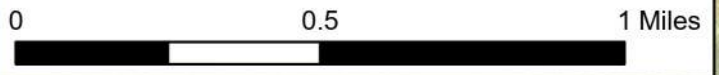
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### Land Owner

- BLM
- Private
- SITLA

ALTERNATE ALIGNMENT

PROPOSED PACK CREEK FLOOD CONTROL BASIN



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**SAN JUAN COUNTY – SPANISH VALLEY**

**STORM DRAINAGE MASTER PLAN  
LOCAL DETENTION ALTERNATIVE**

**FIGURE  
EX-1**

**DRAINAGE DESIGN CRITERIA**

Several workshops were held with San Juan County staff. The following storm drainage design criteria were selected for implementation in the San Juan County portion of Spanish Valley:

- Design minor storm is the 10-year 24-hour storm event.
- Design major storm is the 100-year 24-hour storm event. Future development buildings are to be protected from flooding in events up to the 100-year storm event.
- Require Low Impact Development to control minor storm runoff:
  - Minimize directly connected impervious area.
  - Use Rain Gardens and Dry Wells (sumps) with pre-treatment to capture and infiltrate runoff from a 10-year storm event close to the source of runoff.
- Require detention basins to control major storm runoff to pre-development rates.
- Downhill cul-de-sacs and sags in streets which are not located at an intersection are to be avoided.
- Maintenance:
  - Assure adequate access.
  - No drainage structures placed on back lot lines.

**SPANISH VALLEY SOILS**

Most of the soils in the Spanish Valley floor in the study area are classified as hydrologic soil group A and are highly permeable well drained soils.

**UNDISTURBED NATIVE VEGETATION STORM RUNOFF CHARACTERISTICS**

The predevelopment condition was established in the model by applying the design storm to a basin with a Curve Number of 60. This number was selected as the predominant soil group is A and the cover is most like desert shrub in fair to poor condition. The resultant runoff volume and peak discharge per unit area are tabulated in **Table EX-2**. The values in **Table EX-2** represent the hydrologic characteristics of the undisturbed native vegetation condition.

**Table EX-2**  
**Undisturbed Vegetation Storm Runoff Characteristics**

| <b>Storm Frequency (24-hour)</b> | <b>10-year</b> | <b>100-year</b> |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Percent Annual Chance Exceedance | 10%            | 1%              |
| Precipitation (inches)           | 1.80           | 2.81            |
| Runoff Volume (acre-inches/acre) | 0.03           | 0.27            |
| Peak Flowrate (cfs/ac)           | 0.004          | 0.1             |

**DEVELOPMENT CHARACTERISTICS**

The San Juan County Area Plan (2018) and the South Valley Community Action Plan (2022), prepared by Landmark Design for the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA), provide a framework for future development and a basis for drainage master planning.

**DEVELOPMENT STORM DRAINAGE MASTER PLAN ALTERNATIVES**

Minor storm. To prevent increased runoff during the 10-year storm for new development (commensurate with undisturbed native vegetation runoff), sumps or other infiltration means should be implemented to retain and infiltrate the runoff from a 10-year storm event onsite.

Major storm. To prevent increased peak storm runoff flowrates from new development during the 100-year storm (commensurate with undisturbed native vegetation, see **Table EX-2**), detention and conveyance need to be added. There are two primary approaches for construction and maintenance of detention basins: regional and local. A comparison of the pros and cons of regional and local detention alternatives is summarized in **Table EX-3**.

**Table EX-3  
Pros and Cons of Each Detention Basin Approach**

| <b>Category</b>                      | <b>Regional</b> | <b>Local</b>     |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Maintenance/Number of facilities     | Low             | High             |
| Cost per acre-foot detention storage | Typically lower | Typically higher |
| Opportunity to “double store”        | Lower           | Higher           |
| Conveyance Sizing                    | Larger          | Smaller          |
| Funding and Phasing difficulty       | Higher          | Low              |

Due to the funding constraints, the County has indicated a preference for the local detention approach for implementation in the master plan. Regional facilities may be permitted or required on a case-by-case basis.

**Figure EX-1** shows a concept of the design flowrates for major conveyances under the local detention approach. **Table EX-4** provides a conceptual construction cost estimate for the major storm drainage conveyance facilities shown on **Figure EX-1**.

**Table EX-4  
Conceptual Cost Estimates  
of the Master Plan Regional Storm Drainage Facilities**

| <b>PROJECT</b>                                  | <b>COST*</b> |
|---|--------------|
| Master Plan Conveyances                         | \$6,310,000  |
| Coronado (new outfall to Pack Creek)            | \$512,000    |
| Mt. Peale Drive (drainage crossing replacement) | \$102,000    |

\* Assumes that the local detention option is selected. Also assumes that Master Plan Conveyances are pipes. Includes 30% for contingency and engineering.

# CHAPTER 1 – INTRODUCTION

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## BACKGROUND

Storm water runoff is a difficult resource to manage. In a dry climate such as Utah's, existing drainage ways are often dry and, to the inexperienced, may appear to be prime places to construct buildings. Unlike sanitary sewers and culinary water systems, there are no clearly defined minimum service requirements for storm water systems. Storm water flows are dependent on many complex time and spatially varied factors. Even a natural undeveloped drainage system is not static: streams can erode in one section while depositing in another; stream courses can also change alignment and cross section dramatically with just one storm runoff event. Urbanization compounds the problem and creates a need for a drainage system with the basic goals of managing nuisance water, protecting development from damage, and protecting downstream waters from adverse quality and quantity impacts.

“Stormwater (runoff) management is the planned set of public policies and activities undertaken to regulate runoff under various specified conditions within various portions of the urban drainage system (McPherson 1970). It may establish criteria for control of peak flows or volumes, for runoff detention and retention, or for control of pollution, and may specify criteria for the relative elevations among various elements of the drainage system. Stormwater management is primarily concerned with limiting future flood damages and environmental impacts due to development, whereas flood control aims at reducing the extent of flooding that occurs under current conditions (Walesh 1987).” (After “The Urban Water Resources Research Council of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Water Environment Federation, 1992”).

Spanish Valley is expected to experience significant population growth and development. San Juan County recognizes the importance of developing a drainage master plan to guide development planning. This storm drainage master plan focuses on the San Juan County Spanish Valley floor where most of the development is expected to occur.

The San Juan County Area Plan (2018) and the South Valley Community Structure Plan (2022), prepared by Landmark Design for the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA), provide a framework for future development and a basis for storm drainage master planning.

Low impact development (LID) techniques should be implemented as close as possible to the source of the runoff. Inherent in development is an increase in impervious area which can increase the volume and peak of storm water runoff. The Spanish Valley study area soils are permeable and LID practices including infiltration will be effective in mitigating the potential impacts. LID practices will potentially reduce initial infrastructure costs. The study area soils are conducive to the use of dry wells (sumps) to infiltrate runoff near the source and thus reduce the size and cost of downstream conveyance systems while recharging the valley fill aquifer.

## KEY MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES

- Protect developments from flooding in events up to the design storm runoff event (see drainage design criteria below).
- Potential development impacts on storm water quality and quantity to Pack Creek must be mitigated.

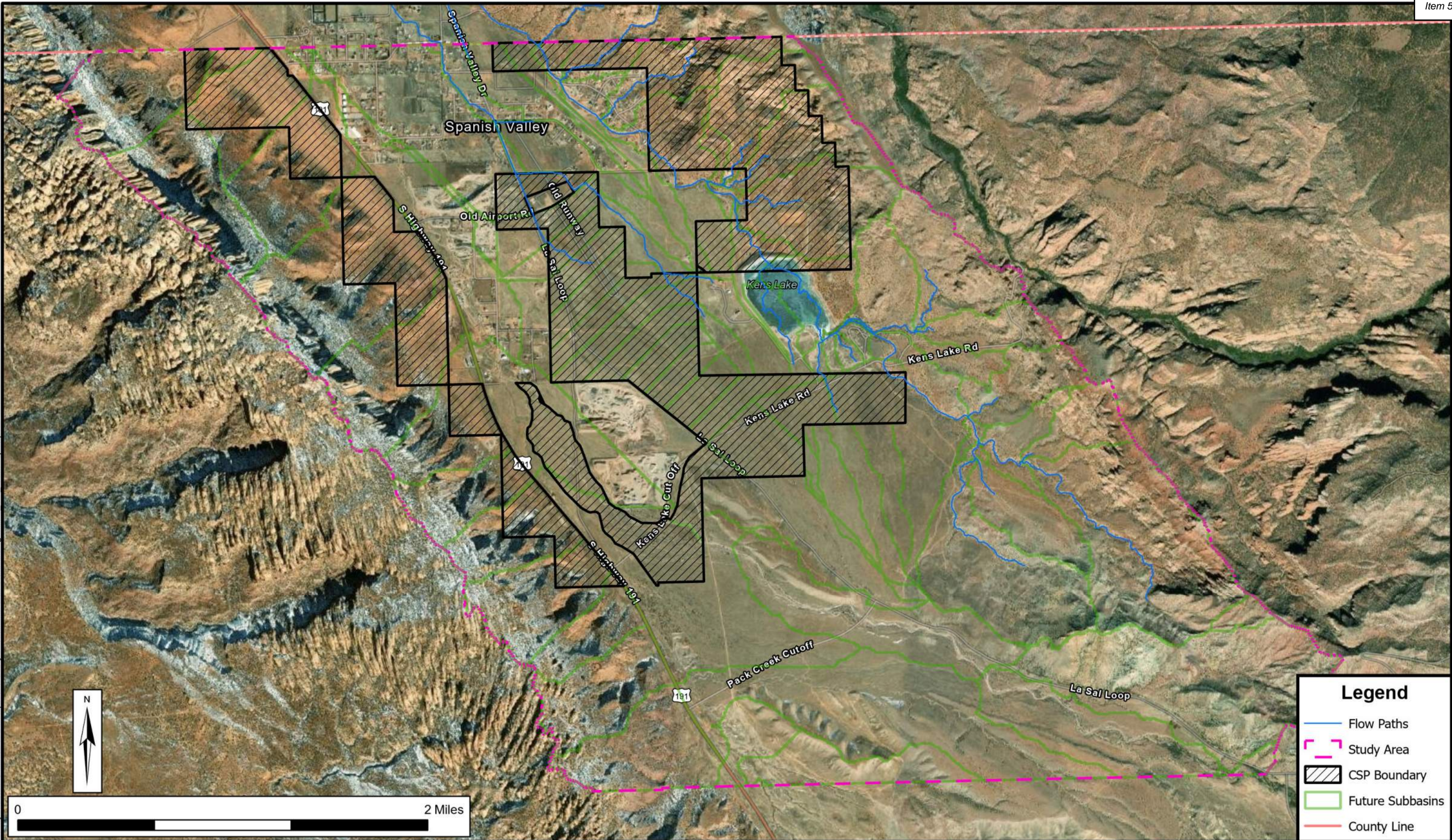
- Plan facilities with maintenance in mind.

