## Board of Adjustment Staff Report

| SPECIAL USE PERMIT CASE NUMBER: | WSUP22-0022 (Dahlin SFD Grading) |
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| BRIEF SUMMARY OF REQUEST: | Major grading special use permit for the <br> construction of a new single-family <br> dwelling. |
| STAFF PLANNER: | Kat Oakley, Planner <br> Phone Number: 775.328.3628 <br> E-mail: koakley@washoecounty.gov |

## CASE DESCRIPTION

For hearing, discussion, and possible action to approve a special use permit for major grading associated with the construction of a single-family dwelling. The total grading proposed is 1,573 cubic yards of cut and 3,698 cubic yards of fill, with 34,277 square feet of disturbance.

Applicant / Property Stan \& Debra Dahlin Owner:
Location: 65 Will Sauer Rd
APN:
172-010-05
Parcel Size:
5.0009 acres

Master Plan:
Rural
Regulatory Zone:
General Rural
Area Plan:
South Valleys
Development Code: Authorized in Article 810, Special Use Permits


STAFF RECOMMENDATION
APPROVE
APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS
DENY

## POSSIBLE MOTION

I move that, after giving reasoned consideration to the information contained in the staff report and information received during the public hearing, the Washoe County Board of Adjustment approve with conditions Special Use Permit Case Number WSUP22-0022 for Stan \& Debra Dahlin with the conditions included as Exhibit A to this matter, having made all five findings in accordance with Washoe County Code Section 110.810.30.
(Motion with Findings on Page 10)

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## Special Use Permit

The purpose of a special use permit is to allow a method of review to identify any potential harmful impacts on adjacent properties or surrounding areas for uses that may be appropriate within a regulatory zone; and to provide for a procedure whereby such uses might be permitted by further restricting or conditioning them so as to mitigate or eliminate possible adverse impacts. If the Board of Adjustment grants an approval of the special use permit, that approval is subject to conditions of approval. Conditions of approval are requirements that need to be completed during different stages of the proposed project. Those stages are typically:

- Prior to permit issuance (i.e. a grading permit, a building permit, etc.)
- Prior to obtaining a final inspection and/or a certificate of occupancy on a structure
- Prior to the issuance of a business license or other permits/licenses
- Some conditions of approval are referred to as "operational conditions." These conditions must be continually complied with for the life of the business or project.
The conditions of approval for Special Use Permit Case Number WSUP22-0022 are attached to this staff report and will be included with the action order.
The subject property is designated as General Rural (GR). Setbacks in the GR regulatory zone are 30 feet from the front and rear property lines, and 50 feet from the side property lines. The proposed grading is permitted with a special use permit per WCC 110.438.35. The applicant is seeking approval of this SUP from the Board of Adjustment.




Aerial view

## Project Evaluation

The proposed grading is for the construction of a single-family dwelling, detached garage, and accessory structure. The subject property is characterized by steep slopes that range from approximately $5 \%$ to $55 \%$. An irrigation ditch situated within a 30 -foot easement also bifurcates the lot to the south of the proposed building site. Franktown creek runs directly south of the subject property, and a portion of the sensitive stream zone buffer area extends onto the property. The limits of disturbance for the proposed grading all fall north of these hydrological resources. The significant slopes in this area of the lot and the disturbed area greater than half an acre trigger the need for a special use permit.
All proposed slopes are $3: 1$ or less, in conformance with WCC110.438.45 (a). The largest difference between finished and natural grade is 9 feet-under the 10 -foot limit-and fill slopes fall outside of the setbacks. All proposed retaining walls are a maximum of 4 feet in height, which meets all requirements. The proposed cut does not exceed the height of the proposed structures, and the structures will screen at least $90 \%$ of the cut. In addition to the rockery walls, the applicant has proposed revegetation to stabilize all slopes. The proposed grading complies with all
standards, and conditions of approval 1.e and $1 . g$ ensure that completed grading will be curvilinear and be satisfactorily revegetated.

The proposed grading and use conform with the Master Plan and South Valleys Area Plan, a more detailed analysis of which can be found below. However, the property is also subject to the hillside development standards of Article 424.

## Hillside Development Standards

The subject property was created in 1997 by Parcel Map 3206 and more than $20 \%$ of the site contains slopes in excess of 15\%. It therefore is subject to Article 424, Hillside Development. The applicant provided all the materials required by WCC 110.424.15, which can be found in Exhibit F. Article 424 specifies criteria for an analysis of developable area, which is shown on the map below. Several characteristics can make an area "less suitable for development" as described in WCC 110.424.20 (c), among them slopes greater than $30 \%$, areas of landslides or landslide potential, and significant waterways. The subject property contains many such features, but has a significant contiguous developable area highlighted in green below that contains only small portions with slopes above $30 \%$. However, as the grading is currently proposed, a portion of the dwelling would encroach into the steeper hillside on the western side of the lot. That area is highlighted in red.


Per WCC 110.424.20 (d), development can be approved in areas considered less suitable for development in extenuating circumstances, so long as the purpose of Article 424 is not compromised, and other safety concerns specified in WCC 110.424 .20 (d) 1-6 are addressed. On

November 4, 2022, the applicant provided a memo justifying the need to build in slopes greater than 30\% (Exhibit F). The memo references the many constraints on the site and states that the proposed location of the house minimizes the number of mature trees that will need to be removed. The trees are the primary element within the developable area that could be considered an "extenuating circumstance." While the presence of trees in a mountainous area isn't unusual, it is a reasonable consideration that specifically aligns with the purpose of the hillside development standards as described in WCC 110.424.00 (f): "Minimizing impacts on existing trees and vegetation which reduce erosion, stabilize steep hillsides, enhance visual quality, protect water quality and preserve critical watershed recharge areas." Given that preserving existing vegetation is a stated intent of these standards and that a relatively small portion of the proposed development falls in areas with slopes over $30 \%$, staff considers the positioning of mature trees on the site an extenuating circumstance that fulfills the requirements of WCC 110.424 .20 (d). The applicant has further demonstrated in accordance with WCC 110.424.20 (d) 1-6 that the purpose of the article will be upheld, all slopes will be sufficiently stabilized, earthquake potential and rare or endangered species habitat has been considered, and significant landform features will be protected and preserved. Staff therefore has determined that the proposed grading meets all the standards of Article 424.

While the proposed development is on a steeper portion of the lot, it is situated away from hydrological resources which helps prevent potential detriment. The site is appropriate for a single-family dwelling, and the proposed grading provides the necessary facilities to accommodate the use. Overall, the plan took into consideration site characteristics and staff is recommending approval.

## Area Plan Evaluation

The subject parcel is located within the West Washoe Valley Rural Character Management Area of the South Valleys Area Plan. The following are the pertinent policies from the Area Plan:

Relevant Area Plan Policies Reviewed

| Policy | Brief Policy Description | Response | Condition of Approval |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| SV2.11 | Non-native vegetation shall be <br> used sparingly in landscaping. | Part of proposed <br> revegetation is native. | Condition 1.g |
| SV.15.5 | Washoe County Department of <br> Regional Parks and Open space <br> will review development <br> proposals for trail connections. | The proposal was reviewed <br> by Parks and Open Space; <br> no trails-related comments. | N/A |
| SV.18.3 | Granting of SUP's requires <br> finding that there will be no <br> significant degradation of air <br> quality. SUP's shall also be <br> reviewed by the Air Quality <br> Division. | The proposal was reviewed <br> by the Air Quality <br> Management Division; <br> provided comments <br> regarding compliance with <br> air quality regulations. | N/A |
| SV.19.3 | Development proposals shall <br> demonstrate wildfire risk <br> management. | The proposal was reviewed <br> by the Truckee Meadows <br> Fire Protection District; <br> provided a condition <br> regarding compliance with <br> fire codes. | Condition 4.a |

## Reviewing Agencies

The following agencies/individuals received a copy of the project application for review and evaluation.

| Agencies | Sent to <br> Review | Responded | Provided <br> Conditions | Contact |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| FS - Carson Ranger District | X |  |  |  |
| NDOW (Wildlife) | X |  |  |  |
| NV Water Resources | X |  |  |  |
| Washoe County Building \& Safety | X | X | X | Rosa Landis, rlandis@washoecounty.gov |
| Washoe County Engineering \& Capital Projects | X | x | X | Robert Wimer, rwimer@washoecounty.gov |
| Washoe County Land Development (All Apps) | X |  |  |  |
| Washoe County Parks \& Open Space | X | X | X | Joanne Lowden, jlowden@washoecounty.gov |
| Washoe County Sewer | X |  |  |  |
| Washoe County Traffic | X |  |  |  |
| Washoe County Water Resource Planning | X | X | $\rightarrow$ X | Steve Shell, sshell@water.nv.gov |
| Washoe County Water Rights <br> Manager (All Apps) | X | X |  | Timber Weiss, tweiss@washoecounty.gov |
| WCHD Air Quality | X | X |  | Genine Rosa, grosa@washoecounty.gov |
| WCHD EMS | X | X |  | Sabrina Brasuell, sbrasuell@washoecounty.gov |
| WCHD Environmental Health | X | X | X | James English, jenglish@washoecounty.gov |
| TMFPD | X | X | X | Dale Way, dway@tmfpd.us |
| Regional Transportation Commission (All Apps) | X |  |  |  |
| Washoe-Storey Conservation District (All Apps) | X | X |  | Jim Shaffer, shafferjam51@gmail.com |
| Truckee Meadows Water Authority | X |  |  |  |

All conditions required by the contacted agencies can be found in Exhibit A, Conditions of Approval.

## Staff Comment on Required Findings

WCC Section 110.810.30, Article 810, Special Use Permits, requires that all of the following findings be made to the satisfaction of the Washoe County Board of Adjustment before granting approval of the request. Staff has completed an analysis of the special use permit application and has determined that the proposal is in compliance with the required findings as follows.
(a) Consistency. That the proposed use is consistent with the action programs, policies, standards and maps of the Master Plan and the South Valleys Area Plan.
Staff Comment: The proposed grading is consistent with the Master Plan and the South Valleys Area Plan. Specifically, the grading will support the development of a single-family residence with sufficient mitigation of impacts, as described in the analysis on pages 6-8.
(b) Improvements. That adequate utilities, roadway improvements, sanitation, water supply, drainage, and other necessary facilities have been provided, the proposed improvements are properly related to existing and proposed roadways, and an adequate public facilities determination has been made in accordance with Division Seven.

Staff Comment: The subject property is currently served by Will Sauer Road and will need to dedicate water rights to develop a domestic well according to comments from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Surrounding lots contain single-family dwellings, and no reviewing agencies had any concerns about the provision of infrastructure in the area.
(c) Site Suitability. That the site is physically suitable for major grading and for the intensity of such a development.
Staff Comment: Over $80 \%$ of the property is made up of slopes $15 \%$ or greater. All proposed grading is consistent with the Washoe County Development Code and generally occurs in areas with slopes from $10 \%$ to $35 \%$. The applicant has demonstrated that there are extenuating circumstances that require grading in slopes over 30\%, having selected the site location to preserve more existing mature trees. The Washoe County Engineering Division reviewed the application and had no concerns about site suitability.
(d) Issuance Not Detrimental. That issuance of the permit will not be significantly detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare; injurious to the property or improvements of adjacent properties; or detrimental to the character of the surrounding area.

Staff Comment: Staff has received a number of comments from adjoining property owners, either neutral towards or supportive of the proposed grading. The Washoe County Engineering Division reviewed the application and had no concerns about public health, safety, or welfare. The majority of grading is occurring outside of the setbacks, and staff has proposed conditions to mitigate potential impacts. Furthermore, the grading conforms with all applicable standards, including those of Article 424 Hillside Development. Retaining walls and significant grading are common in the area.
(e) Effect on a Military Installation. Issuance of the permit will not have a detrimental effect on the location, purpose or mission of the military installation.

Staff Comment: There are no Military Installations within the noticing range; therefore, there will be no negative impacts.

## Recommendation

After a thorough analysis and review, Special Use Permit Case Number WSUP22-0022 is being recommended for approval with conditions. Staff offers the following motion for the Board's consideration.

## Motion

I move that, after giving reasoned consideration to the information contained in the staff report and information received during the public hearing, the Washoe County Board of Adjustment approve with conditions Special Use Permit Case Number WSUP22-0022 for Stan \& Debra Dahlin with the conditions included as Exhibit A to this matter, having made all five findings in accordance with Washoe County Code Section 110.810.30:
(a) Consistency. That the proposed use is consistent with the action programs, policies, standards and maps of the Master Plan and the South Valleys Area Plan;
(b) Improvements. That adequate utilities, roadway improvements, sanitation, water supply, drainage, and other necessary facilities have been provided, the proposed improvements are properly related to existing and proposed roadways, and an adequate public facilities determination has been made in accordance with Division Seven;
(c) Site Suitability. That the site is physically suitable for major grading and for the intensity of such a development;
(d) Issuance Not Detrimental. That issuance of the permit will not be significantly detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare; injurious to the property or improvements of adjacent properties; or detrimental to the character of the surrounding area;
(e) Effect on a Military Installation. Issuance of the permit will not have a detrimental effect on the location, purpose or mission of the military installation.

## Appeal Process

Board of Adjustment action will be effective 10 calendar days after the written decision is filed with the Secretary to the Board of Adjustment and mailed to the applicant, unless the action is appealed to the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners, in which case the outcome of the appeal shall be determined by the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners. Any appeal must be filed in writing with the Planning and Building Division within 10 calendar days from the date the written decision is filed with the Secretary to the Board of Adjustment Commission and mailed to the applicant.

Applicant/Owner: Stan and Debra Dahlin<br>debdahlin@gmail.com<br>Representatives: Andy Nolting anolting@roanderson.com<br>Cody Epperly cepperly@roanderson.com

## Conditions of Approval

Special Use Permit Case Number WSUP22-0022

The project approved under Special Use Permit Case Number WSUP22-0022 shall be carried out in accordance with the conditions of approval granted by the Board of Adjustment on December 1, 2022. Conditions of approval are requirements placed on a permit or development by each reviewing agency. These conditions of approval may require submittal of documents, applications, fees, inspections, amendments to plans, and more. These conditions do not relieve the applicant of the obligation to obtain any other approvals and licenses from relevant authorities required under any other act.

Unless otherwise specified, all conditions related to the approval of this special use permit shall be met or financial assurance must be provided to satisfy the conditions of approval prior to issuance of a grading or building permit. The agency responsible for determining compliance with a specific condition shall determine whether the condition must be fully completed or whether the applicant shall be offered the option of providing financial assurance. All agreements, easements, or other documentation required by these conditions shall have a copy filed with the County Engineer and the Planning and Building Division.

Compliance with the conditions of approval related to this special use permit is the responsibility of the applicant, his/her successor in interest, and all owners, assignees, and occupants of the property and their successors in interest. Failure to comply with any of the conditions imposed in the approval of the special use permit may result in the institution of revocation procedures.

Washoe County reserves the right to review and revise the conditions of approval related to this Special Use Permit should it be determined that a subsequent license or permit issued by Washoe County violates the intent of this approval.

For the purpose of conditions imposed by Washoe County, "may" is permissive and "shall" or "must" is mandatory.

Conditions of approval are usually complied with at different stages of the proposed project. Those stages are typically:

- Prior to permit issuance (i.e., grading permits, building permits, etc.).
- Prior to obtaining a final inspection and/or a certificate of occupancy.
- Prior to the issuance of a business license or other permits/licenses.
- Some " conditions of approval" are referred to as "operational conditions." These conditions must be continually complied with for the life of the project or business.

FOLLOWING ARE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL REQUIRED BY THE REVIEWING AGENCIES. EACH CONDITION MUST BE MET TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE ISSUING AGENCY.

## Washoe County Planning and Building Division

1. The following planning conditions are requirements of Planning and Building, which shall be responsible for determining compliance with these conditions.
Contact Name - Kat Oakley, Planner, 775.328.3628, koakley@washoecounty.gov
a. The applicant shall attach a copy of the action order approving this project to all permits and applications (including building permits) applied for as part of this special use permit.
b. The applicant shall demonstrate substantial conformance to the plans approved as part of this special use permit.
c. The applicant shall submit construction plans, with all information necessary for comprehensive review by Washoe County, and initial building permits shall be issued within two years from the date of approval by Washoe County. The applicant shall complete construction within the time specified by the building permits.
d. A note shall be placed on all construction drawings and grading plans stating:

## NOTE

Should any cairn or grave of a Native American be discovered during site development, work shall temporarily be halted at the specific site and the Sheriff's Office as well as the State Historic Preservation Office of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall be immediately notified per NRS 383.170.
e. The following notes shall be included on all grading plans:
i. All grading shall conform with WCC 110.438.45.g: "Utilize a gradual transition or "rounding or contouring" of the manufactured slope at the intersection of a manufactured cut or fill slope and a natural slope. Engineered slopes shall not intersect natural slopes at an angle greater than forty-five (45) degrees."
ii. All grading shall conform with WCC 110.438.45.h: "Visually integrate all slope faces (cut or fill) into the natural terrain by a gradual transition or "contouring/rounding" of the manmade landforms into the natural terrain. To the extent practicable ensure that hillside grading results in undulating naturalistic appearance, consistent with the surrounding undisturbed terrain."
iii. Rockery walls shall contain smaller rock in the voids of the face of the wall to reduce undermining by small animals.
f. Construction activities shall be limited to the hours between 7am to 7pm, Monday through Saturday only. Machinery shall not be started nor shall arrive on site prior to 7am. No construction activities shall take place on Sundays.
g. All disturbed slopes shall be landscaped with primarily native vegetation and/or revegetated with a seed mix reviewed by the Washoe Story Conservation District and approved by planning.
h. A slope stability and scarring mitigation plan, certificated by the project engineer, shall be reviewed and approved by the Director of Community Development and the Public Works Department prior to initiation of grading.
i. All vegetation removal shall comply with WCC 110.424.40 (b).
j. All terraces between retaining walls shall be revegetated.
2. The following building conditions are requirements of the Planning and Building Division, which shall be responsible for determining compliance with these conditions.
Contact Name - Rosa Landis, Plans Examiner, 775.328.2034, rlandis@washoecounty.gov
a. Please note that any retaining walls that are part of a global stabilization, more than $4^{\prime}$ in height (measured from bottom of footing to top of wall) or supporting a surcharge will
require permitting and engineering. Retaining walls must be constructed to meet the requirements of the 2018 IRC, 2018 IBC, and 2018 Northern Nevada Amendments. (Please note certain types of retaining walls require Special Inspection for their installation.)

## Washoe County Engineering and Capital Projects

3. The following conditions are requirements of the Engineering Division, which shall be responsible for determining compliance with these conditions.

## Contact Name - Robert Wimer, PE, 775.328.2059, rwimer@washoecounty.gov

a. A complete set of construction improvement drawings, including an on-site grading plan, shall be submitted when applying for a building/grading permit. Grading shall comply with best management practices (BMP's) and shall include detailed plans for grading, site drainage, erosion control (including BMP locations and installation details), slope stabilization, and mosquito abatement. Placement or removal of any excavated materials shall be indicated on the grading plan. Silts shall be controlled on-site and not allowed onto adjacent property.
b. For construction areas larger than 1 acre, the developer shall obtain from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection a Stormwater Discharge Permit or Waiver for construction and submit a copy to the Engineering Division prior to issuance of a grading permit.
c. The developer shall complete and submit the Construction Permit Submittal Checklist and pay the Construction Stormwater Inspection Fee prior to obtaining a grading permit. The County Engineer shall determine compliance with this condition.
d. Cross-sections indicating cuts and fills shall be submitted when applying for a grading permit. Estimated total volumes shall be indicated.
e. All disturbed areas left undeveloped for more than 30 days shall be treated with a dust palliative. Disturbed areas left undeveloped for more than 45 days shall be revegetated. Methods and seed mix must be approved by the County Engineer with technical assistance from the Washoe-Storey Conservation District. The applicant shall submit a revegetation plan to the Washoe-Storey Conservation District for review.
f. The following note shall be added to the construction drawings; "All properties, regardless if they are located within or outside of a FEMA designated flood zone, may be subject to flooding. The property owner is required to maintain all drainage easements and natural drainages and not perform or allow unpermitted and unapproved modifications to the property that may have detrimental impacts to surrounding properties."

## Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District

4. The following condition is a requirement of the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, which shall be responsible for determining compliance with this condition.

## Contact Name - Dale Way, Deputy Fire Chief, 775.326.6000, dway@tmfpd.us

a. This project shall meet and comply with all requirements of currently adopted TMFPD fire codes, ordinances, and standards at the time of construction to include infrastructure for fire apparatus access roads and water supply. https://tmfpd.us/fire-code/

## Washoe County Health District

5. The following condition is a requirement of the Health District, which shall be responsible for determining compliance with this condition. The District Board of Health has jurisdiction over all public health matters in the Health District. Any conditions set by the Health District must be appealed to the District Board of Health.
Contact Name - James English, EHS Supervisor, 775.328.2434, ienglish@washoecounty.gov
a. The application is for a parcel which is served by an onsite sewage disposal system and onsite domestic well.
b. If the application is approved, the applicant must meet all of the current regulatory requirements for the installation of a domestic well and onsite sewage disposal system for the proposed residence.
c. Approval of this special use permit in no way implies the approval of the location of home or proposed well or onsite sewage disposal system as proposed on the attached documents.

## Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space

6. The following condition is a requirement of Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space, which shall be responsible for determining compliance with this condition.
Contact Name - Joanne Lowden, Natural Resource Planner, 775.328.2039, ilowden@washoecounty.gov
a. All imported fill materials shall be "certified weed free" to prevent the spread of noxious and invasive weeds.
*** End of Conditions ***

| From: | Rosa, Genine |
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| Sent: | Thursday, September 15, 2022 2:38 PM |
| To: | Oakley, Katherine |
| Subject: | September Agency Review Memo II |

Special Use Permit Case Number WSUP22-0022 (Dahlin SFD Grading)
Any dust generating activity, regardless of size of disturbance, will be subject to the Washoe County District Board of Health Regulation Governing the Air Quality Management Division, 040.030 Dust Control. Except when engaged in commercial agricultural operations, no person may disturb the topsoil by removing, altering, or overlaying the ground cover through scraping, burning, excavating, storing of fill, application of palliative, or any other method on any real property unless reasonable precautions are taken to prevent generation of dust during both the active development phases and thereafter if the property is to remain unoccupied, unused, vacant or undeveloped.
If disturbance will be greater than 1 acre then a Dust Control Permit will be required prior to breaking ground, failure to do so may result in enforcement action resulting in a Notice of Violation with associated fines. For Dust Control Permit questions call AQMD at 775-784-7200 or visit www.OurCleanAir.com.
P.S. - Please be sure to click the link below and sign up to receive air quality news, updates, public notices and more via e-mail.

## Genine Rosa

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| From: | Landis, Rosa |
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| Sent: | Tuesday, September 27, 2022 1:27 PM |
| To: | Oakley, Katherine |
| Subject: | September Agency Review - Memorandum II, Items $2 \& 4$ |

Good afternoon Kat,
Here are my comments:
Item 4 - WSUP22-0022 (Dahlin SFD Grading)

- $\quad$ Please note that any retaining walls that are part of a global stabilization, more than 4 ' in height (measured from bottom of footing to top of wall) or supporting a surcharge will require permitting and engineering. Retaining walls must be constructed to meet the requirements of the 2018 IRC, 2018 IBC, and 2018 Northern Nevada Amendments. (Please note certain types of retaining walls require Special Inspection for their installation.)

Please let me know if you have any questions or need and additional information.
Thank you,


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Have some kudos to share about a Community Services Department employee or experience?
ESubmit a Nomination is

September 20, 2022
Washoe County Community Services Department
C/O Kat Oakley, Planner
1001 E Ninth Street, Bldg. A
Reno, NV 89512
RE: WSUP22-0022 Dahlin SFD Grading
Dear Kat,
In reviewing the special use permit for the construction of a single-family dwelling, the Conservation District has the following comments.

The District recommends the single-family dwelling exterior and roof material utilizes an earth tone color palette.

In the construction of the proposed rockery walls, place smaller rock in the voids of the face of the wall to reduce undermining by small animals.

Additionally, the applicant submits to the District for approval a vegetative plan prepared by a qualified professional that includes a seed mix based on soil type.

Thank you for providing us the opportunity to review the project that may have impacts on our natural resources and any questions call us at (775) 750-8272.

Sincerely,
Jim Shaffer

September 18, 2022

Washoe County Community Services
Planning and Development Division
RE: Dahlin SFD Grading; 172-010-05
Special Use Permit; WSUP22-0022

## Dear Washoe County Staff:

The following conditions are requirements of the Washoe County Health District, Environmental Health Division, which shall be responsible for determining compliance with these conditions.

Contact Name - James English - jenglish@washoecounty.us
a) Condition \#1: The application is for a parcel which is served by an onsite sewage disposal system and onsite domestic well.
b) Condition \#2: If the application is approved, the applicant must meet all of the current regulatory requirements for the installation of a domestic well and onsite sewage disposal system for the proposed residence.
c) Condition \#3: Approval of this special use permit in no way implies the approval of the location of home or proposed well or onsite sewage disposal system as proposed on the attached documents.

If you have any questions or would like clarification regarding the foregoing, please contact James English, EHS Supervisor at jenglish@washoecounty.us regarding all Health District comments.