## **AUTHORIZATION**

The San Juan County and SITLA selected Hansen, Allen & Luce, Inc. (HAL) to prepare the Storm Water Drainage Master Plan. The Storm Water Drainage Master Plan has been completed in accordance with the agreement between SITLA and HAL dated March 15, 2022. The Storm Water Drainage Master Plan was completed under the direction of and in cooperation with San Juan County staff.

## **STUDY AREA**

The portion of Spanish Valley included in the study area is shown on **Figure 1-1** and includes the San Juan County Spanish Valley floor south of the county line plus directly tributary areas.



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**STUDY AREA**

**FIGURE  
1-1**

## CHAPTER 2 – STORM RUNOFF HYDROLOGY

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The project team adopted a workshop approach with San Juan County staff to determine the design criteria, study areas, analysis processes, deficiencies, alternatives, and solutions. This section describes the methodology followed in developing the Master Plan.

### DRAINAGE DESIGN CRITERIA

Several workshops were held with San Juan County staff. The following storm drainage design criteria was selected for implementation in the San Juan County portion of Spanish Valley.

- Design minor storm is the 10-year 24-hour storm event.
- Design major storm is the 100-year 24-hour storm event. Future development buildings are to be protected from flooding in events up to the 100-year storm event.
- Require Low Impact Development to control minor storm runoff.
  - Minimize directly connected impervious area.
  - Use Rain Gardens and Dry Wells (sumps) with pre-treatment to capture and infiltrate runoff from a 10-year storm event close to the source of runoff.
- Require detention basins to control major storm runoff to pre-development rates.
- Downhill cul-de-sacs and sags in streets which are not located at an intersection are to be avoided.
- Maintenance:
  - Assure adequate access.
  - No drainage structures placed on back lot lines.

### HYDROLOGY

Hydrology is the study of the movement, distribution, accumulation, and management of water. For this Master Plan, the hydrology performed includes selecting a rainfall design frequency and storm distribution; subbasin area delineations and calculations; calculating runoff potential using soil data, land cover, and impervious surface estimates; and estimating the timing of peak runoff. This chapter details these processes in greater detail.

### Design Frequencies

Spanish Valley selected design storm event frequencies of 10-year (10% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year) and 100-year (1% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year) for this study. Criteria included:

- 10-year 24-hour design capacity for the initial retention system. The initial retention system includes sumps, rain gardens, bioretention cells, rainwater harvesting, and infiltration basins, trenches, or galleries. Stormwater discharge should be zero for storms smaller than or equal to this event.
- 100-year conveyance capacity where flooding of homes may occur.
- 100-year 24-hour storm runoff capacity on all detention facilities. Release rate should be restricted to the pre-development discharge rate (0.1 cfs/acre, see **Table 2-3** Undisturbed Vegetation Storm Runoff Characteristics, below).
- A minimum freeboard of 1-foot for open channel conveyances and detention facilities should be provided during a 1% chance storm event.

## Design Storms

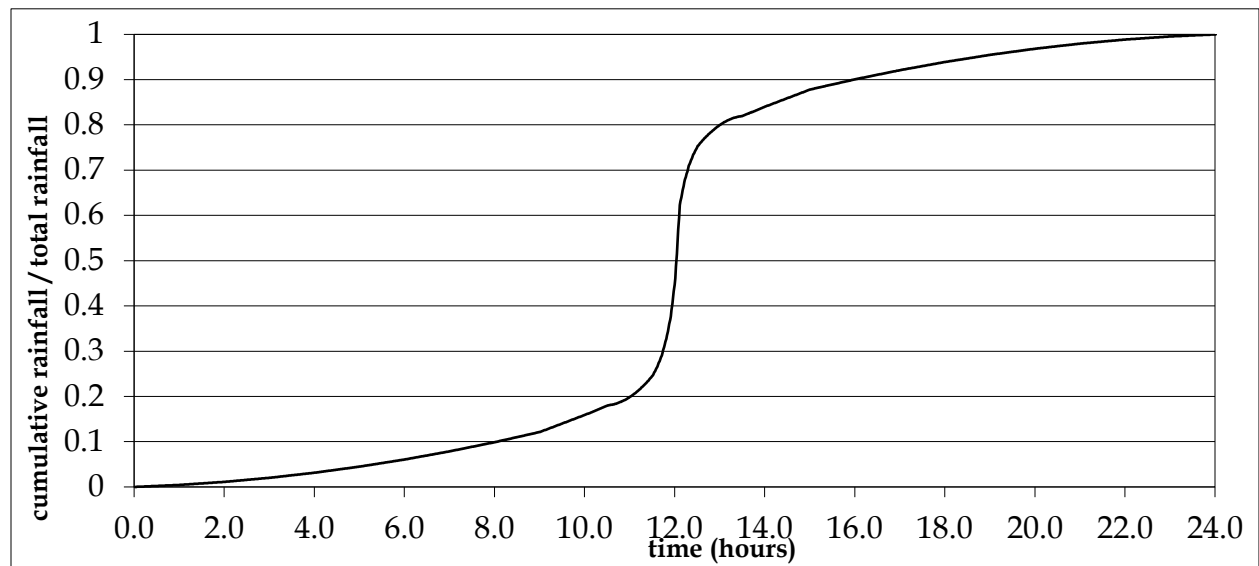
The design storm distribution is how the precipitation falls throughout a storm of a particular duration. Selection of an appropriate storm distribution is important because it determines peak flows through pipes and channels and peak storage volumes in detention ponds. These results, determined in part by storm distribution, dictate the sizing of projects designed to solve existing deficiencies.

The storm distribution selected for use in this plan is the 24-hour NRCS Nested distribution which can be seen in **Figure 2-1**.

Precipitation depths were obtained from *NOAA Atlas 14: Precipitation-Frequency Atlas of the United States* (Bonnin et al. 2004; NOAA 2013). The design storm rainfall depths modeled for this Master Plan are seen in **Table 2-1**.

**Table 2-1  
Modeled Rainfall Depths**

| Storm Frequency             | 24-hr Depths |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 10-yr Rainfall Amount (in)  | 1.80         |
| 100-yr Rainfall Amount (in) | 2.50         |



**Figure 2-1 24-hour NRCS Nested Distribution**

## DEVELOPMENT OF THE HYDROLOGIC MODELS

As part of the Master Plan, HAL developed a hydrologic computer model to simulate runoff during storm events. The software used to develop this hydrologic model was HEC-HMS version 4.10.

### Subbasins

A drainage basin, also called a subbasin, watershed or catchment, is an area in which all rainfall or snowmelt runoff will collect to a common point (the lowest point in the basin). Drainage basin boundaries depend upon both the topography and the location of storm drainage facilities. Subbasin characteristics developed for this plan were based on aerial imagery, soil data, GIS mapping, land use information from the County, and engineering literature. Important subbasin

characteristics described below include 1) area, 2) hydrologic soil group, 3) percentage of impervious area, 4) SCS curve number (CN), 5) Subbasin width, and 6) overland flow characteristics. Much of the methodology is documented in *Technical Release 55: Urban Hydrology for Small Watersheds* (NRCS, 1986), hereafter referred to as TR-55.

### Subbasin Area

The amount of runoff is proportional to the area of the subbasin. The study area was divided into drainage subbasins based on best available mapping and planning. The estimated future subbasins are shown on **Figure 2-2**.

### Hydrologic Soil Group

Hydrologic soil group is a general indication of a soil's infiltration capacity and is a key determinant of runoff behavior. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has classified soils into four hydrologic groups A, B, C, and D. Soils of group A have the highest infiltration rate and therefore produce the least amount of runoff. Group A soils include permeable gravels and well-drained sands. Group B soils have moderate infiltration rates and moderately fine or coarse textures. Group C soils have a lower infiltration rate and finer textures, sometimes with a layer that impedes infiltration. Soils of group D have the lowest infiltration rate and produce the highest amount of runoff. Group D soils include fine silts, clays, and other soils with low infiltration rates. Soil groups are described in TR-55 (NRCS, 1986).

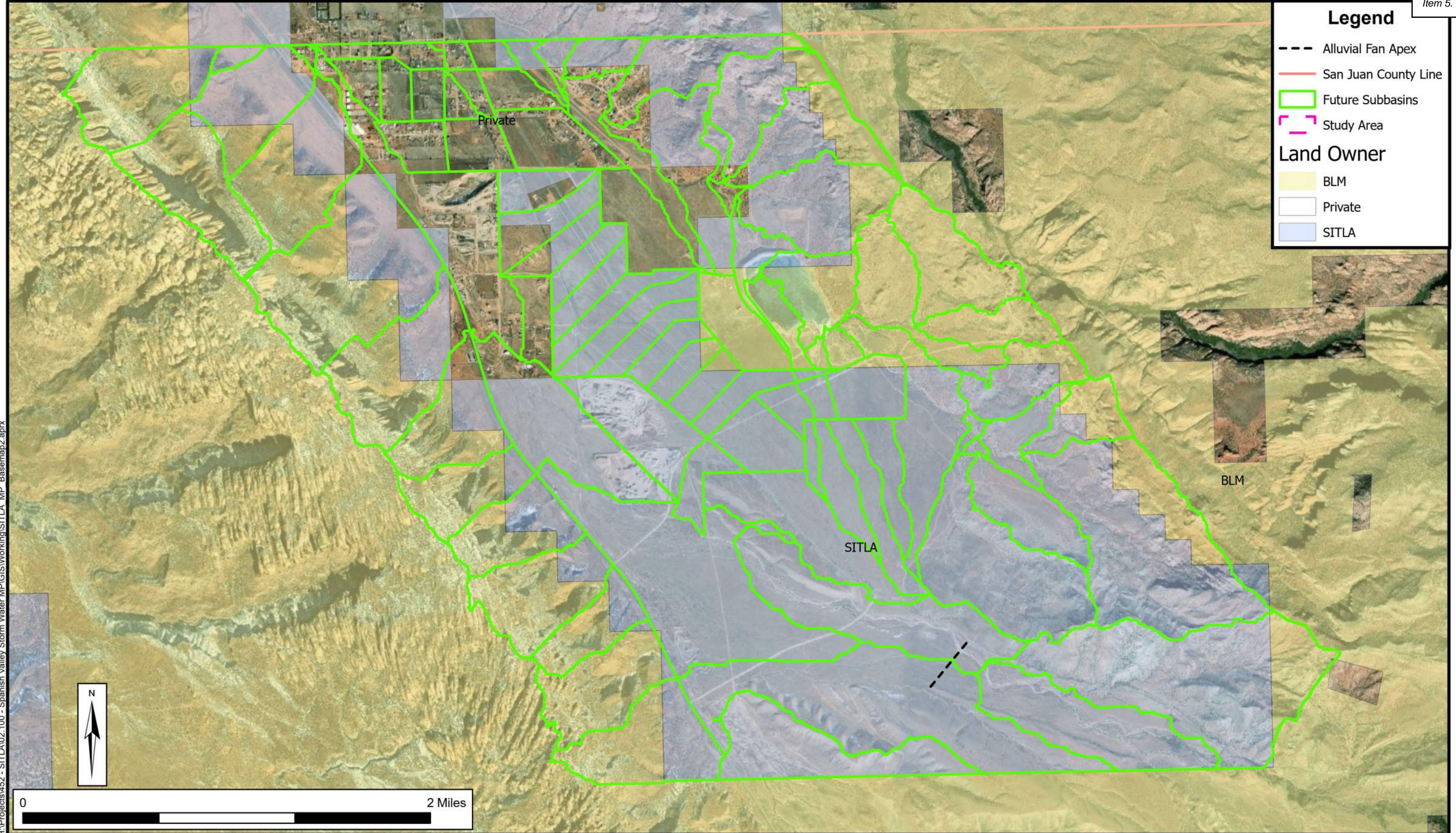
Group A soil is the most prevalent in the Study area and is geologically associated with the valley fill. As the landscape changes to the rocky cliffs, the soil type also changes to soil type D. Soil data for this study originated from the NRCS Web Soil Survey (Canyonlands Area Soil Survey, 2020). A soil map of the Study area is shown in **Figure 2-3**. The hydrologic soil group is a factor used to determine the CN for each subbasin.