Sincerely,


Environmental Health Services
Washoe County Health District

| From: | Program, EMS |
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| Sent: | Monday, September 19, 2022 10:30 AM |
| To: | Oakley, Katherine |
| Cc: | Program, EMS |
| Subject: | FW: September Agency Review Memo II |
| Attachments: | September Agency Review Memo II.pdf |

Good morning,
The EMS Program has reviewed the September Agency Review Memo II - Special Use Permit Case Number WSUP22-0022 (Dahlin SFD Grading) - and has no concerns or questions at this time based on the information provided.

Thank you,
Sabrina.

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Date: September 27, 2022
To: Kat Oakley, Planner
From: Robert Wimer, P.E., Licensed Engineer
Re: Special Use Permit for Dahlin Grading WSUP22-0022
APN 172-010-05

GENERAL PROJECT DISCUSSION

Washoe County Engineering staff has reviewed the above referenced application. The Special Use Permit is for the construction of a single family dwelling and is located on approximately five acres at the west side of Will Sauer Road, west of Franktown Road. The Engineering and Capital Projects Division recommends approval with the following comments and conditions of approval which supplement applicable County Code and are based upon our review of the site and the application prepared by RO Anderson Engineering, Inc. The County Engineer shall determine compliance with the following conditions of approval.

For questions related to sections below, please see the contact name provided.
GENERAL CONDITIONS
Contact Information: Robert Wimer, P.E. (775) 328-2059

1. A complete set of construction improvement drawings, including an on-site grading plan, shall be submitted when applying for a building/grading permit. Grading shall comply with best management practices (BMP's) and shall include detailed plans for grading, site drainage, erosion control (including BMP locations and installation details), slope stabilization, and mosquito abatement. Placement or removal of any excavated materials shall be indicated on the grading plan. Silts shall be controlled on-site and not allowed onto adjacent property.
2. For construction areas larger than 1 acre, the developer shall obtain from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection a Stormwater Discharge Permit or Waiver for construction and submit a copy to the Engineering Division prior to issuance of a grading permit.
3. The developer shall complete and submit the Construction Permit Submittal Checklist and pay the Construction Stormwater Inspection Fee prior to obtaining a grading permit. The County Engineer shall determine compliance with this condition.
4. Cross-sections indicating cuts and fills shall be submitted when applying for a grading permit. Estimated total volumes shall be indicated.
5. All disturbed areas left undeveloped for more than 30 days shall be treated with a dust palliative. Disturbed areas left undeveloped for more than 45 days shall be revegetated. Methods and seed mix must be approved by the County Engineer with technical assistance from the Washoe-Storey Conservation District. The applicant shall submit a revegetation plan to the Washoe-Storey Conservation District for review.

DRAINAGE (COUNTY CODE 110.416, 110.420, and 110.421)
Contact Information: Robert Wimer, P.E. (775) 328-2059

1. The following note shall be added to the construction drawings; "All properties, regardless if they are located within or outside of a FEMA designated flood zone, may be subject to flooding. The property owner is required to maintain all drainage easements and natural drainages and not perform or allow unpermitted and unapproved modifications to the property that may have detrimental impacts to surrounding properties."

TRAFFIC AND ROADWAY (COUNTY CODE 110.436)
Contact Information: Mitch Fink, (775) 328-2050

1. No traffic related comments.

UTILITIES (County Code 422 \& Sewer Ordinance)
Contact Information: Tim Simpson, P.E. (775) 954-4648

1. No utilities related comments.
TO: Katherine Oakley, Planner
FROM: Joanne Lowden, Natural Resource Planner
DATE: September 27, 2022

## SUBJECT: Special Use Permit Case Number WSUP22-0022 (Dahlin SFD Grading)



I have reviewed the application for case number WSUP22-0022 on behalf of the Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space Program (Parks Program) and prepared the following comments:

If approved, this special use permit would allow for major grading associated with the construction of a single family dwelling. The total grading proposed is 1,573 cubic yards of cut and 3,698 cubic yards of fill, with 34,277 sq. ft . of disturbance. The site is bordered on the west by public lands managed by the Forest Service.

Given these considerations, the Parks Program requires the following conditions of approval:

1. All imported fill materials shall be "certified weed free" to prevent the spread of noxious and invasive weeds.

| From: | Weiss, Timber A. |
| :--- | :--- |
| Sent: | Wednesday, September 28, 2022 10:42 AM |
| To: | Oakley, Katherine |
| Subject: | WSUP22-0022 Water Rights |

Hello,

No water rights comments for this SUP.

Thank you,


Timber Weiss, PE | Professional Engineer
Engineering \& Capital Projects Division | Community Services Department 1001 E. 9th Street, Bldg A Reno, NV 89512
tweiss@washoecounty.gov | Office Voice Mail: 775.954.4626 or 775.433.0769
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## From:

Sent:
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Subject:
Attachments:

Steve Shell [sshell@water.nv.gov](mailto:sshell@water.nv.gov)
Tuesday, November 1, 2022 9:49 AM
Oakley, Katherine
WSUP22-0022
Form - Relinquishment (2022).pdf
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NRS 534.350 Requirements for certain public water system to receive credits for addition of new customers to system.
3. If a county requires, by ordinance, the dedication to the county of a right to appropriate water from a domestic well which is located on a lot or other parcel of land that was established as a separate lot or parcel on or after July 1, 1993, the county may, by relinquishment to the State Engineer, allow the right to appropriate water to revert to the source of the water. The State Engineer shall not accept a relinquishment of a right to appropriate water pursuant to this subsection unless the right is in good standing as determined by the State Engineer. A right to appropriate water that is dedicated and relinquished pursuant to this subsection:
8. As used in this section:
(a) "Domestic well" means a well used for culinary and household purposes in:
(1) A single-family dwelling; and
(2) An accessory dwelling unit for a single-family dwelling if provided for in an applicable local ordinance,
$\rightarrow$ including the watering of a garden, lawn and domestic animals and where the draught does not exceed 2 acre-feet per year.
(b) "Public water system" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 445A.840.
(Added to NRS by 1993, 1154; A 2007, 847; 2011, 505)
Washoe County requires a relinquishment of 2.0 acre-feet annually from a permit in good standing before a domestic well can be drilled.
The parcel lies within Hydrographic Basin 89, Washoe Valley, and the permitted water right used for the relinquishment should also be from that same basin.
This parcel was created in 1996 and does not lie within an area designated by the State Engineer as being eligible for a Credit for Domestic Well.

As of June 1, 2021, the Office of the State Engineer is open to the public. Please call 684-2800 upon arrival and a representative will come down to escort you to our office.

## Steve Shell

Water Rights Specialist II
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Nevada Division of Water Resources
901 S. Stewart St., Suite 2002
Carson City, NV 89701
sshell@water.nv.gov
(O) 775-684-2836 | (F) 775-684-2811

NEVADA DIVISION
Nevada Department of
OF WATER RESOURCES

| From: | Way, Dale |
| :--- | :--- |
| Sent: | Friday, September 16, 2022 9:48 AM |
| To: | Oakley, Katherine |
| Cc: | Lemon, Brittany |
| Subject: | WSUP22-0022 (Dahlin SFD Grading) |

Kat,

TMFPD has no specific comments or special Conditions of Approval on this request.
"This project shall meet and comply with all requirements of currently adopted TMFPD fire codes, ordinances, and standards at the time of construction to include infrastructure for fire apparatus access roads and water supply." https://tmfpd.us/fire-code/.

Thank you.

## Dale Way

Deputy Fire Chief| Truckee Meadows Fire \& Rescue
dway@tmfpd.us | Office: 775.326-6000
3663 Barron Way, Reno, NV 89511

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| From: | Lemon, Brittany |
| :--- | :--- |
| Sent: | Wednesday, November 9, 2022 10:57 AM |
| To: | Oakley, Katherine |
| Cc: | Way, Dale |
| Subject: | FW: WSUP22-0022 (Dahlin Major Grading) - Updated Report |

Good Morning,

I did have an additional comment on this project.

The plans state that the building will be a wood frame house. The construction materials will need to meet the requirements of Ignition Resistant Construction Class 1 (IR1) required by the WUI code. This will be an item that the building department reviews but is important for them to know.

Thank you,

## Brittany Lemon

Fire Captain - Fire Prevention | Truckee Meadows Fire \& Rescue
blemon@tmfpd.us | Office: 775.326.6079 | Cell: 775.379.0584
3663 Barron Way, Reno, NV 89511


| From: | Debbie Dahlin [debdahlin@gmail.com](mailto:debdahlin@gmail.com) |
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| Sent: | Friday, September 30, 2022 8:31 AM |
| To: | Oakley, Katherine |
| Subject: | Fwd: approval |

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Hi Kat, This was one of the responses.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Beth Le Friant [beth.lefriant@yahoo.com](mailto:beth.lefriant@yahoo.com)
Subject: approval
Date: May 7, 2022 at 11:15:32 PM PDT
To: debbie dahlin [debdahlin@gmail.com](mailto:debdahlin@gmail.com)
To Whom it may concern:
Jacques and Mary Le Friant, co-trustees of the Jacques L. Le Friant and Mary E. Le Friant Family Trust dated May 20, 1976 have no objection to the issuance of a special grading permit necessary to construct the Dahlin home on Tax Parcel 172-010-05 which parcel borders the northern boundary of our three lots. We have reviewed the Dahlin's house plans and feel that their home will be an enhancement to our neighborhood.

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Tax Parcel 172-010-06
Tax Parcel 055-092-25
Tax Parce; 055-092-26

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## Re: Stan and Deb's home

Cathy Fawcett does not object to your retaining walls.

| From: | Dan Sodersten [tsr07@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tsr07@sbcglobal.net) |
| :--- | :--- |
| Sent: | Saturday, October 1, 2022 9:58 AM |
| To: | Oakley, Katherine |
| Subject: | Fw: Stan and Deb's home |

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Hi Kat - Debbie Dahlin emailed me and said she is trying to put together pieces of emails showing approval of their house plans. I found my comments and decided to send the entire email response directly to you. It is a little confusing because it addresses two issues - we are the Dahlin's direct neighbor to the north (there is a vacant lot between us) AND I am also the HOA's president. I address both comments in the email which may be different: our personal perspective and my comments as a representative of the HOA. It also said in Debbie's email that we can send our comments to you directly.

I just wanted you to have my complete response.
Thanks - Dan

Daniel Sodersten
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----- Forwarded Message -----
From: Debbie Dahlin [debdahlin@gmail.com](mailto:debdahlin@gmail.com)
To: Dan Sodersten [tsr07@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tsr07@sbcglobal.net)
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 at 12:20:22 PM PDT
Subject: Re: Stan and Deb's home
Thanks!

On Sep 30, 2022, at 11:34 AM, Dan Sodersten [tsr07@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tsr07@sbcglobal.net) wrote:

Debbie - not sure if this is the email you are talking about. I think this is the last one I sent you
Dan

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Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 11:45:02 AM PDT
Subject: Re: Stan and Deb's home
Hi Debbie - Not sure what you (or the county) want for approval - site location, retaining walls, etc. Sandy and I personally don't have any problem with the house location or the need for retaining walls (you may need several terraced based on the grade). I know your options are limited and you need to put the house in the best place for you.

The HOA as of right now has no comment on your house plans. This email had no attachment and the PDF file you sent a couple of weeks ago is either too small to read any of the measurements or the measurements were not on the drawing. We will need an official set of plans to see setbacks, etc. - we can return the plans after review if your copies are limited. As I mentioned before, based on the PDF file, the house looks very nice. The only issue there MAY be based on the drawing (I stress MAY because I do not the measurements) is the location relative to the North Lot Line (between Lots 6 and 7). The Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions says in Paragraph \#3.4.4 "Building Lot - An owner may build anywhere on the lot per Washoe County Code, but no closer than: seventy five (75) feet from the center of Will Sauer Rd. or thirty (30) feet from center property lines which adjoin lots" You may be over 30 feet from the lot line which makes this a non issue. You are also in a unique position because you own the other lot (\#6). If you completed a lot line adjustment with the county in effect creating one 10 acre lot then again, the greater than 30 foot setback is a non-issue. If you are keeping the 2 lots separate and you are closer than 30 feet from the lot line and you ever decide to sell the other lot, then this restriction would become applicable. There are a lot of "if's" there - Anyway, once the HOA has the plans, we can review if this is even an issue or not.