### Land Use

Different types of land cover in a watershed determine to what degree water infiltrates, accumulates (remains as puddles), or flows over the land (runoff). Various land covers have higher or lower amounts of interception and evapotranspiration. The land cover used in the hydrologic model was developed through a field visit and through available aerial imagery. The predominant land cover for undeveloped areas is most closely associated with TR-55's desert shrub in poor to fair condition or sagebrush in poor hydrologic condition. To develop curve numbers for poor to fair condition, a linear average was computed for the desert shrub between poor and fair conditions. As sagebrush with grass understory does not have a curve number for soil type A, it was assumed to be the same as desert shrub in poor to fair condition. The existing land cover can be seen in **Figure 2-4**.

### Impervious Area

Impervious areas within each subbasin were assumed to be disconnected from the runoff network, which assumes that runoff will flow over a pervious region at some point in its flow to Pack Creek. The future model also assumed that impervious areas would remain disconnected, through implementation of Low Impact Development (LID) practices and careful planning. The future model shows the need for and impact of not implementing LID, and therefore design future flows assume development occurs according to this Master Plan. Flows from the future hydrologic model were reduced by applying the discharge per area requirement to the upstream detained area and adding it to the more local undetained flows.



**Legend**

- Alluvial Fan Apex
- San Juan County Line
- Future Subbasins
- Study Area

**Land Owner**

- BLM
- Private
- SITLA

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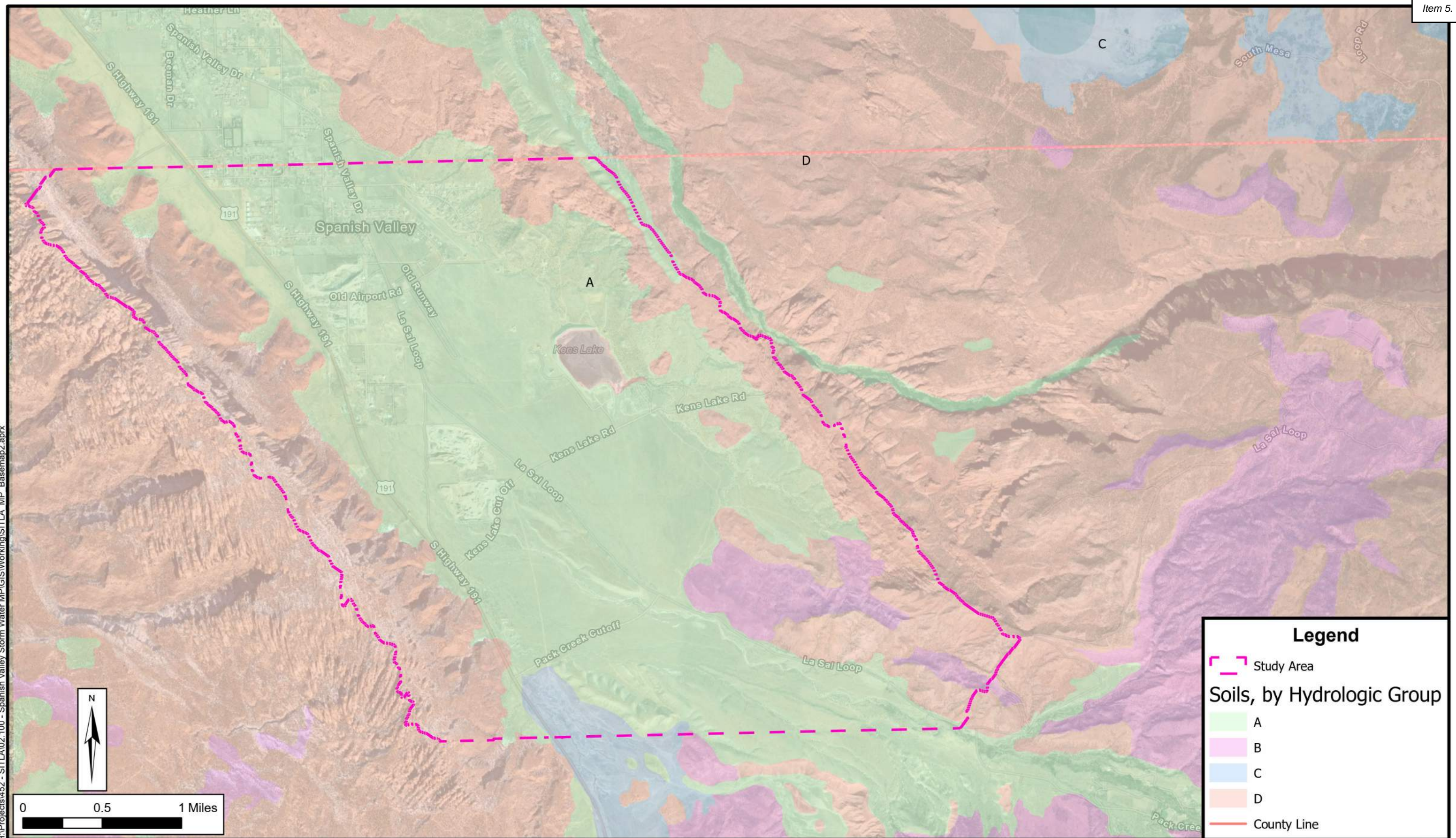


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**STORM DRAINAGE MASTER PLAN  
FUTURE SUBBASINS**

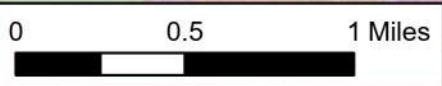
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**Legend**

- Study Area
- Soils, by Hydrologic Group**
- A
- B
- C
- D
- County Line



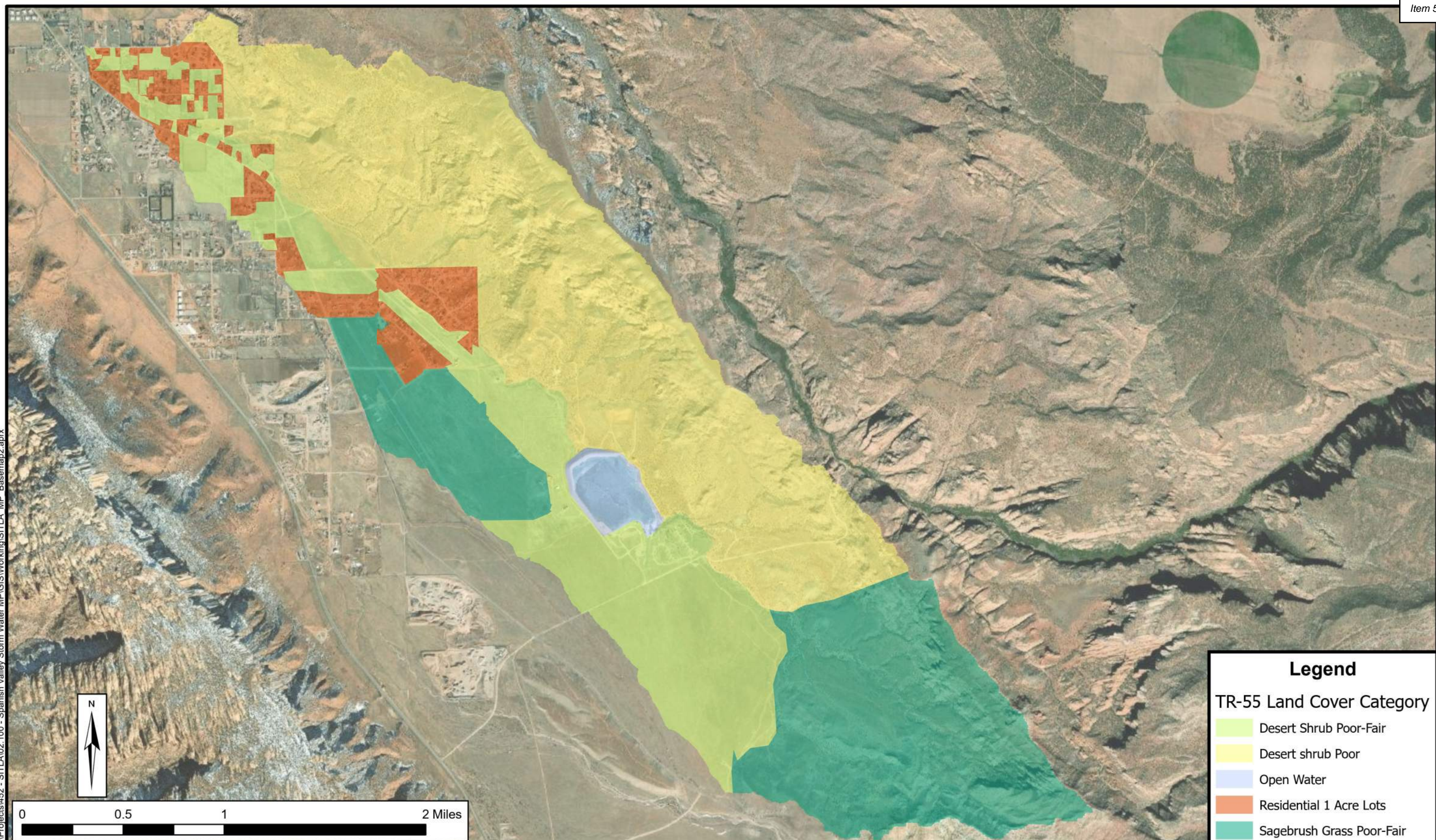
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 HYDROLOGIC SOIL GROUP**

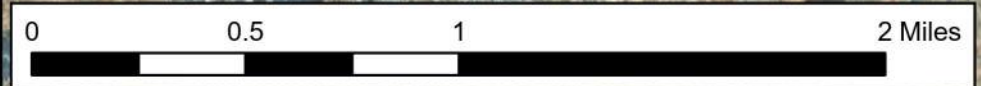
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**Legend**

TR-55 Land Cover Category

- Desert Shrub Poor-Fair
- Desert shrub Poor
- Open Water
- Residential 1 Acre Lots
- Sagebrush Grass Poor-Fair



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**STORM DRAINAGE MASTER PLAN  
 EXISTING LAND COVER**

**FIGURE  
 2-4**

## SCS Curve Number

Each subbasin was assigned a curve number based on hydrologic soil group, land use, and ground cover type as outlined in Chapter 2 of TR-55 (NRCS, 1986). The curve number describes the relationship between precipitation and runoff for the pervious and unconnected impervious portions of the subbasin. Practical curve numbers range from 30 to 98. Areas that are more pervious have lower curve numbers. For example, a well-vegetated subbasin with sandy soils and little impervious area would have a lower curve number than a poorly vegetated subbasin with clay soils and a significant amount of impervious area. Curve numbers used in the model for existing conditions on the valley floor are shown on **Table 2-2**.

**Table 2-2**  
**Curve Number Assignment Table**

| TR-55 Category             | CN |
|----------------------------|----|
| Sagebrush Grass, Poor-Fair | 60 |
| Desert Shrub, Poor         | 64 |
| Desert Shrub, Poor-Fair    | 60 |
| Residential 1 Acre Lots    | 68 |
| Open Water                 | 98 |

## UNDISTURBED NATIVE VEGETATION STORM RUNOFF CHARACTERISTICS

The predevelopment condition was established in the model by applying the design storm to a basin with a Curve Number of 60. This number was selected based on Hydrologic Soil Group A with a cover which is most similar to desert shrub in fair to poor condition. The timing and area of the basin were selected from Subbasin-15, which is a basin that is nearly untouched by development. The resultant runoff volume and peak discharge per unit area are tabulated in **Table 2-3**.

**Table 2-3**  
**Undisturbed Vegetation Storm Runoff Characteristics**

| Storm Frequency                  | 10-year | 100-year |
|----------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Percent Annual Chance Exceedance | 10%     | 1%       |
| Precipitation (inches)           | 1.80    | 2.81     |
| Runoff Volume (acre-inches/acre) | 0.03    | 0.27     |
| Peak Flowrate (cfs/ac)           | 0.004   | 0.1      |

**Table 2-3** represents the hydrologic characteristics of the undisturbed native vegetation condition. This is an important baseline as it is the metric against which new development is graded. For a new development to have no adverse effects on its downstream neighbors, it must detain to the undisturbed flowrates reported above. All development will increase volume and there is potential for increased flows due to hydrograph aggregation from several detention basins; however, the peak flows should not exceed predevelopment conditions. As the discharge per acre is quite low for a 10-year event, and as the soils are well suited for infiltration, San Juan County has selected a full retention policy for the 10-year event. For the 100-year event, Spanish Valley has selected a detention release rate of no greater than 0.1 cfs per tributary acre.

## DEVELOPMENT CHARACTERISTICS

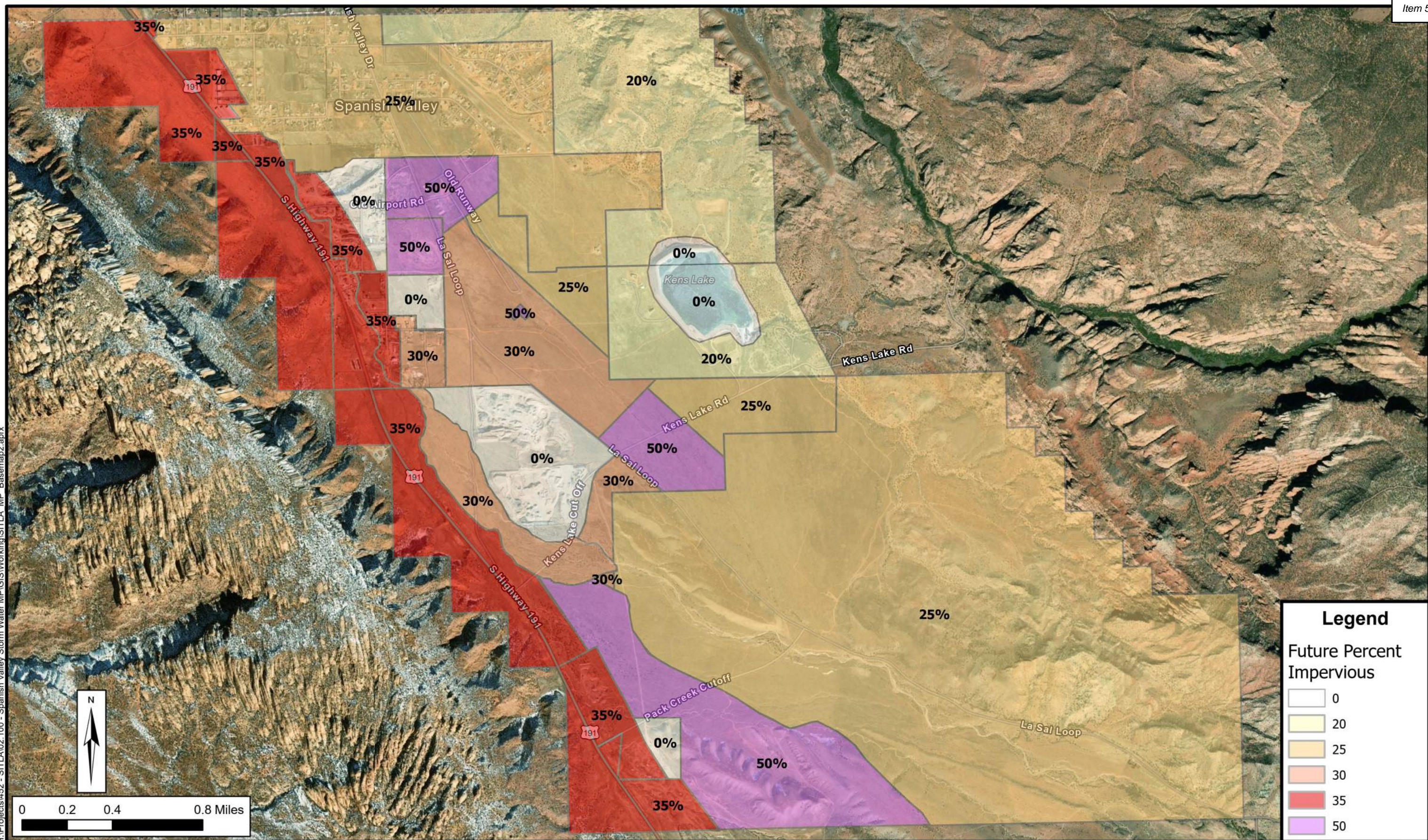
### Community Structure Action Plan

A draft version of a document titled the Community Structure Plan for the South Valley Community dated July 13, 2022, was provided to HAL. The Community Structure Plan (CSP) describes a land-use vision of the community and includes planning and description of community boundaries, development densities, a circulation plan, and utility connections and improvements.

Volume weighting was performed to the Curve Numbers to account for increased future impervious percentage. The assumed future percentage impervious was developed according to zoning maps provided in the Planned Community Rezone Application (e.g. Map 2, CSP). Predicted future impervious percentage is shown in **Figure 2-5**.

### Infill Assumptions

As one-acre lots are subdivided into quarter-acre lots, infill is expected to happen which will result in an increase in impervious area. The projected future impervious percentage is shown in **Figure 2-5**. We recommend that new lots be required to provide sumps to capture and infiltrate the runoff from storm events up to a 10-year 24-hour storm from the new impervious area.



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**STORM DRAINAGE MASTER PLAN  
ASSUMED FUTURE PERCENT IMPERVIOUS**

**FIGURE  
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## CHAPTER 3 – PACK CREEK MASTER PLAN

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HAL performed a hydrologic study on Pack Creek previously to help San Juan County and SITLA better understand the flood hazards in Spanish Valley (HAL, 2019). San Juan County and SITLA are pursuing recommendations from that study to develop debris basins and other facilities with sufficient capacity to convey the 1% chance flood event.

The results of the prior study predict that the 1% annual chance exceedance peak flood flow for Pack Creek at the San Juan County line is about 5,200 cfs. The 10% annual chance exceedance peak flood flow estimated by the HMS model is about 2,400 cfs.

Pack Creek poses a flood hazard risk to a significant portion of the San Juan County Spanish Valley floor. The braided nature of the channel network in the southern end of the valley is evidence of an alluvial fan. Above the valley floor, Pack Creek flood flows are confined in mountain ravines which have high gradients and convey large quantities of eroded sand, rock, and boulders out onto the valley floor. On the valley floor, land slopes are reduced; and flood flow velocities are reduced depositing sediment and debris forming a fan shape. The erosion/deposition process results in channel braiding where channels are alternately cut and filled with sediment. This phenomenon is commonly referred to as an alluvial fan.

The Pack Creek alluvial fan presents a special flood hazard (see SITLA Flood Hazard Mapping memo, HAL 2019). Two debris basins are currently planned as part of a Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) project upstream of the drainage master plan study area. These new debris basins are expected to reduce debris floods on the alluvial fan. In addition to the debris basins, a flood control basin is proposed to reduce the 1% chance flood flows.