Best of luck on the project - Sandy and I are looking forward to having you as neighbors
Dan
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| From: | Debbie Dahlin [debdahlin@gmail.com](mailto:debdahlin@gmail.com) |
| :--- | :--- |
| Sent: | Monday, November 14, 2022 3:36 PM |
| To: | Oakley, Katherine |
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Date: May 8, 2022 at 7:17:24 AM PDT
To: Beth Le Friant [beth.lefriant@yahoo.com](mailto:beth.lefriant@yahoo.com)
Subject: Re: approval

Thank you

On May 8, 2022, at 12:15 AM, Beth Le Friant [beth.lefriant@yahoo.com](mailto:beth.lefriant@yahoo.com) wrote:

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## Public Notice Map

Pursuant to Washoe County Code Section 110.306.25 public notification consists of notification by mail of at least 30 separate property owners within a minimum 500-foot radius of the subject property. This proposal was noticed within a 1775 foot radius of the subject property, noticing 32 separate property owners.


NOTICING MAP

## $R O \Delta$ nderson

July 8, 2022

Washoe County Community Development
Planning Division
1001 E Ninth Street
Reno, NV 89512

## Major Grading Permit (Special Use Permit) Dahlin Residence 65 Will Sauer Road A.P.N. 172-010-05

To Whom it May Concern:
On behalf of the Owners, Stan and Debra Dahlin, please consider this letter our response to the requirements and special use permit findings necessary for the grading plan prepared in support of the development of a single-family home on the above-referenced parcel. The work contemplated within the grading plan has reached certain thresholds (analysis found below) triggering the need for a Major Grading Permit and corresponding Special Use Permit.

## Site Location and Characteristics

The project site is located at 65 Will Saver Road, within the South Valleys Area Plan. The parcel is five acres in size and is zoned General Residential (GR). The parcel is not within a primary flood plain per the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel No.
N32031 C335OG, dated March 16, 2009. The parcel was created as Parcel 7 of Parcel Map 3206 for the Heidenreich Family Trust, recorded on May 8, 1997. The creation of this parcel appears to pre-date Article 438 Grading Standards (Ordinance 1499 effective 11/2/2012). The Site Location is graphically depicted on the following Vicinity Map.


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Topography, Creeks, and Irrigation Facilities
The site topography is characterized by relatively steep slopes, and the parcel is bifurcated by one perennial creek and an ephemeral irrigation ditch. A 30 ' existing easement on each side of the Franktown Creek is located near the southerly property line. An existing irrigation ditch with 15' setbacks on either side runs, more or less, west to east through the center of the parcel. The area between the ditch and the creek is strewn with large boulderssuggesting either historic run-out(s) from avalanche(s) initiated at the head of the canyon or debris flows from large run-off events. For these reasons, this area was deemed unsafe for residential building purposes.

Additional physical features present additional administrative constraints such as the need for sanitary setbacks to the water courses that require the effluent from the individual sewage disposal system (ISDS) to be pumped and piped under the ditch to a disposal field located north of the irrigation ditch.

Therefore, the area that can reasonably accommodate homesite development is that portion of the site located north of the irrigation ditch. After removing the setbacks from this area, the buildable area is approximately 2.6 acres. An estimated $84 \%$ of the area features slopes greater than $15 \%$.

## Utilities

The site is served by electricity and telephone from Will Saver Road. There is neither a community water system nor a public sewer provided within 1.000 feet of the site. Therefore, a drilled and cased domestic well will provide residential water supply, and sewage treatment and disposal will be provided by an ISDS.

## Road Access

Will Sauer Road, a county-maintained rural road, provides paved access to the site.

## Section 110.438.35 Major Grading Permit Thresholds - Owner Response

(a) Major Grading Permits (Grading Requiring a Special Use Permit). A special use permit, pursuant to Article 810, is required for all major grading. Major grading is defined as "...any clearing, excavating, cutting, filling, grading, earthwork construction, earthen structures and storage of earth, including fills and embankments that meet or exceed any one or more of the following thresholds (for the purposes of this section the County Engineer shall determine the slope of the project area).":
(1) Grading on slopes of less than (flatter than) fifteen (15) percent:
(i) Area:
(A) Grading of an area of one (1) acre (43,560 square feet) or more on parcels less than six (6) acres in size; or

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(B) Grading of twenty (20) percent or more (up to a maximum of four (4) acres) of the area of the parcel on parcels six (0) acres or greater in size: or
(C) Grading of an area of more than four (4) acres on a parcel of any size; or
(ii) Volume:
(A) Excavation of five thousand $(5,000)$ cubic yards or more whether the material is intended to be permanently located on the project site or temporarily stored on a site for relocation to another, final site, or;
(B) Importation of five thousand $(5,000)$ cubic yards or more whether the material is intended to be permanently located on the project site or temporarily stored on a site for relocation to another, final site; or
(2) Grading on slopes of fifteen (15) percent or greater (steeper):
(i) Area:
(A) Grading of one-half (0.5) acre (21.780 square feet) or more on parcels less than six (6) acres in size; or
(B) Grading of ten (10) percent or more of the area of the parcel on parcels six (6) acres or greater in size; or
(C) Grading of more than two (2) acres on any size parcel; or
(iii) Volume:
(A) Excavation of one thousand $(1,000)$ cubic yards or more whether the material is intended to be permanently located on the project site or temporarily stored on a site for relocation to another, final site, or:
(B) Importation of one thousand $(1,000)$ cubic yards or more whether the material is intended to be permanently located on the project site or temporarily stored on a site for relocation to another, final site; or
(3) Any driveway or road that traverses any slope of thirty (30) percent or greater (steeper); or
(4) Grading to construct a permanent earthen structure greater than four and one-half (4.5) feet in height within the required front yard setback, or greater than six ( 6 ) feet in height on the remainder of the property. The height of an earthen structure is measured from existing grade at the time of permit issuance; or
(5) Grading within a special flood hazard area that results in importation and placement of more than one thousand ( 1,000 ) cubic yards of fill material: or
(6) The creation of a dam structure that holds (retains) more than twenty-five thousand $(25,000)$ cubic feet of water; or
(7) Any grading in the Critical Stream Zone Buffer Area (CSZBA) of any Significant Hydrologic Resource (SHR) as defined by Article 418, Significant Hydrologic Resources.

## Response to Grading Standard Requirements

As noted above, the Owner's property is physically and administratively constrained by slopes, existing water courses, and what is seemingly a potential avalanche run-out area. The planned site improvements together with the grading required to meet the county's adopted standards (e.g., maximum 3:1 ( $\mathrm{H}: \mathrm{V}$ ) fill slopes, maximum height of retaining walls, etc.) result in a disturbed area greater than $1 / 2$-acre; thus, a Major Grading Permit is required per Section 110.438.35.

In the grading design, professional care and prudence was taken to protect and safeguard life, property, and the public welfare by minimizing the area of disturbance to the extent feasible while observing planning and sanitary setbacks and using maximum driveway slopes all while locating the home for the property owner to realize the natural views available from this site. The requirements of Article 438 Grading Standards and more specifically Section 110.438.45 Grading of Slopes, Section 110.438.50 Cuts, Section 110.438.55 Fills, Section 110.438.60 Setbacks, Section 110.438 .65 Drainage and Terracing and Section 110.438.70 Erosion Control were accounted for in the final design.

## Response to Site Constraints expressed through the Proposed Grading Plan

To address the noted site constraints, the design of the residence and site improvements incorporate numerous elements to minimize site disturbance and earthwork requirements. Some of these elements include incorporating a daylight basement design having a $10^{\prime}$ drop to account for the existing slopes and minimize grading required; detaching the garage and shop to site them at varying elevations from the residence in recognition of the natural grade; orienting the primary axis of the home parallel to the existing topography thereby reducing required cuts and fills; and, observing the county's adopted grading standards (e.g., maximum slopes, retaining wall heights, etc.). Furthermore, the grading design seeks to balance cuts and fills to avoid the need to export soil materials from the site. Additionally, the slope of the planned driveway is less than 10 -percent and, where possible, is oriented parallel with the elevation contours, again, to minimize required cut and fill slopes. Finally, the depth of the back yard area has been minimized and rockery walls implemented to lessen cut slopes to the extent possible while observing the $3: 1$ slope limit.

## Major Grading Special Use Permit Findings

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Section 110.810 .30 Findings. Prior to approving an application for a special use permit, the Planning Commission, Board of Adjustment or a hearing examiner shall find that all of the following are true. The owner's response to each of the required findings are provided below.
(a) Consistency. The proposed use is consistent with the action programs, policies, standards and maps of the Master Plan and the applicable area plan;

Response: This application does not seek to modify or change in any way the adopted policies, standards, or maps of either the local Area Plan or the county-wide master plan.
(b) Improvements. Adequate utilities, roadway improvements, sanitation, water supply, drainage, and other necessary facilities have been provided, the proposed improvements are properly related to existing and proposed roadways, and an adequate public facilities determination has been made in accordance with Division Seven:

Response: As demonstrated above, utilities, access, water supply, domestic sewage treatment and disposal facilities have been addressed professionally for this planned residence in manners consistent with good engineering practice as for nearby sites and residences in this part of the county.
(c) Site Suitability. The site is physically suitable for the type of and intensity of development;

Response: With the professional design elements and considerations included in the proposed architecture and site grading design, the site is physically suitable for the proposed use and the physical site and administrative constraints hove been addressed consistent with the county's expressed purposes of safeguarding life, property, and public welfare.
(d) Issuance Not Detrimental. Issuance of the permit will not be significantly detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare; injurious to the property or improvements of adjacent properties; or detrimental to the character of the surrounding area; and

Response: As designed the planned site improvements and grading elements serve to ensure that the public health, safety and general welfare have been professionally considered and addressed; the improvements and proposed use will not prove to be injurious to the property or adjacent properties nor detrimental to the character of the surrounding area.

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(e) Effect on a military Installation. Issuance of the permit will not have a detrimental effect on the location, purpose or mission of the military installation.

Response: This site is not proximate to any military installation. Therefore, approval of the requested special use permit will have no effect on such facilities.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this special use permit request. As you review these responses and the project's design should you have any questions or require any clarifications, we trust you will not hesitate to contact us. Sincerely,
R.O. ANDERSON ENGINEERING, INC.


Robert O. Anderson, PE, CFM, WRS randerson@roanderson.com 775.215 .5026

## Attachments

cc. Stan and Debra Dahlin


## Washoe Country Development Application

Your entire application is a public record. If you have a concern about releasing personal information, please contact Planning and Building staff at 775.328.6100.

| Project Information |  | Staff Assigned Case No.: |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Project Name: DAHLIN RESIDENCE |  |  |  |
| ProjectDescription: NEW RESIDENCE |  |  |  |
| Project Address: 65 WILL SAUER ROAD, NEW WASHOE CITY, NV 89704 |  |  |  |
| Project Area (acres or square feet): 34,289 SQ. FT. / . 79 acres / Grading Area |  |  |  |
| Project Location (with point of reference to major cross streets AND area locator): OLD US 395 |  |  |  |
| Assessor's Parcel No.(s): | Parcel Acreage: | Assessor's Parcel No.(s): | Parcel Acreage: |
| 172-010-05 | 5.0009 |  |  |
| Indicate any previous Washoe County approvals associated with this application: Case No.(s). |  |  |  |
| Applicant Information (attach additional sheets if necessary) |  |  |  |
| Property Owner: |  | Professional Consultant: |  |
| Name: STAN \& DEBRA DAHLIN |  | Name: ANDY NOLTING |  |
| Address: P.O. BOX 370 |  | Address: 1603 ESMERALDA AVE. |  |
| HILMAR, CA | Zip: 95324 | MINDEN, NV | ip: 89423 |
| Phone:209.605.3133 | Fax: | Phone:775.782.2322 | ax: |
| Email: DEBDAHLIN@GMAIL.COM |  | Email: ANOLTING@ROANDERSON.CO\# |  |
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| Applicant/Developer: |  | Other Persons to be Contacted: |  |
| Name: STAN \& DEBRA DAHLIN |  | Name: N/A |  |
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| Date Received: | Initial: | Planning Area: |  |
| County Commission District |  | Master Plan Designation(s): |  |
| CAB (s): |  | Regulatory Zoning(s): |  |

## Special Use Permit Application <br> Supplemental Information

(All required information may be separately attached)

1. What is the project being requested?

DAHLIN SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE
2. Provide a site plan with all existing and proposed structures (e.g. new structures, roadway improvements, utilities, sanitation, water supply, drainage, parking, signs, etc.)

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PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SITE PLAN
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3. What is the intended phasing schedule for the construction and completion of the project?

WILL BE COMPLETED IN ONE PHASE - SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE
4. What physical characteristics of your location and/or premises are especially suited to deal with the impacts and the intensity of your proposed use?

SEE ATTACHED LETTER PROVIDING PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND ANALYSIS
5. What are the anticipated beneficial aspects or affects your project will have on adjacent properties and the community?

SEE ATTACHED LETTER PROVIDING PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND ANALYSIS
6. What are the anticipated negative impacts or affect your project will have on adjacent properties? How will you mitigate these impacts?