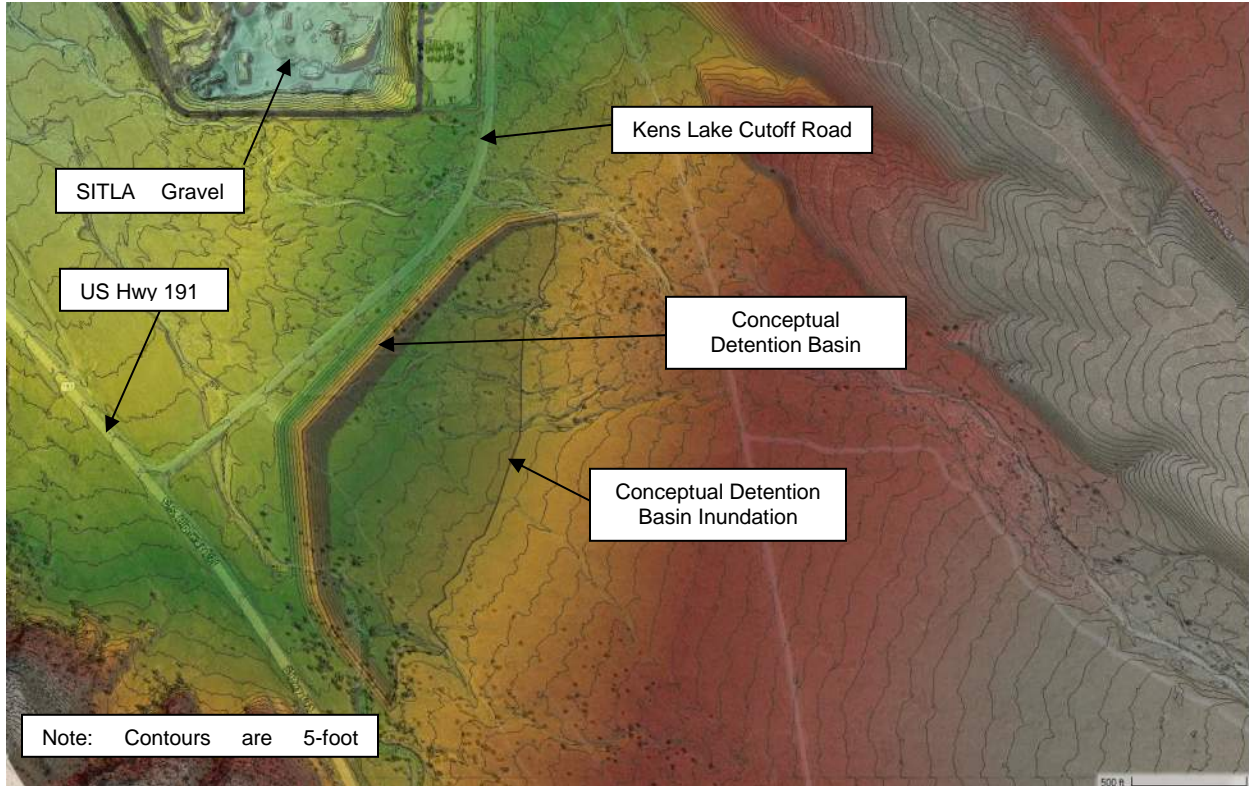
Pack Creek is an intermittent stream through the study reach with visibly flowing water occurring during periods of snow melt and rainfall events. The creek bed is dry much of the year (see **Figure 3-1**). The water table is deep in the valley floor, and the stream channel lacks riparian vegetation.



**Figure 3-1. Pack Creek Channel in Valley Floor**

### **FLOOD CONTROL BASIN**

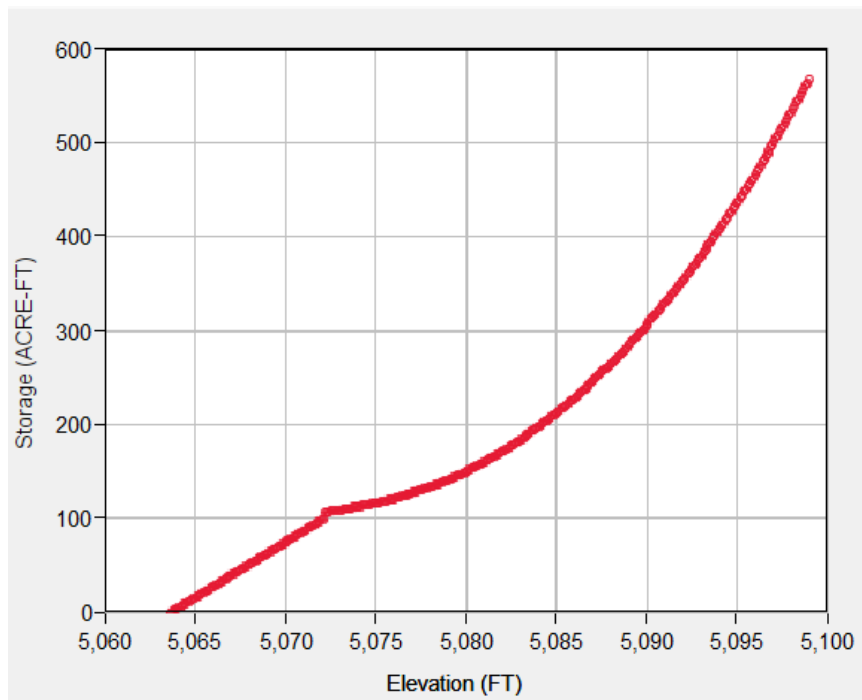
San Juan County and SITLA are exploring the option of constructing a detention basin on Pack Creek to reduce peak flowrates and protect existing homes and structures; it will also make more land developable. The general location of the proposed detention basin is southeast of the gravel pits that are owned by SITLA. A conceptual figure showing the approximate size, location, and extents of the potential basin is shown in **Figure 3-2**.



**Figure 3-2. Conceptual Detention Basin Location and Extents**

The detention basin would be downstream of debris basins that are currently in the design phase. The hydrologic model developed previously was used to estimate the required detention volume for various release rates. A hypothetical dam was added to the existing terrain data at a location selected by SITLA and San Juan County. A storage elevation curve was developed based on anticipated grading and the assumption that much of the material to create the detention basin embankment could come from material excavated on site.

It was estimated the required berm height would be approximately 35 feet above lowest existing elevation and would require about 156 acre-ft of material for the prism of the detention embankment. It was assumed that 100 of the 156 acre-ft of required volume could be extracted within the first 8 feet above the lowest existing elevation. The estimated elevation storage curve for the potential detention basin is shown in **Figure 3-3** below.



**Figure 3-3. Hypothetical Future Pack Creek Detention Basin Storage vs. Elevation Curve**

A recent relatively high flow event on Pack Creek was reported at approximately 1,500 cfs. Existing dwellings along Pack Creek in San Juan County and in Grand County were not impacted by the flow. Minor damage occurred during the event but was mostly attributed to excessive debris and not necessarily the flowrate. The general thought has been if the upstream debris basins significantly reduce debris loads and the flowrate can be reduced to 1,500 cfs via the flood control detention basin, then existing dwellings along Pack Creek in San Juan and Grand counties will not be flooded in a 1% chance event.

The model was then run with an orifice sized to release 400 cfs up to 8 feet of depth and 100-acre-ft of volume (2-5 year event). A second orifice was set at a depth of 8 feet and sized to release a combined 1,500 cfs for the 100-year flood event. A summary of the orifice configuration is shown in **Table 3-1**.

**Table 3-1. Summary of Assumed Orifice Configuration**

| Orifice # | Elevation (ft) | Area (sf) | Coefficient |
|-----------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1         | 5064           | 29        | 0.61        |
| 2         | 5072           | 31        | 0.61        |

The required volume based on the configuration described above is approximately 423 acre-feet. The model results are shown in **Figure 3-4**.

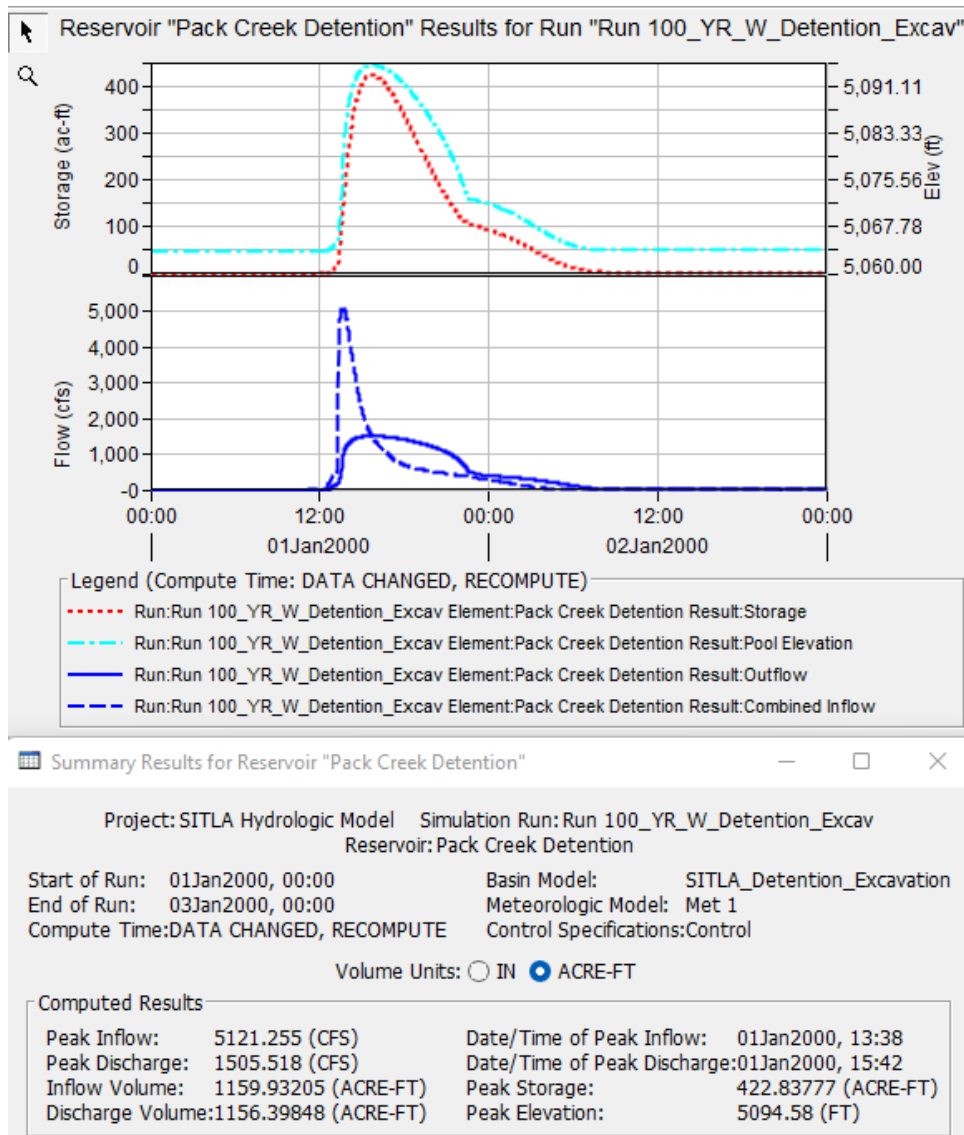


Figure 3-4. HEC-HMS Pack Creek Model Detention Analysis Results

### PACK CREEK CHANNEL MASTER PLAN CROSS SECTION

Below the proposed flood control basin, Pack Creek will need stabilization and increased conveyance to accommodate the existing and proposed developments. The following channel design criteria were selected in consultation with SITLA and San Juan County.