NO NEGATIVE IMPACT - SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE
7. Provide specific information on landscaping, parking, type of signs and lighting, and all other code requirements pertinent to the type of use being purposed. Show and indicate these requirements on submitted drawings with the application.

N/A
8. Are there any restrictive covenants, recorded conditions, or deed restrictions (CC\&Rs) that apply to the area subject to the special use permit request? (If so, please attach a copy.)

| $\square$ Yes | $\square$ No |
| :--- | :--- |

9. Utilities:

| a. Sewer Service | NO - SEPTIC |
| :--- | :--- |
| b. Electrical Service | YES |
| c. Telephone Service | YES |
| d. LPG or Natural Gas Service | YES |
| e. Solid Waste Disposal Service | YES |
| f. Cable Television Service | YES |
| g. Water Service | NO - WELL |

For most uses, Washoe County Code, Chapter 110, Article 422, Water and Sewer Resource Requirements, requires the dedication of water rights to Washoe County. Please indicate the type and quantity of water rights you have available should dedication be required.

| h. Permit \# |  | acre-feet per year |  |
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| i. Certificate \# |  | acre-feet per year |  |
| j. Surface Claim \# |  | acre-feet per year |  |
| k. Other \# |  | acre-feet per year |  |

Title of those rights (as filed with the State Engineer in the Division of Water Resources of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources).

NOT APPLICABLE: THE PROPERTY IS AN EXISTING PARCEL WITH THE RIGHT TO DRILL A DOMESTIC WELL.
10. Community Services (provided and nearest facility):

| a. Fire Station | TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE STATION 30 |
| :--- | :--- |
| b. Health Care Facility | CARSON TAHOE HEALTH CARE |
| c. Elementary School | PLEASANT VALLEY |
| d. Middle School | HERZ |
| e. High School | DAMONTE RANCH |
| f. Parks | BOWERS MANSION, WILSON COMMON PARK POND |
| g. Library | SOUTH VALLEYS LIBRARY |
| h. Citifare Bus Stop | Mount Rose NV Bus Station |

## Special Use Permit Application for Grading <br> Supplemental Information

(All required information may be separately attached)

1. What is the purpose of the grading?

SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE
2. How many cubic yards of material are you proposing to excavate on site?
$1,573.10$ cubic yards of material
3. How many square feet of surface of the property are you disturbing?

34,277 square feet will be disturbed
4. How many cubic yards of material are you exporting or importing? If none, how are you managing to balance the work on-site?

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2,124.83 cubic yards
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5. Is it possible to develop your property without surpassing the grading thresholds requiring a Special Use Permit? (Explain fully your answer.)

This application is for a Special Use Permit for grading. An estimated $84 \%$ of the buildable area features slopes greater than 15\%.
6. Has any portion of the grading shown on the plan been done previously? (If yes, explain the circumstances, the year the work was done, and who completed the work.)

No
7. Have you shown all areas on your site plan that are proposed to be disturbed by grading? (If no, explain your answer.)

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YES
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8. Can the disturbed area be seen from off-site? If yes, from which directions and which properties or roadways?

Yes, it can be seen from Will Sauer Road and neighboring properties from above and below.
9. Could neighboring properties also be served by the proposed access/grading requested (i.e. if you are creating a driveway, would it be used for access to additional neighboring properties)?
NO
10. What is the slope (horizontal/vertical) of the cut and fill areas proposed to be? What methods will be used to prevent erosion until the revegetation is established?

NATIVE REVEGETATION ON ALL SLOPES AND EROSION CONTROL FIBER ROLLS WILL BE USED DURING CONSTRUCTION TO PREVENT EROSION.
11. Are you planning any berms?

Yes $\quad$ No $\sqrt{ }$ If yes, how tall is the berm at its highest?
12. If your property slopes and you are leveling a pad for a building, are retaining walls going to be required? If so, how high will the walls be and what is their construction (i.e. rockery, concrete, timber, manufactured block)?

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YES, 4' OR LESS ROCKERY WALLS
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13. What are you proposing for visual mitigation of the work?

It is our understanding that the neighbors do not oppose a home being built. The buildings will use earth tones to match the surrounding area.
14. Will the grading proposed require removal of any trees? If so, what species, how many and of what size?

YES, 13 or more evergreen trees will be removed
15. What type of revegetation seed mix are you planning to use and how many pounds per acre do you intend to broadcast? Will you use mulch and, if so, what type?

Comstock Seed Custom Home Reseed Mixture or approved equal.
16. How are you providing temporary irrigation to the disturbed area?

Water is on-site. Temporary irrigation will be done manually.
17. Have you reviewed the revegetation plan with the Washoe Storey Conservation District? If yes, have you incorporated their suggestions?

NO
18. Are there any restrictive covenants, recorded conditions, or deed restrictions (CC\&Rs) that may prohibit the requested grading?

| Yes |  | No | $\downarrow$ | If yes, please attach a copy. |
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October 27, 2022

Washoe County Community Development
Planning Division
1001 E Ninth Street
Reno, NV 89512

Hillside Development<br>Dahlin Residence 65 Will Sauer Road A.P.N. 172-010-05

To Whom It May Concern:
On behalf of the Owners, Stan and Debra Dahlin, please consider this letter our response to the requirements and special use permit findings necessary for the grading plan prepared in support of the development of a single-family home on the above-referenced parcel. The work contemplated within the grading plan has reached certain thresholds (analysis found below) triggering the need for a Major Grading Permit and corresponding Special Use Permit.

## Site Location and Characłeristics

The project site is located at 65 Will Saver Road, within the South Valleys Area Plan. The parcel is five acres in size and is zoned General Residential (GR). The parcel is not within a primary flood plain per the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel No.
N32031C335OG, dated March 16, 2009. The parcel was created as Parcel 7 of Parcel Map 3206 for the Heidenreich Family Trust, recorded on May 8, 1997. The creation of this parcel appears to pre-date Article 438 Grading Standards (Ordinance 1499 effective 11/2/2012). The Site Location is graphically depicted on the following Vicinity Map.


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## Topography, Creeks, and Irrigation Facilities

The site topography is characterized by relatively steep slopes, and the parcel is bifurcated by one perennial creek and an ephemeral irrigation ditch. A 30' existing easement on each side of the Franktown Creek is located near the southerly property line. An existing irrigation ditch with 15' setbacks on either side runs, more or less, west to east through the center of the parcel. The area between the ditch and the creek is strewn with large boulderssuggesting either historic run-out(s) from avalanche(s) initiated at the head of the canyon or debris flows from large run-off events. For these reasons, this area was deemed unsafe for residential building purposes.

Additional physical features present additional administrative constraints such as the need for sanitary setbacks to the water courses that require the effluent from the individual sewage disposal system (ISDS) to be pumped and piped under the ditch to a disposal field located north of the irrigation ditch.

Therefore, the area that can reasonably accommodate homesite development is that portion of the site located north of the irrigation ditch. After removing the setbacks from this area, the buildable area is approximately 2.6 acres. An estimated $84 \%$ of the area features slopes greater than $15 \%$.

## Utilities

The site is served by electricity and telephone from Will Saver Road. There is neither a community water system nor a public sewer provided within 1,000 feet of the site. Therefore, a drilled and cased domestic well will provide residential water supply, and sewage treatment and disposal will be provided by an ISDS.

## Road Access

Will Saver Road, a private road maintained by the Will Saver Road Association, provides access to the site.

## Section 110.438.35 Major Grading Permit Thresholds - Owner Response

(a) Major Grading Permits (Grading Requiring a Special Use Permit). A special use permit, pursuant to Article 810, is required for all major grading. Major grading is defined as "...any clearing, excavating, cutting, filling, grading, earthwork construction, earthen structures and storage of earth, including fills and embankments that meet or exceed any one or more of the following thresholds (for the purposes of this section the County Engineer shall determine the slope of the project area).":
(1) Grading on slopes of less than (flatter than) fifteen (15) percent:
(i) Area:

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(A) Grading of an area of one (1) acre (43,560 square feet) or more on parcels less than six (6) acres in size; or
(B) Grading of twenty (20) percent or more (up to a maximum of four (4) acres) of the area of the parcel on parcels six (6) acres or greater in size; or
(C) Grading of an area of more than four (4) acres on a parcel of any size; or
(ii) Volume:
(A) Excavation of five thousand $(5,000)$ cubic yards or more whether the material is intended to be permanently located on the project site or temporarily stored on a site for relocation to another, final site, or;
(B) Importation of five thousand $(5,000)$ cubic yards or more whether the material is intended to be permanently located on the project site or temporarily stored on a site for relocation to another, final site; or
(2) Grading on slopes of fifteen (15) percent or greater (steeper):
(i) Area:
(A) Grading of one-half (0.5) acre (21,780 square feet) or more on parcels less than six (6) acres in size; or
(B) Grading of ten (10) percent or more of the area of the parcel on parcels six (6) acres or greater in size; or
(C) Grading of more than two (2) acres on any size parcel; or
(iii) Volume:
(A) Excavation of one thousand $(1,000)$ cubic yards or more whether the material is intended to be permanently located on the project site or temporarily stored on a site for relocation to another, final site, or;
(B) Importation of one thousand $(1,000)$ cubic yards or more whether the material is intended to be permanently located on the project site or temporarily stored on a site for relocation to another, final site; or
(3) Any driveway or road that traverses any slope of thirty (30) percent or greater (steeper); or
(4) Grading to construct a permanent earthen structure greater than four and one-half (4.5) feet in height within the required front yard setback, or greater than six (6) feet in height

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on the remainder of the property. The height of an earthen structure is measured from existing grade at the time of permit issuance; or
(5) Grading within a special flood hazard area that results in importation and placement of more than one thousand $(1,000)$ cubic yards of fill material; or
(6) The creation of a dam structure that holds (retains) more than twenty-five thousand $(25,000)$ cubic feet of water; or
(7) Any grading in the Critical Stream Zone Buffer Area (CSZBA) of any Significant Hydrologic Resource (SHR) as defined by Article 418, Significant Hydrologic Resources.

## Response to Grading Standard Requirements

As noted above, the Owner's property is physically and administratively constrained by slopes, existing water courses, and what is seemingly a potential avalanche run-out area. The planned site improvements together with the grading required to meet the county's adopted standards (e.g., maximum $3: 1(\mathrm{H}: \mathrm{V}$ ) fill slopes, maximum height of retaining walls, etc.) result in a disturbed area greater than $1 / 2$-acre; thus, a Major Grading Permit is required per Section 110.438.35.

In the grading design, professional care and prudence was taken to protect and safeguard life, property, and the public welfare by minimizing the area of disturbance to the extent feasible while observing planning and sanitary setbacks and using maximum driveway slopes all while locating the home for the property owner to realize the natural views available from this site. The requirements of Article 438 Grading Standards and more specifically Section 110.438.45 Grading of Slopes, Section 110.438.50 Cuts, Section 110.438.55 Fills, Section 110.438.60 Setbacks, Section 110.438.65 Drainage and Terracing, and Section 110.438.70 Erosion Control were accounted for in the final design.

## Major Grading Special Use Permit Findings

Section 110.810.30 Findings. Prior to approving an application for a special use permit, the Planning Commission, Board of Adjustment or a hearing examiner shall find that all of the following are true. The owner's response to each of the required findings are provided below.
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Response: This application does not seek to modify or change in any way the adopted policies, standards, or maps of either the local Area Plan or the county-wide master plan.
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proposed improvements are properly related to existing and proposed roadways, and an adequate public facilities determination has been made in accordance with Division Seven;

Response: As demonstrated above, utilities, access, water supply, domestic sewage treatment and disposal facilities have been addressed professionally for this planned residence in manners consistent with good engineering practice as for nearby sites and residences in this part of the county.
(c) Site Suitability. The site is physically suitable for the type of and intensity of development:

Response: With the professional design elements and considerations included in the proposed architecture and site grading design, the site is physically suitable for the proposed use and the physical site and administrative constraints have been addressed consistent with the county's expressed purposes of safeguarding life, property, and public welfare.
(d) Issuance Not Detrimental. Issuance of the permit will not be significantly detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare; injurious to the property or improvements of adjacent properties; or detrimental to the character of the surrounding area; and

Response: As designed the planned site improvements and grading elements serve to ensure that the public health, safety and general welfare have been professionally considered and addressed; the improvements and proposed use will not prove to be injurious to the property or adjacent properties nor detrimental to the character of the surrounding area.
(e) Effect on a Military Installation. Issuance of the permit will not have a detrimental effect on the location, purpose or mission of the military installation.

Response: This site is not proximate to any military installation. Therefore, approval of the requested special use permit will have no effect on such facilities.

## Constraint and Mitigation Analysis

The 5.01-acre Site is located along the west side of Will Saver Road, a paved private road. The parcel south of the Site is developed with a single-family home, as is the property across the street on the east side of Will Saver Road. The parcel adjacent to the north is undeveloped, as is the U.S. Forest Service property adjacent to the western boundary of the Site.