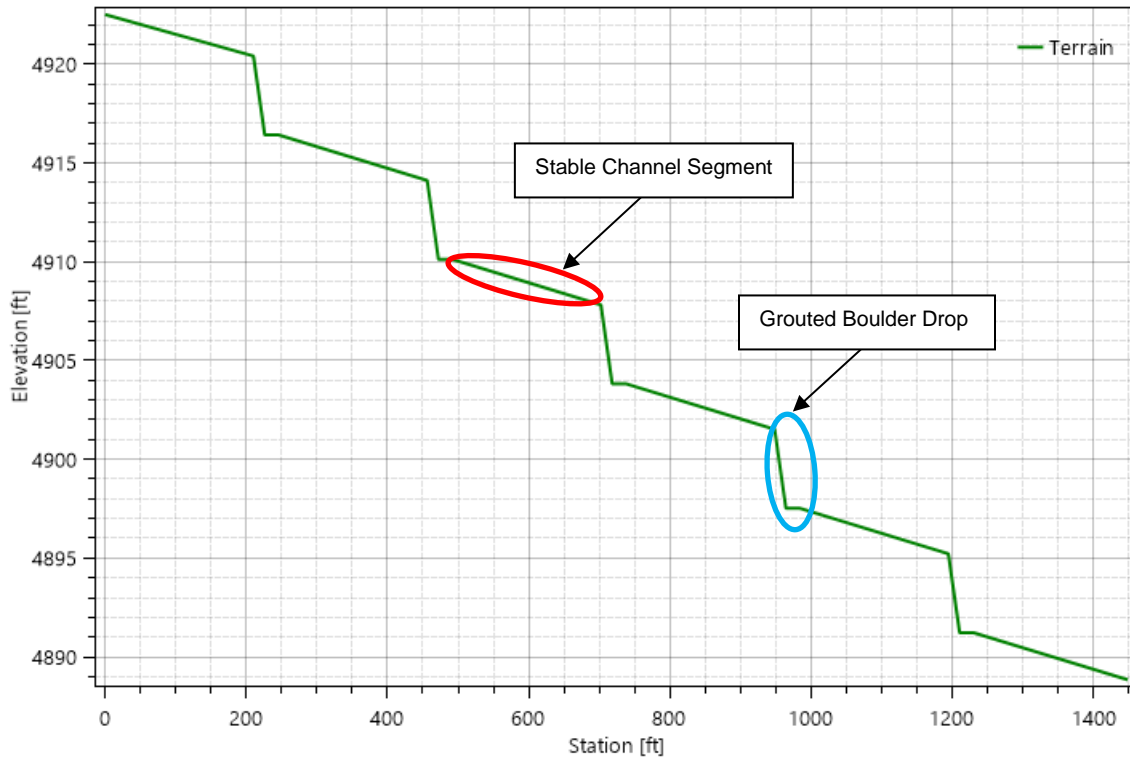
#### Design Flow

- Low Flow Channel capacity = 400 cfs (approximately 2 to 5-year detained release)
- Total Channel capacity = 1,500 cfs (100-year detained release)

#### Channel Hydraulics

- Maximum Froude Number in low flow channel = 0.8
- Low Flow Channel riprap design based on safety factor method with a safety factor of 1.5. Calculated D50 is 9-inches.
- Composite channel will be sized to convey the 1,500 cfs.

The recommended Pack Creek channel design includes the use of grade control structures. The existing slopes are too steep for subcritical flow; Froude numbers less than or equal to 0.8 are desirable for a stable channel design. The recommended Pack Creek Channel design involves a series of stable channel reaches and grade control structures as needed based on ground slopes. An example profile of how this may look is shown in **Figure 3-5**. The typical spacing between drops for a 3- and 4-foot drop are provided in **Table 3-2**.



**Figure 3-5. Typical Pack Creek Design Channel Profile**

**Table 3-2. Typical Spacing Between Drops**

|                      | Typical 3' Drop Spacing (ft) | Typical 4' Drop Spacing (ft) |
|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Ground Slope (ft/ft) | Design Channel Slope (ft/ft) | Design Channel Slope (ft/ft) |
| 0.030                | 150                          | 200                          |
| 0.025                | 200                          | 267                          |
| 0.020                | 300                          | 400                          |

The preferred method for grade control is the Grouted Sloping Boulder Drops with criteria as specified in the Urban Storm Drainage Criteria Manual, Volume 2, Mile High Flood District Denver, Colorado (MHFD, 2016). **Figure 3-6** shows an example of a grouted boulder drop profile with a free draining stilling basin.

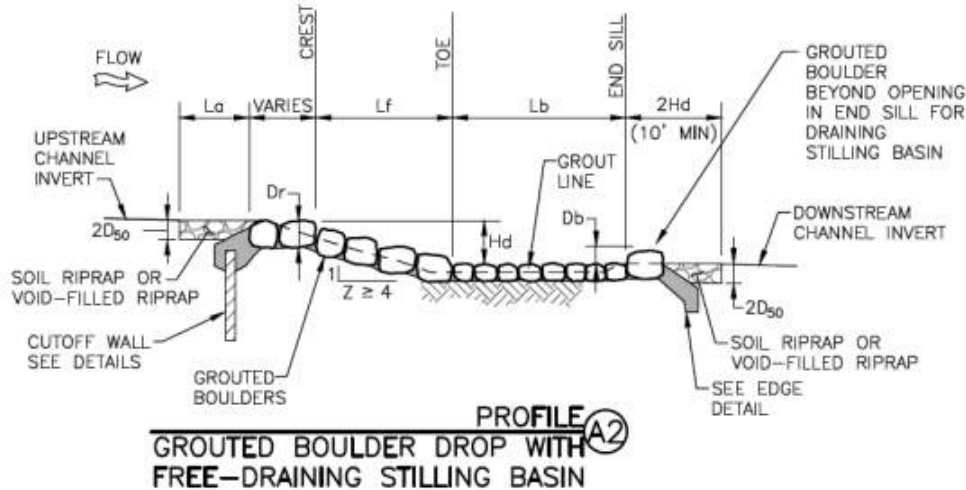


Figure 3-6. Grouted Boulder Drop Profile Drawing (MHFD, 2016)

### Preferred Pack Creek Channel Section

The preferred composite design channel cross section for Pack Creek downstream of the proposed detention basin is shown in **Figure 3-7**.

#### Low flow channel

- Bottom Width of 15 feet
- Side slopes of 3H:1V
- Channel slope of 1%
- Riprap protection D50 of 9-inches
- Depth of approximately 2.75 feet

The Preferred Composite Channel Cross Section extends out beyond the top of the low flow channel by 11 feet on each side, and then has 3:1 side slopes up to the existing grade (total required width varies based on proximity to drop structures).

### Narrow Pack Creek Channel Section

In areas where top width is limited due to existing development, gabion walls could be used to reduce the required top width while keeping the low flow channel the same. The typical narrow cross section configuration is shown in **Figure 3-8**.

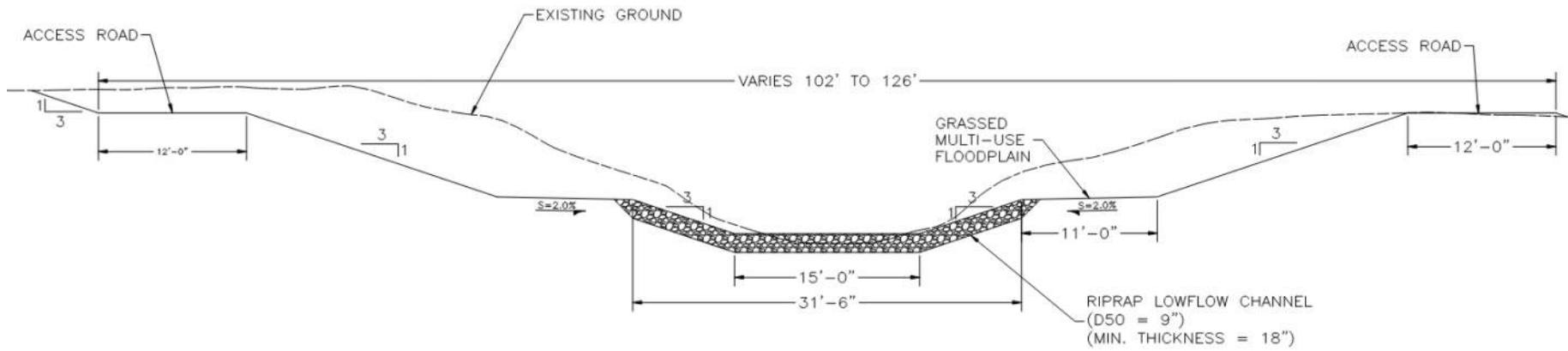


Figure 3-7. Pack Creek Preferred Cross Section

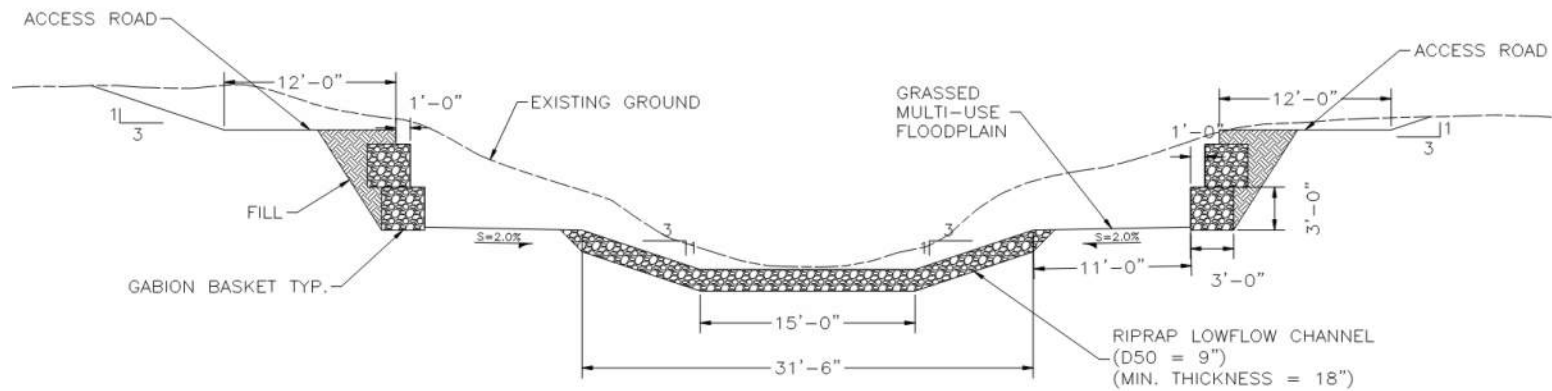


Figure 3-8. Pack Creek Narrow Cross Section (for use where existing channel encroachments preclude use of the preferred cross section)