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## View from area roads/highways

The residences surrounding the lot are not visible from any roadway, be it Franktown Road, Old U.S. Hwy 395 or U.S. Hwy 395 as shown in the images below.

Photo 1: View from Old Hwy 395 - Site behind ridge and trees


Photo 2: View from Franktown Road - Site below ridge line


Photo 3: View from Hwy 395 - Site below ridgeline


## View from the site to nearby roads and highways

These photos illustrate that residences in the general area of the project site are not visible from any road within one mile from the site.

Photo 4: Viewshed from Will Sauer Road to project site
Will Saver Rd is identified in the foreground of this image - which faces the project site.


Photo 5: Viewshed from building site to Will Sauer Road
Will Saver Rd is identified behind the tree on the large tree on the left.


## Identified Development Site

The 5.01-acre Site is located along the west side of Will Saver Road, a paved private road. The parcel south of the Site is developed with a single-family home, as is the property across the street on the east side of Will Saver Road. The parcel adjacent to the north is undeveloped, as is the U.S. Forest Service property adjacent to the western boundary of the Site.

The Owner is proposing to develop a single-family home, detached garage, and accessory shop building along with driveway, well, and septic system improvements-all located


Figure 1: Proposed area of development

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within the northern portion of the Site as shown in Figure 1.

## Mitigation per Proposed Grading Plan

As discussed above, the site is constrained by topography, creeks, and irrigation facilities. To address the noted site constraints, the design of the residence and site improvements incorporate numerous elements to minimize site disturbance and earthwork requirements. Some of these elements include incorporating a daylight basement design having a 10' drop to account for the existing slopes and minimize grading required; detaching the garage and shop to site them at varying elevations from the residence in recognition of the natural grade; orienting the primary axis of the home parallel to the existing topography thereby reducing required cuts and fills; and, observing the county's adopted grading standards (e.g., maximum slopes, retaining wall heights, etc.).

Furthermore, the grading design seeks to balance cuts and fills to avoid the need to export soil materials from the site. Additionally, the slope of the planned driveway is less than 10 percent and, where possible, is oriented parallel with the elevation contours, again, to minimize required cut and fill slopes. Finally, the depth of the back yard area has been minimized and rockery walls implemented to lessen cut slopes to the extent possible while observing the $3: 1$ slope limit.

The Slope Analysis below (see also Attachment A) illustrates the percentage of sloped areas by color. The proposed building footprints are outlined in the upper left corner of the drawing.

## Determination of Developable Area

The minimum and maximum slopes on the proposed project site range from $0 \%$ to $65 \%$. The applicant seeks approval to include a portion of the residential footprint primarily within an area identified as having a $30 \%$ to $65 \%$ slope. This site, however, was chosen to avoid areas with landslide potential (at the back of the property), existing streams, and irrigation facilities. As discussed below under Environmental Considerations, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service IPac System, there is no designated critical habitat for the five federally protected species with the potential to occur near the Site. The geotechnical report included with this submittal found no fault zones on the project site; however, the report acknowledges that the site is within an active earthquake area and provides general recommendations to mitigate their impact.

The site plan set includes the partial site grading plan and condensed slope analysis.


Figure 2: Slopes Table

## Environmental Considerations

## Community Types and Existing Vegetation

The Site is composed primarily of Ponderosa pines (Pinus jeffreyi), upland scrub-shrub dominated by big basin sagebrush (Artemisia tridentata v. tridentata, UPL), Rabbitbrush (Chrysothamnus) and Manzanita (Arctostaphylos patula). The commonly observed herbaceous and grass species included Cheatgrass (Bromus tectorum L.).

## Hydrological Conditions

Based on Washoe County GIS data, approximately 6,700 square feet ( 0.15 acre) of the Site is located within primary flood plan (Zone "A") attributed to Franktown Creek (reference Figure 2). Franktown Creek is an intermittent stream formed from the discharge of the Hobart Creek Reservoir. The stream flows west to northeast near the Site and ultimately exits at Washoe Lake.

The balance of the Site is located outside of the 500 -year flood plain (Zone " $X$ " Unshaded).


Figure 3: Floodplain Illustration
GIS data indicates that the flowline of Franktown Creek is not located on the Site; however, the buffer area identified in GIS as a "Regulated Waterway" is located within the property boundary (reference Figure 3). This area is approximately 40,000 square feet ( 0.92 acres). . The proposed developed portions of the Site are located outside of the Franktown Creek buffer area and the primary flood plain.

The National Wetland Inventory (NWI) maps a small portion of the southwest corner of the Site as Riverine Habitat/Intermittent Stream (reference Figure 4). This area is not proposed for development. No other wetlands or aquatic resources were mapped by the NWI. See Figure 4 below.


Figure 4: Wetland Area

## Habitat areas for Rare or Endangered species

The U.S. Fish \& Wildlife Service Information for Planning and Consultation Website (accessed October 20, 2022) identified five federally protected species with potential to occur near the Site Area.

Mammals

- North American Wolverine (Gulo gulo luscus) Proposed Threatened

Amphibians

- Sierra Nevada Yellow-legged Frog (Rana sierrae) Endangered

Fishes

- Cui-ui (Chasmistes cujus) Endangered

Insects

- Monarch Butterfly (Danaus plexippus), Candidate Conifers and Cycads
- Whitebark Pine (Pinus albicaulis) Proposed Threatened

According to the U.S. Fish \& Wildlife Service IPac System, there is no designated critical habitat for these listed species within the Site.

Sources: https://ipac.ecosphere.fws.gov/ https://www.fws.gov/program/national-wetlands-inventory/wetlands-mapper https://gis.washoecounty.us/wrms?apn=17201005

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Thank you in advance for your consideration of this special use permit request. As you review these responses and the project's design should you have any questions or require any clarifications, we trust you will not hesitate to contact us.
Sincerely,
R.O. ANDERSON ENGINEERING, INC.
$\frac{\text { Wi al }}{\text { Andy Molting. R.D. }}$
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775.215.5020


Attachments
cc. Stan and Debra Dahlin

RE: Geotechnical Investigation<br>65 Will Sauer Road, Single-Family Residence<br>Washoe County, Nevada

Dear Ms. Dahlin,
Black Eagle Consulting, Inc. (BEC) is pleased to present the results of our geotechnical investigation for the proposed single-family residence at 65 Will Sauer Road in Washoe County, Nevada. The purpose of this geotechnical investigation was to evaluate in-situ soils and to provide any associated recommendations that would aid in adequate performance of structural elements.

## Project Description

The project will involve the design and construction of a single-family home on an approximately 5.0-acre parcel (APN 172-010-05) located at 65 Will Sauer Road in Washoe County, Nevada. We understand the home will be a 2 -story, wood-framed structure with separate garage and shop buildings. Site grading will utilize multi-tiered retaining walls which will retain cut and fill soils. The structures will be supported on Portland cement concrete (PCC) spread footings and will have a PCC slab-on-grade floor garage with raised wooden floors constructed over a crawl space within the living area. An asphalt concrete paved driveway will be constructed from Will Sauer Road. The residence is to be served by an individual sewage disposal system designed by others.

The grading plan by R.O. Anderson indicates cuts of approximately 15 feet and fills up to approximately 10 feet will be involved in grading building pads and the driveway for the residence.

## Site Conditions

The site is generally undeveloped with the exception of some minor grading and tree removal and is moderately to densely forested with grass and sagebrush. A creek drainage, flowing to the east, forms the southern property boundary. The site exhibits steep topography, with approximately 60 feet of vertical relief from west to east. Access to the site is obtained by Will Sauer Road near the southwest corner of the site.

## Site Investigation

The site was explored on May 23, 2022, by excavating 2 test pits using a John Deere 310 backhoe. Test pits were excavated near the southern and northern ends of the building area as shown on Plate 1 (Plot Plan). Bulk samples for index testing were collected from the trench wall sides at specific depths in each soil horizon.

A geotechnical engineer examined and classified all soils in the field in accordance with the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) D 2488. During test pit excavation, representative bulk samples were placed in sealed plastic bags and returned to our Reno, Nevada, laboratory for analysis. Additional
soil classification was subsequently performed in accordance with ASTM 2487 (Unified Soil Classification System [USCS]) upon completion of laboratory testing as described below in the Laboratory Testing section. Logs of the test pits are presented as Plate 2 (Test Pit Logs), and a USCS chart has been included as Plate 3 (Graphic Soils Classification Chart).

## Laboratory Testing

All soils testing performed in the BEC soils laboratory is conducted in accordance with the standards and methodologies described in Volume 4.08 and 4.09 of ASTM Standards. Representative samples were analyzed to determine their in-situ moisture content (ASTM D 2216) and grain size distribution (ASTM D 6913), and the results of these tests are shown on the attached Plates 4a and 4b (Grain Size Distribution Test Results). Results of these tests were used to classify the soils according to ASTM D 2487 and to verify the field classification.

Chemical testing is underway and will be provided in an addendum to this report. This testing is being performed on a representative sample of site foundation soils to evaluate the material's potential to corrode buried steel and concrete in contact with the ground. The samples are being tested for pH , resistivity, redox potential, soluble sulfates and sulfides. Chemical testing is performed by Silver State Analytical Laboratories of Reno, Nevada.

## Geology and Soil Conditions

The site lies in an area mapped by the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology (NBMG) as Cretaceous aged Granite (Carlson, et al., 2019). The NBMG describes this unit as Light- to medium-gray, mediumgrained plutonic igneous rock along the western part of the quadrangle. Composed of approximately equal amounts of plagioclase, quartz, K-feldspar, and brown to black, anhedral to subhedral biotite 2-5 mm in diameter. Biotite phenocrysts are commonly intergrown giving a hackled appearance. Outcrops along the western boundary of the quadrangle are commonly highly fractured and/or sheared. The materials encountered during exploration are generally consistent with the geologic map.

The site materials consist of silty sand soils ranging from 8 to 10 feet thick underlain by granitic bedrock extending through the maximum depth of exploration, about 10 feet below the existing ground surface. The granitic bedrock is typically decomposed, but hard rock or corestones should be expected sporadically around the site.

The silty sand soils are described as light brown, greyish brown and brown, moist, loose to medium dense, and as containing about 12 percent non-plastic fines, 70 percent fine to coarse sand, and up to 18 percent gravel. The underlying decomposed granite generally increases in hardness with depth and has variable degrees of weathering. The bedrock encountered in test pit TP-01 was excavated until digging refusal at 8 feet below the ground surface. The bedrock is described as moderately weathered and moderately strong to strong, and during test pit excavation broke down to poorly graded gravel with sand. Cobbles up to 10 inches in diameter make up over 60 percent of the total rock mass.

Groundwater was not encountered in the test pit exploration. In general, groundwater is anticipated to be perched at or near the ground surface during the spring thaw, percolating downslope over the soil/bedrock interface during years with normal to heavy snowfall. The duration of saturated surface soils will be dependent on snow accumulation over the winter months, recent precipitation, and runoff conditions.

## Geologic Hazards

## Seismicity

Much of the western United States is a region of moderate to intense seismicity related to movement of crustal masses (plate tectonics). By far, the most seismically active regions, outside of Alaska, are in the vicinity of the San Andreas Fault system of western California. Other seismically active areas include the Wasatch Front in Salt Lake City, Utah, which forms the eastern boundary of the Basin and Range physiographic province, and the eastern front of the Sierra Nevada mountains, which is the western margin of the province. Washoe Valley lies along the eastern escarpment of the Sierra Nevada, within the western extreme of the Basin and Range. It must be recognized that there are probably few regions in the United States not underlain at some depth by older bedrock faults. Even areas within the interior of North America have a history of strong seismic activity.

The Washoe Valley lies in an area with a high potential for strong earthquake shaking. Seismicity within the area is considered about average for the western Basin and Range Province (Ryall and Douglas, 1976). It is generally accepted that a maximum credible earthquake in this area would be in the range of magnitude 7 to 7.5 along the frontal fault system of the eastern Sierra Nevada.

## Faulting

The Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology's (NBMG) MyHazards web mapping tool (NBMG, 2022a) shows splays of the Mount Rose fault zone in the vicinity of the property. The nearest mapped Holocene age fault is located about 400 feet east of the property and trends north-south. Review of the NBMG's Lidar data for this area (NBMG, 2022b) reveals 2 linear features at the site. A BEC geologist made a site visit and confirmed these features are associated with site drainage. No fault scarps or evidence of past earthquake displacement were observed within the project area.

The Nevada Earthquake Safety Council (1998) has developed and adopted the criteria for evaluation of Quaternary age earthquake faults. Holocene Active Faults are defined as those with evidence of movement within the past 10,000 years (Holocene time). Those faults with evidence of displacement during the last 130,000 years are termed Late Quaternary Active Faults. A Quaternary Active Fault is one that has moved within the last 1.6 million years. An Inactive Fault is a fault without recognized activity within Quaternary time (last 1.6 million years). Holocene Active Faults normally require that occupied structures be set back a minimum of 50 feet (100-foot-wide zone) from the ground surface fault trace. An Occupied Structure is considered a building, as defined by the International Building Code (IBC), which is expected to have a human occupancy rate of more than 2,000 hours per year (International Code Council [ICC], 2018b).

Recurrence intervals for Nevada earthquakes along faults that have been studied are estimated to be in the range of 6,000 to 18,000 years in western Nevada (Bell, 1984). The very active eastern boundary faults of the Sierra Nevada mountains may have a shorter recurrence interval of 1,000 to 2,000 years. Many of the smaller faults may be the result of one-time events in response to movement along a better developed and more active fault system a considerable distance away.

Because no faults are mapped on the lot nor were detected during our site exploration, no mitigation measures are deemed necessary.

## Ground Motion

The United States Geological Survey seismic design maps that have been incorporated with the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Online ASCE 7 Hazard Tool indicate that there is a 2 percent probability that a bedrock ground acceleration of 0.51 g will be exceeded in any 50 -year interval (ASCE, 2022). Only localized amplification of ground motion would be expected during an earthquake.

## Liquefaction

Because the proposed homesite is underlain by dense granular soils and bedrock, liquefaction potential is negligible.

## Flood Plains

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has identified the homesite as lying in unshaded Zone X , or outside the limits of a 500 -year flood plain The creek area on the southern end of the property lies within Zone A, which is the 1 percent annual flood hazard zone (FEMA, 2009).

## Discussion and Recommendations

The recommendations provided herein are intended to minimize risks of structural distress related to consolidation or expansion of native soils and/or structural fills. These recommendations, along with proper design and construction of the structure and associated improvements, work together as a system to improve overall performance. If any aspect of this system is ignored or poorly implemented, the performance of the project will suffer. Sufficient quality control should be performed to verify that the recommendations presented in this report are followed.

Structural areas referred to in this report include all areas of concrete slabs and asphalt pavements as well as pads for any minor structures. All compaction requirements presented in this report are relative to ASTM D 1557.

Any evaluation of the site for the presence of surface or subsurface hazardous substances is beyond the scope of this investigation. When suspected hazardous substances are encountered during routine geotechnical investigations, they are noted in the exploration logs and immediately reported to the client. No such substances were revealed during our exploration.

## Construction Recommendations

1. The test pits were excavated by a backhoe at the approximate locations near the building footprint. The test pits were backfilled to the extent possible with the equipment on hand; however, the backfill was not compacted to the requirements for structural fill. As a result, overexcavation and recompaction of the test pit backfill must be performed in accordance with Item 9 of this report. Failure to properly compact backfill will result in excessive settlement of improvements located over test pit backfill.
2. All vegetation should be stripped and grubbed from structural areas and removed from the site. A stripping depth of 6 to 12 inches is anticipated in soil areas. Tree roots greater than one-half inch in diameter should be removed to a minimum depth of 12 inches below finished grade. Larger roots should be removed to the maximum depth possible. Resulting excavations should be backfilled to the specifications in Item 9 of this report.
3. The site materials include granular surficial soils and weathered granitic bedrock which increases in hardness with depth. The site materials are exclusively granular and are suitable to support the proposed improvements in cut when properly prepared, and can be reused as structural fill/rock fill after exclusion of oversized particles.
4. All soil areas to receive structural fill or structural loading shall be scarified to a depth of 6 inches, moisture-conditioned to near optimum moisture content, and compacted to a minimum 90 percent relative compaction.

Where greater than 30 percent is retained on the $3 / 4$-inch sieve, as could occur within site materials, standard density testing is not valid and the materials will be considered rock fill. See Item 9 for grading requirements concerning rock fill. In all cases, the final surface should be firm and exhibit no signs of deflection.
5. If construction takes place during winter or spring snowmelt runoff, localized site soils will be well over optimum moisture content and difficult to compact to the specified levels. In some situations, moisture-conditioning may be possible by scarifying the top 12 inches of subgrade and allowing it to air-dry to near optimum moisture prior to compaction. Where this procedure is ineffective or where construction schedules preclude delays, mechanical stabilization will be necessary. Mechanical stabilization may be achieved by over-excavation and/or placement of an initial 12- to 18-inch-thick lift of 12 -inch-minus, 3 -inch-plus, well graded, angular rock fill. Some of the on-site cobbles may be suitable for this purpose. The more angular and well graded the rock is, the more effective it will be. This fill should be densified with large equipment, such as a self-propelled sheepsfoot or large loader, until no further deflection is noted. Additional lifts of rock may be necessary to achieve adequate stability. The use of a geotextile will prevent mud from pumping up between the rocks, thereby increasing rock-to-rock contact and decreasing the required thickness of stabilizing fill. The geotextile should meet or exceed the following minimum properties.

TABLE 1 - MINIMUM AVERAGE ROLL STRENGTH PROPERTIES FOR GEOTEXTILE

| Trapezoid Strength (ASTM D 4533) | $80 \times 80 \mathrm{lbs}$. |
| :--- | :---: |
| Puncture Strength (ASTM D 4833) | 105 lbs. |
| Grab Tensile/Elongation (ASTM D 4632) | $200 \times 200 @ 50 \%$ |

As an alternate to rock fill, a geotextile/gravel system may be used for stabilization. Aggregate base (Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction [SSPWC], 2016), Class C or D drain rock (SSPWC, 2016) or approved pit-run gravels should be placed above the geotextile. Regardless of which alternate is selected, a test section is recommended to determine the required thickness of stabilization.
6. The site bedrock will likely be excavatable with variable difficulty through depths approaching 10 to 12 feet using large excavators. Isolated areas of hard corestones may be encountered that require aggressive excavation techniques which may include ripping shanks or hydraulic hammers. If cuts deeper than 12 feet are planned, blasting cannot be ruled out.
7. Temporary trenches with near-vertical sidewalls should be stable in soils to a depth of approximately 4 feet. Excavations to greater depths in soils will require laying back of sidewalls at a slope no steeper than 1H:1V (horizontal to vertical) to maintain adequate stability. Depending on the bedrock conditions, it may be considered stable rock in temporary excavations and may be excavated at a near-vertical configuration; however, any loose particles exposed on the bedrock should be cleaned to ensure worker safety from dislodging rocks. All trenching and excavation should conform to Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards.
8. The maximum particle size in trench backfill should be 4 inches. Bedding and initial backfill 12 inches over the pipe will require import of Class A bedding sand (SSPWC, 2016) and should conform to the requirements of the utility having jurisdiction. Bedding and initial backfill should be densified to at least 90 percent relative compaction. Native soils and excavated bedrock will provide adequate final backfill as long as oversized material is removed, and they should be placed in maximum 8-inch-thick loose lifts which are compacted to a minimum of 90 percent relative compaction in all structural areas.
9. All structural fill shall be moisture conditioned to near optimum moisture content, spread in maximum 8 -inch-thick loose lifts, and densified to at least 90 percent relative compaction. Native materials are exclusively granular; as such, excavated surficial soils and bedrock materials will be suitable for use as structural fill provided particles larger than 6 inches are removed. Oversized particles removed from structural fill may be stockpiled for later use as erosion protection or as landscape features. Imported structural fill is not anticipated for this project. If imported structural fill is necessary, we recommend it satisfy the specifications of Table 2 (Guideline Specification for Imported Structural Fill).

| Sieve Size | Percent by Weight Passing |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6 Inch | 100 |  |
| 3/4 Inch | 70-100 |  |
| No. 40 | 15-70 |  |
| No. 200 | 5-30 |  |
| Percent Passing No. 200 Sieve | Maximum Liquid Limit | Maximum Plastic Index |
| 5-10 | 50 | 20 |
| 11-20 | 40 | 15 |
| 21-30 | 35 | 10 |

These recommendations are intended as guidelines to specify readily available, prequalified material. Adjustments to the recommended limits can be provided to allow the use of other granular, non-expansive material in specific areas, but any such adjustments must be made and approved by the geotechnical engineer, in writing, prior to importing fill to the site.

Beyond about 5 feet depth, the site materials will commonly have greater than 30 percent retained on the $3 / 4$-inch sieve, such that standard density testing is not valid. These materials will be treated as rock fills with a maximum lift thickness and maximum particle size of 12 inches and 8 inches, respectively. A proof rolling program of at least 5 single passes of a minimum 10-ton vibratory roller in mass grading, or at least 5 complete passes with hand compactors in footing trenches, is recommended.

Properly constructed rock fills have a long history of excellent performance in northern Nevada. Acceptance of this rock fill is based upon observation of particle size, lift thickness, moisture content, and applied compactive effort. Compaction must continue to the satisfaction of the engineer. In all cases, the finished surface shall be firm and show no signs of deflection.

All fill slopes should be keyed into the hillside at the toe of the slope. The keyway should extend a minimum of 18 inches deep into native soils or bedrock and should be a minimum of 4 feet wide.
10. All exterior footings should be placed a minimum 2 feet below adjacent finished grade for frost protection. Where footings are located on steep slopes, they should be at a sufficient depth so that they are located 2 feet below grade and at least 3 feet horizontally from daylighting.
11. If footing excavations are open for extended periods of time and disturbed soils are encountered at the foundation subgrade at the time of concrete placement, these soils should be recompacted or removed to expose undisturbed, native, coarse-grained soils or bedrock and the resulting overexcavation backfilled with compacted structural fill. The base of all excavations should be dry and free of loose soils at the time of concrete placement.
12. Based on the available grading plans, new cut and fill slopes on the order of 10 to 15 feet will be necessary for grading. Permanent cut and fill slopes should be stable at a $2 \mathrm{H}: 1 \mathrm{~V}$ ratio in the types of materials encountered at the site. Depending on the materials encountered, bedrock cuts may be stable at $1.5 \mathrm{H}: 1 \mathrm{~V}$, but plans should be evaluated by the engineer and will require field verification.