## MASTER PLAN TYPICAL ROAD CROSSING

Two alternatives for crossings to allow conveying the 100-year flood event without impacting buildings have been investigated: 1) use of box culverts with sufficient capacity to convey the 100-year flood event without overtopping the road, and 2) use of a depressed road surface in the section of the crossing with a culvert sized sufficiently to convey 1,500 cfs with combined culvert and weir flow over the road.

### Box Culverts Sized for 100-Year Flood Event

Because of the available gradients through the study reach (generally greater than 2%), box culverts for the road crossings have been conceptually sized and are shown below based on inlet control conditions.

- Approximate Size is three 9' x 6' box culverts to pass the 1,500 cfs.
- Approximate Size is one 15' x 6' box culvert to pass the 1,100 cfs (the additional 400 cfs of weir flow would require approximately 1.5 feet of head and 75 feet of weir length).

In the situation where weir flow over the road is possible, signs should be placed in the road to warn of the flood prone nature of the crossing.

We recommend that the culverts be sized to carry the full 1,500 cfs without overtopping the road. Because the flows are being detained, the likelihood that the channel will experience flows of this magnitude is increased significantly.

### Existing Crossings

The existing crossing at Sunny Acres Lane is severely undersized and should be improved as the design channel is constructed in that area. The existing crossing at Old Airport Road currently has sufficient capacity to pass the 1,500 cfs without overtopping. No existing dirt road crossing has sufficient capacity for the design flows. These crossings should either be removed or improved to provide sufficient capacity for the design flow of 1,500 cfs. This will become increasingly important as development occurs, because bottlenecks in the creek increase flood risk.

## CONCEPTUAL CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATES

Construction cost estimates for the detention basin, channel improvements, and typical road crossings are provided in **Table 3-3**. The unit cost for channel improvements is approximately \$1,000 per linear foot.

**Table 3-3. Conceptual Cost Estimates for Pack Creek**

| Item                  | Estimated Construction Cost | Notes  |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Detention Basin       | \$6,000,000                 | Cost estimate does not include land costs  |
| Channel Improvements  | \$16,800,000                | Total assumed length is 16,400 ft (from proposed detention basin to County line). Cost includes grouted boulder drops and protection for the low flow channel. |
| Typical Road Crossing | \$430,000                   | Assumes three 9' x 6' box culverts to pass 1,500 cfs without overtopping the road.   |

## CHAPTER 4 – STORM DRAINAGE MASTER PLAN

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The existing storm drainage system in Spanish Valley is primarily open channel, comprised mostly of creeks, washes, roadside swales, irrigation ditches, and some culvert road crossings. The proposed development will change the landscape of Spanish Valley and will require associated drainage improvements. This chapter discusses the existing drainage deficiencies and the plan to prevent future deficiencies for both existing and future landowners as land develops.

### EXISTING DRAINAGE DEFICIENCIES

The existing deficiencies in this master plan were identified by San Juan County staff for areas which constituted known drainage issues. Identified existing drainage deficiencies and possible solutions are described below by location.

#### Coronado

The residence of 110 East Coronado Street has been flooded several times according to the County. The contributing drainage area to 110 East Coronado Street for minor storm events appears to be limited to local drainage. Major storm events could contribute flow from south of Coronado Street or east of Cabrillo Street. This location is particularly hazardous as the driveway directs flow away from the road into or near the house. Some possible solutions which would resolve the minor event flooding include:

1. Adding sumps on both sides of the driveway which would intercept and infiltrate the road drainage.
2. Increasing conveyance by improving the ditch along the east side of the driveway.
3. Developing storage in the undeveloped land east of the driveway.

The ideal option is of course elevation of the structure and, wherever possible, this option should be employed. This example serves as a reminder why homes should be elevated and driveways sloped down to the road.

There is an irrigation ditch on the south side of Coronado which, if it overtops, would spill some flow north across Coronado during large events. Solving the major event flooding would require also installing detention or retention upstream. Good siting for this basin or these basins would include the areas immediately south of the property and/or the southeast corner of the intersection at Coronado and La Sal Loop Rd.

#### Rio Grande

Any flow from the major event that does not cross Coronado at the location discussed above, crosses Rio Grande Drive just to the west. According to LiDAR, the minimum crest elevation for Rio Grande is approximately one foot lower than that of Coronado's (4791.2 compared to 4792.2). This means that this conveyance path receives 100% of the storm runoff from south of Coronado Street until the flood is large enough to overtop Coronado, at which time both locations experience major flooding. A potential solution for this location includes a culvert under Rio Grande Drive to convey the design peak flow. The selected master plan solution is to construct a new conveyance to Pack Creek from the west end of Coronado.

## Mt. Peale

The crossing of the open drainage way (wash) just east of Sky Ranch airport with Mt. Peale Drive results in the closing of the road during flood events. The neighborhood just east of the crossing has more than 50 homes and is currently accessible only via Mt. Peale Drive. It is recommended that the design event for this crossing be the 100-year storm. The 100-year design flow for this crossing is 118 cfs. A 54-inch diameter culvert operating under inlet control is adequate to pass the design flow (118 cfs) with a headwater depth of 5.2 feet.

## Sunny Acres

The County identified the Sunny Acres Drive crossing of Pack Creek as prone to flooding; it needs to be replaced. This crossing is addressed in the Pack Creek master plan (see Chapter 3).

## MASTER PLAN ALTERNATIVES

Minor storm. To prevent increased runoff during the 10-year storm for new development (commensurate with undisturbed native vegetation runoff), sumps or other infiltration means should be implemented to retain and infiltrate the runoff from a 10-year storm event onsite.

Major storm. To prevent increased runoff from new development during the 100-year storm (commensurate with undisturbed native vegetation), detention and conveyance need to be added. There are two primary approaches for construction and maintenance of detention basins: regional and local. The following paragraphs describe the advantages and disadvantages of each approach.

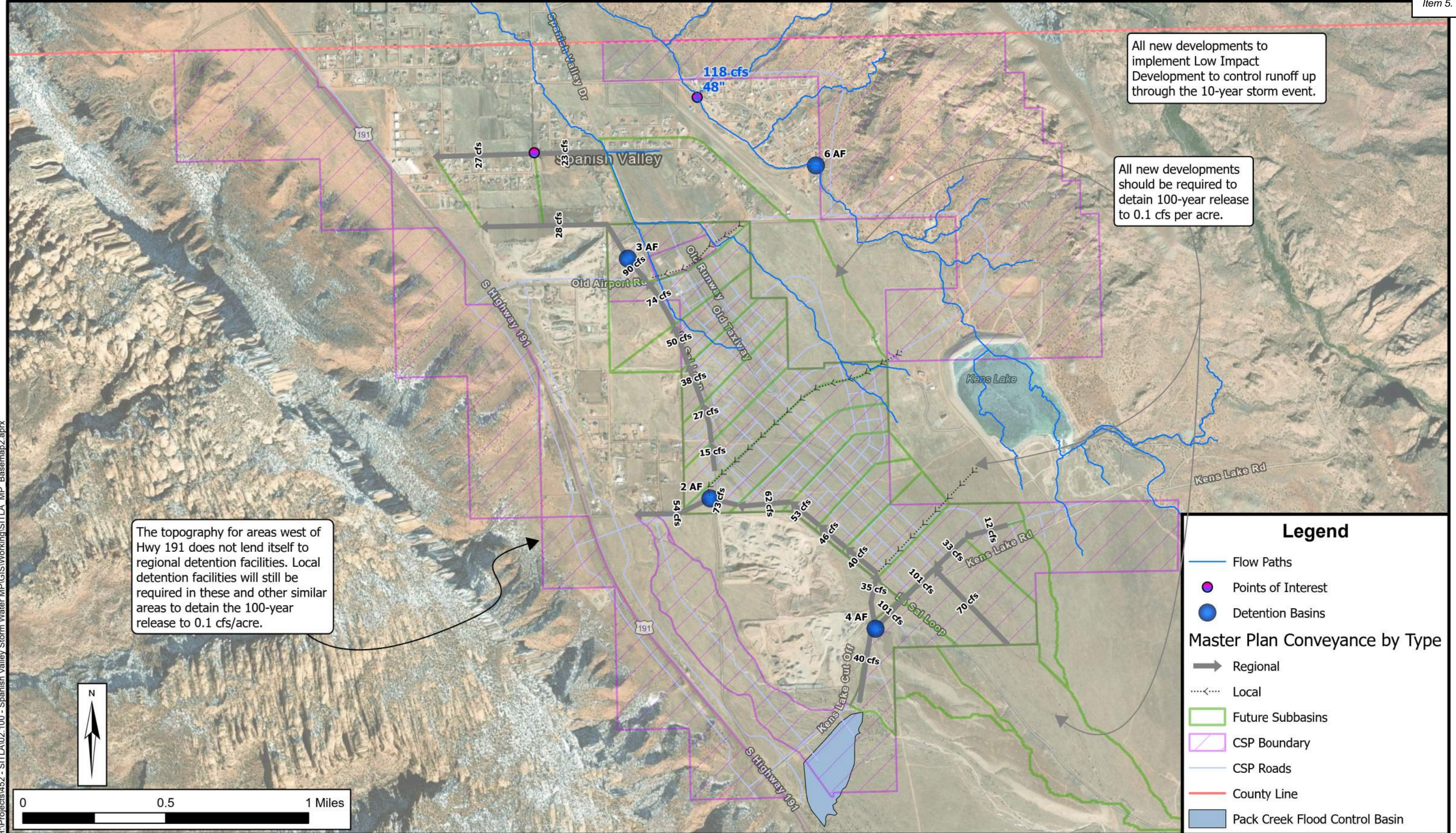
### Regional Detention Basins

Regional detention facilities serve to detain flows from a large contributing area. The advantage of regional detention facilities is that they are few. Maintenance is consolidated for maintenance personnel with fewer basins. Regional detention basins are larger and provide an increased opportunity for multi-use facilities. Regional detention basins are usually maintained by the local government entity. The cost per unit storage is generally lower due to economy of scale. As the system detains flow in fewer places, there is less opportunity to “double-store” volume, which happens when water has been detained once already and is mixed with undetained flows prior to entering another detention facility.

A disadvantage of regional detention facilities is the higher requirement for coordination on the funding. Construction of the regional facility will need to happen early in the development process to provide the required benefits. Additionally, the conveyance sizing to direct flows to the regional facility are larger as the flow is accumulated prior to being detained. **Figure 4-1** shows a concept of the pipes and basins under the regional detention approach.

### Development Detention Basins

Local detention basins only serve the development for which they were constructed. Their strengths and weaknesses are generally opposite those of regional facilities. As they must occur for every development, local detention policy will result in creation of many detention basins. Maintenance costs are higher, and the cost per unit storage is generally larger than for regional facilities. The system detains flow in more places and there is more opportunity to “double-store” volume. The sizing of the conveyances to route the flow from the local facilities is smaller than it would have been in the regional case, but care should be taken not to commingle detained flows



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with undetained flows. **Figure 4-2** shows a concept of the pipes and basins under the local detention approach. **Table 4-1** provides a summary of the pros and cons of each approach.

**Table 4-1  
Pros and Cons of Each Detention Basin Approach**

| <b>Category</b>                  | <b>Regional</b> | <b>Local</b>     |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Maintenance/Number of facilities | Low             | High             |
| Cost per unit volume             | Typically lower | Typically higher |
| Opportunity to “double store”    | Lower           | Higher           |
| Conveyance Sizing                | Larger          | Smaller          |
| Funding and Phasing difficulty   | Higher          | Low              |

Due to the funding constraints, the County has chosen the local detention approach for implementation in the master plan. Regional facilities may be permitted or required on a case-by-case basis.

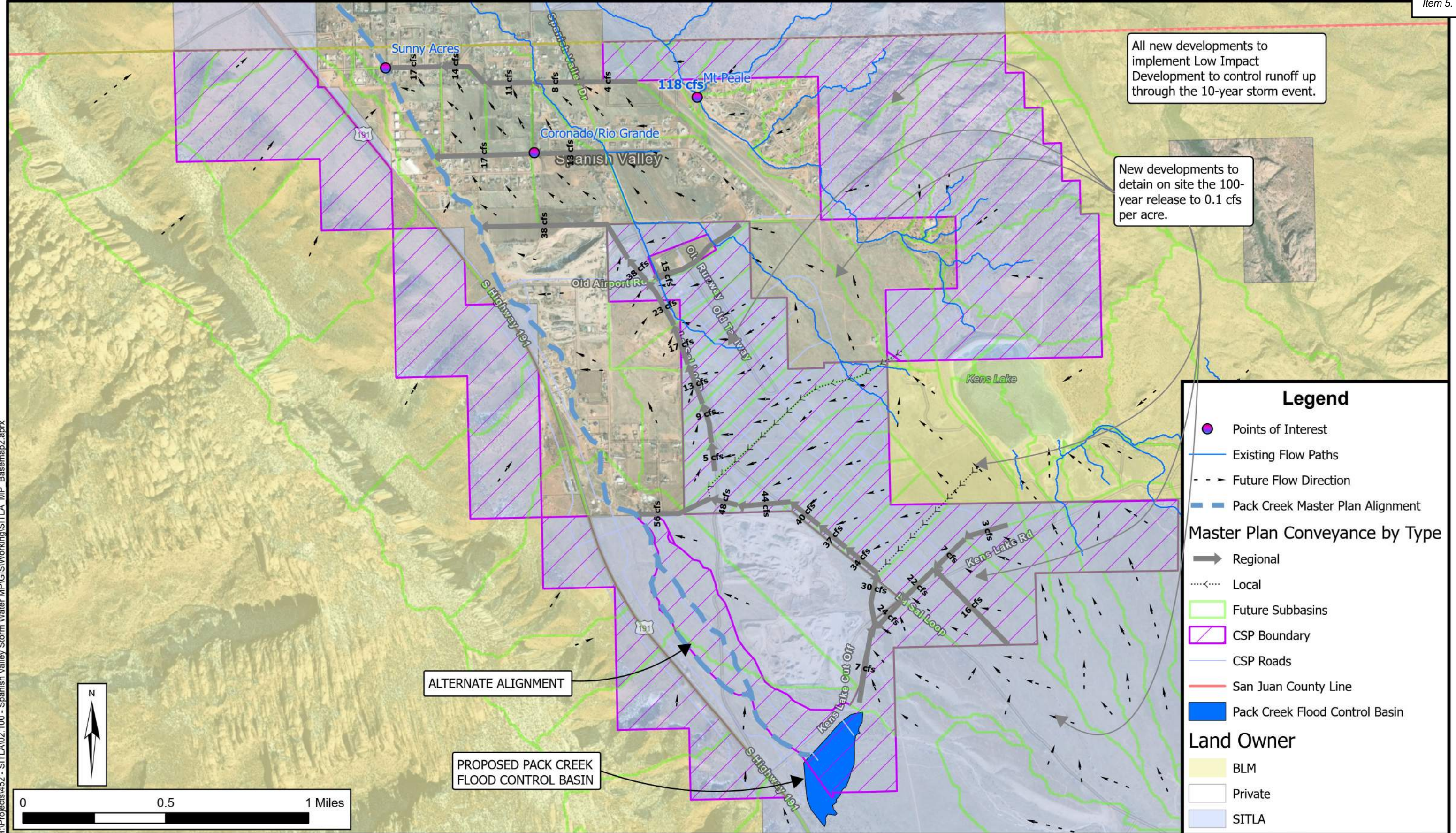
**CONCEPTUAL CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATES**

Construction cost estimates for the master plan conveyances and existing deficiencies on Mt. Peale Drive and Coronado Street are provided in **Table 4-2**. This cost estimate assumes that the local detention option is selected and that the Master Plan Conveyances are pipes.

**Table 4-2  
Conceptual Cost Estimates  
of the Master Plan Regional Storm Drainage Facilities**

| <b>PROJECT</b>                                  | <b>COST*</b> |
|---|--------------|
| Master Plan Conveyances                         | \$6,310,000  |
| Coronado (new outfall to Pack Creek)            | \$512,000    |
| Mt. Peale Drive (drainage crossing replacement) | \$102,000    |

\* Assumes that the local detention option is selected. Also assumes that Master Plan Conveyances are pipes. Includes 30% for contingency and engineering.

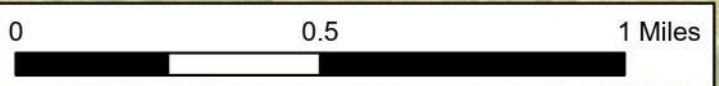


All new developments to implement Low Impact Development to control runoff up through the 10-year storm event.

New developments to detain on site the 100-year release to 0.1 cfs per acre.

ALTERNATE ALIGNMENT

PROPOSED PACK CREEK FLOOD CONTROL BASIN



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**STORM DRAINAGE MASTER PLAN  
 LOCAL DETENTION ALTERNATIVE**

**FIGURE  
 4-2**

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# Permit Report

03/04/2023 - 04/07/2023

| Permit # | Permit Date | City or County  | Residential or Commercial | Type of Permit   | Building CityStateZip | Owner Name     | Applicant Name                       | Parcel #     | Parcel Address        |
|----------|-------------|-----------------|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 23,039   | 4/6/2023    | San Juan County | Residential               | Addition         | MOAB UTAH 84532       |                | ROBERT WOOLSEY                       | 620000480    | 98 E MT PEALE         |
| 23,038   | 4/4/2023    | San Juan County | Residential               | New Construction | Moab, Utah 84532      |                | Edge Builders                        | 1430000010   | 33 RENEGADE RANCH RD  |
| 23,037   | 4/4/2023    | San Juan County | Residential               | New Construction | Monticello UT 84535   | Patrick Adams  | Patrick Adams                        | 33S25E322400 |                       |
| 23,036   | 4/2/2023    |                 |                           | New Construction | MOAB, UT 84532        |                | Sean McArthur                        | 26S22E354216 | 4316 SUNNY ACRES LANE |
| 23,035   | 3/30/2023   | San Juan County | Residential               | Addition/Remodel | 84532                 |                | Dwight Chapman                       | 000340020010 | 24 N CABRILLO ST      |
| 23,034   | 3/27/2023   | San Juan County |                           | Electrical       | Lasal, Utah 84530     |                | Ivan L Johnson                       |              |                       |
| 23,033   | 3/21/2023   | San Juan County | Residential               | Electrical       | Moab Utah 84532       |                | Ryan Ellis                           |              |                       |
| 23,032   | 3/17/2023   | San Juan County | Residential               | Electrical       | Moab, UT 84532        |                | Dana and Jeff Van Horn               |              |                       |
| 23,031   | 3/15/2023   | San Juan County | Residential               | New Construction | MOAB UT 84532         | jeffrey Krantz | AARON THOMPSON                       | 001490000210 | 112 CRIMSON CLIFFS DR |
| 23,026   | 3/13/2023   | San Juan County | Residential               | New Construction | Blanding, UT, 84511   |                | Chase Richmond                       | 36S22E361202 |                       |
| 23,025   | 3/8/2023    | San Juan County | Residential               | New Construction | 84530                 |                | Mark Thornberry                      | 001530000630 | 209 BOBBIE LANE       |
| 23,024   | 3/8/2023    | Town of Bluff   | Residential               | Addition/Remodel | Bluff, Utah 84512     |                | Curtis Martin dba Green Mountain Pro | C00290160040 | 680 S HWY 191         |
| 23,023   | 3/7/2023    | San Juan County | Residential               | New Construction | Blanding, UT, 84511   |                | Chase Richmond                       | 36S22E364205 |                       |
| 23,022   | 3/5/2023    | San Juan County | Residential               | New Construction | 84535                 | Peter Majewicz | Peter Majewicz                       | 34S24E120000 |                       |
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