Temporary (during construction) and permanent (after construction) erosion control of disturbed areas will be required in accordance with local standards. Dust potential at this site will be moderate during dry periods. The project specifications should include an indemnification by the contractor of the owner and engineer for any dust generation during the construction period. The owner will be responsible for mitigation of dust after his/her acceptance of the project.
13. Foundation and stem wall backfill should be thoroughly compacted to decrease permeability and reduce the potential for irrigation and snowmelt to migrate beneath the slab or crawl space.
14. Adequate surface drainage should be provided away from the structure. In particular, the upslope sides of the house should have drainage swales to divert surface snowmelt runoff away from the structure. Designated snow storage areas should be placed downslope, away from the house, and should have drainage swales to direct meltwater away from downslope structures. Snow should not be allowed to accumulate directly adjacent to the foundations.
15. A surface swale should be installed along the upper shoulder of any cut slope and graded to drain around and away from the slope face.
16. Subsurface foundation drainage must be installed along the exterior perimeter of the residence and associated footings. This may be accomplished by placing a non-woven geotextile/gravel system with a network of perforated drain pipes below and along the outside base of the exterior footings. The geotextile should consist of Mirafi® 140 N or an approved equivalent. A trench should be excavated to a depth of at least 6 inches below the base and directly adjacent to the outside of the footings. A perforated, 4-inch-diameter drain pipe should be placed in the bottom of the trench and graded to drain downslope of the residence. A minimum of 12 inches of Class C or D drain rock (SSPWC, 2016) should be placed above the drain pipe and around the footing, then covered by the geotextile. The permeable material should extend up above any soil/bedrock contact exposed in footing excavations and above the footing/stem wall cold joint.
17. Positive crawl space drainage must be provided. This can be accomplished by grading the crawl space to drain to one or more localized areas and providing 3-inch-diameter pipes to daylight beneath the footing and tie into the exterior foundation drain.
18. Additional exterior subsurface drainage should also be considered, especially for areas of cut, to aid in control of seepage and surface drainage from snowmelt. Because the exterior of the structure will be graded to drain away from the residence, subsurface drains can be installed in front of landscaping walls or along the toe of cut slopes to help collect snowmelt and runoff and route it around the structure and foundations. Subsurface drains should be installed in a minimum 12-inch-wide trench to a minimum depth of 4 feet below finished grade and consist of a minimum 4-inch-diameter, perforated drain pipe. The drain pipe shall be bedded and backfilled to finished grade with clean, granular drain fill which is fully encapsulated by a non-woven geotextile.
19. The cold joint between the footing and stem wall shall be waterproofed using a waterstop or silicone-based caulk in order to further minimize seepage potential.
20. All structure retaining walls shall have a drainage layer behind the wall that is hydraulically connected to the foundation drain. The drainage layer behind the retaining wall can consist of a pre-fabricated drain system such as Mirafi® ${ }^{\text {G100N }}$ or an approved equivalent.
21. Any interior concrete slab-on-grade floors shall be a minimum of 4 inches thick and will require a moisture barrier system. Installation should conform to the specifications provided for a Class B vapor restraint (ASTM E 1745-97). The vapor barrier should consist of placing a 15-mil-thick Stego ${ }^{\circledR}$ Wrap Vapor Barrier or an approved equal directly on a properly prepared subgrade surface in areas of fill or on a minimum of 6 inches of clean, compacted granular drain fill in areas of cut. The drain fill should be hydraulically connected to the exterior foundation drainage system. A 4-inch-thick layer of Type 2, Class B aggregate base (SSPWC, 2016) should be placed over the vapor barrier and compacted with a vibratory plate. The base layer should remain compacted and a uniform thickness maintained during the concrete pour, as its intended purpose is to facilitate even curing of the concrete and minimize curling of the slab. Extra attention should be given during construction to ensure that rebar reinforcement and equipment do not damage the integrity of the vapor barrier. Care must be taken so that concrete discharge does not scour the base material from the vapor barrier. This can be accomplished by maintaining the discharge hose in the concrete and allowing the concrete to flow out over the base layer.
22. Interior floor slab reinforcement, as a minimum, shall consist of No. 3 reinforcing steel placed on 24 -inch centers in each direction, or flat sheets of $6 \times 6$, W4.0xW4.0 welded wire mesh (WWM). Rolls of WWM are not recommended for use because vertically centered placement of rolled WWM within a floor slab is difficult to achieve. All reinforcing steel and WWM should be centered in the floor slab through the use of concrete dobies or an approved equivalent. Final reinforcement design should be performed by the project structural engineer.
23. All exterior concrete slabs, masonry pavers, and asphalt pavements shall be directly underlain by a minimum of 6 inches of Type 2, Class B aggregate base (SSPWC, 2016). Aggregate base courses shall be densified to at least 95 percent relative compaction (ASTM D 1557). A minimum 1 -inch sand leveling course is also required for masonry pavers.
24. Special considerations should be given to concrete placed and cured during hot or cold weather temperatures, low humidity conditions, and windy conditions such as are common in the eastern Sierra Nevada. Proper control joints and reinforcement should be provided to minimize any damage resulting from shrinkage as discussed below. In particular, crack-control joints shall be installed on maximum 10-foot centers and shall be installed to a minimum depth of 25 percent of the slab thickness. Saw-cuts, zip strips, and/or trowel joints are acceptable; however, saw-cut joints must be installed as soon as initial set allows and prior to the development of internal stresses that will result in a random crack pattern. If trowel joints are used in the main living area floor slab, they will need to be grouted over prior to installation of floor covering.
25. Tile and natural stone flooring will require that the floor be checked and corrected for flatness in accordance with the product manufacturer's specifications. All construction joints, crack-control joints and random cracks must be prepared so as to prevent reflective cracking through brittle flooring. A stress-relief tile set product must be used.
26. If asphalt concrete is planned for the driveway, it shall be a minimum of 3 inches thick and underlain by a minimum of 6 inches of Type 2, Class B aggregate base (SSPWC, 2016). Edge drains or roadside v-ditches are recommended to minimize subgrade saturation. Edge drains should consist of either a narrow trench backfilled with a 3-inch-diameter drain pipe and geotextile/gravel system or a pre-manufactured drain system. In either case, the drain or ditch should extend at least 12 inches below the aggregate base section. The drains or ditches should daylight on the property.

## Geotechnical Design Criteria

1. The residential structure should be designed in accordance with the 2018 International Residential Code ([IRC] ICC, 2018a) adopted by Washoe County. Based on materials encountered during site exploration, our experience at the site and the regional geology of the Franktown Road area, it is our opinion that a Soil Profile Type C is appropriate for this site. The recommended seismic design criteria using the 2018 IRC are provided in Table 3a (Seismic Design Criteria Using 2018 International Residential Code).

| TABLE 3a - SEISMIC DESIGN CRITERIA USING 2018 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE (ASCE, 2022) |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Latitude | 39.2723 |
| Longitude | -119.8462 |
| Spectral Response at Short Periods, Ss, percent of gravity | 213.2 |
| Site Class | C |
| Soil Factor for Site Class C | 1.0 |
| Risk Category | II |
| Residential Site Value, percent of gravity | 170.5 |
| Residential Seismic Design Category | E |

With the Residential Seismic Design Category of E provided in Table 3a, the proposed home may be designed using the 2018 IBC (ICC, 2018b), subject to various other requirements of the 2018 IRC (ICC, 2018a) that should be adhered to by the structural engineer.

The 2018 IBC and IRC seismic design loads are based on the ASCE 7-16 Standards titled Minimum Design Loads and Associated Criteria for Buildings and Other Structures (ASCE, 2017). The recommended seismic design criteria using the 2018 IBC for Site Class C are presented in Table 3b (Seismic Design Criteria Using 2018 International Building Code).

TABLE 3b - SEISMIC DESIGN CRITERIA USING 2018 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE (ASCE, 2022)

| Approximate Latitude | 39.2723 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Approximate Longitude | -119.8462 |
| Spectral Response at Short Periods, Ss, percent of gravity | 213.2 |
| Spectral Response at 1-Second Period, S1, percent of gravity | 76.3 |
| Site Class | C |
| Risk Category | II |
| Site Coefficient Fa, decimal | 1.2 |
| Site Coefficient Fv, decimal | 1.4 |
| Site Adjusted Spectral Response at Short Periods, Sms, percent of gravity | 255.8 |
| Site Adjusted Spectral Response at Long Periods, SM1, percent of gravity | 106.9 |
| Design Spectral Response at Short Periods, SDs, percent of gravity | 170.5 |
| Design Spectral Response at Long Periods, SD1, percent of gravity | 71.3 |
| Seismic Design Category | D |

These parameters were derived from a maximum moment magnitude earthquake of 7 to 7.5 occurring on the Mount Rose fault, approximately 400 feet west of the site.
2. Individual column footings and continuous wall footings underlain by properly prepared native granular soils or bedrock, compacted structural fill, or rock fill can be designed for a net maximum allowable bearing pressure of 2,500 pounds per square foot (psf). This bearing value may be increased by one-third for total loads. With this allowable bearing pressure, total foundation movements of $3 / 4$ of an inch or less should be anticipated. Differential movements between footings with similar loads, dimensions, and base elevations should not exceed $1 / 2$ inch. The majority of the anticipated movement will occur during the construction period as the loads are applied.
3. Lateral loads, such as wind or seismic, may be resisted by passive soil pressure and friction on the bottom of the footing. The recommended coefficient of base friction is 0.45 and has been reduced by a factor of 1.5 on the ultimate soil strength. Design values for active and passive equivalent fluid pressures are 35 and 420 psf per foot of depth, respectively. These design values are based on spread footings bearing on properly prepared native granular soils, bedrock, or structural/rock fill and backfilled with structural fill.
4. The following recommendations are for small retaining walls with vertical back faces, nearhorizontal backfill, and a drainage layer behind the wall that is hydraulically connected to the foundation drain. Surcharge loads, including construction/traffic and snow loads, should be added to the following values. In order to develop dynamic lateral earth pressure values, dynamic earth pressure coefficients were determined using the Mononobe-Okabe (Richards and Elms, 1979) equation and a 2 percent probability that a bedrock ground acceleration of 0.51 g will be exceeded in any 50 -year interval.

| TABLE 4 - RETAINING WALL DESICN PARAMETERS |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Bearing Pressure | $2,500 \mathrm{psf}$ |
| Coefficient of Friction | 0.45 |
| At Rest Equivalent Fluid Pressure (static/dynamic) | $55 \mathrm{pcf} / \mathrm{NA}^{1}$ |
| Active Equivalent Fluid Pressure (static/dynamic) | $35 \mathrm{pcf} / 67 \mathrm{pcf}$ |
| Passive Equivalent Fluid Pressure (static/dynamic) | $147^{2} \mathrm{pcf} / 220 \mathrm{pcf}$ |
| Unit Weight of Soil | 120 pcf |
| NNA $=$ Not Applicable. For design of structure under dynamic at-rest conditions, use dynamic active earth pressure. <br> 2Reduced by a factor of 0.67 to minimize wall rotation. |  |

## Homeowner's Responsibilities

1. The custom homebuilder/contractor will finish grade the area near the structure to prevent ponding of water adjacent to structural improvements and to provide drainage away from the structure in accordance with local building codes. If the homeowner alters the drainage present at
the time of completion of construction, either by landscaping and/or making improvements on the lot, he/she must provide drainage away from the structure in accordance with local building codes. If positive drainage is not provided by the homeowner, differential movement of structural improvements could be experienced and result in cracking of interior walls and foundations.
2. The site is located in an area with active earthquakes in relatively close proximity. While the potential for ground rupture or liquefaction is minimal, the site does lie within a seismically active region with a high potential for ground shaking. The recurrence interval for earthquakes along the major active faults in the region is generally thought to be in the range of 1,000 years or more. The most recent earthquakes in northern Nevada, however, have occurred along lesser-known faults which seem to represent tectonic plate boundary motion. Approximately 85 percent of this motion is taken up along the San Andreas Fault in California, but as much as 15 percent of the plate motion appears to be occurring along numerous, smaller strike-slip faults in western Nevada. The realization that plate boundary faulting extends so far inland is relatively recent, such that the probable recurrence intervals and magnitudes of the consequent earthquakes are unknown. For this reason and the general high potential for ground shaking in this area, homeowners should be advised to consider purchasing earthquake insurance. Typically, such insurance is of very low cost but has such a high deductible that it is only beneficial during a very large-scale seismic event.

## Closing

1. All plans and specifications should be reviewed for conformance with this geotechnical report and approved by the geotechnical engineer prior to submitting to the building department for review.
2. The recommendations presented in this report are based on the assumption that sufficient field testing and construction review will be provided during all phases of construction. We should review the final plans and specifications for conformance with the intent of our recommendations. Prior to construction, a pre-job conference should be scheduled to include, but not be limited to, the owner, design engineer, general contractor, building official, and geotechnical engineer. The conference will allow parties to review the project plans, specifications, and recommendations presented in this report and discuss applicable material quality and mix design requirements. All quality control reports should be submitted to and reviewed by the geotechnical engineer.
3. During construction, we should have the opportunity to provide sufficient on-site observation of site preparation and grading, foundation excavation, fill placement, and foundation and drainage installation. These observations would allow us to verify that the geotechnical conditions are as anticipated and that the contractor's work is in conformance with the approved plans and specifications.
4. This report has been prepared with generally accepted geotechnical practices. The analyses and recommendations submitted are based upon field exploration performed at the locations described in this report. This report does not reflect soils or groundwater variations that may
become evident during the construction period, at which time re-evaluation of the recommendations may be necessary. We recommend our firm be retained to perform construction observation in all phases of the project related to geotechnical factors to ensure compliance with our recommendations.
5. This report has been prepared to provide information allowing the architect and/or engineer to design the project. The owner is responsible for distribution of the report to all designers and contractors whose work is affected by geotechnical aspects. In the event of changes in the design, location, or ownership of the project from the time of this report, recommendations should be reviewed and possibly modified by the geotechnical engineer. If the geotechnical engineer is not granted the privilege of making this recommended review, he can assume no responsibility for misinterpretation or misapplication of his recommendations or their validity in the event changes have been made in the original design concept without his prior review. The geotechnical engineer makes no other warranties, either express or implied, as to the professional advice provided under the terms of this agreement and included in this report.

We appreciate being of service to you on this project. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

## Black Eagle Consulting, Inc.


C. Remington Walker, P.E.

Project Engineer


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Enclosure(s): Plate 1 - Plot Plan<br>Plate 2 - Test Pit Logs<br>Plate 3 - USCS Soil Classification Chart<br>Plate 4 - Grain Size Distribution Test Results

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## PLATES





SOIL CLASSIFICATION CHART
EXPLORATION SAMPLE TERMINOLOGY

| MAJOR DIVISIONS |  |  | SYMB | OLS | TYPICAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| COARSE GRAINED SOILS | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GRAVEL } \\ & \text { AND } \\ & \text { GRAVELLY } \\ & \text { SOLLS } \end{aligned}$ | CLEAN GRAVELS |  | GW | WELL.GRADEDGRAVELS, GRAVELSANO NIXTURES, UTTLEORNO FINES |
|  |  | (UTtIE OR ROFFINES) |  | GP | POORLYGRADED GRAVELS, GRAVEL - SANO IIXTURES, UTTLE OR HO FINES |
|  |  | GRAVELS WITH FINES |  | GM | SIITY GRAVELS, GRAVEL - SARDSILT $M$ IXIXURES |
|  | FRACTION RETAINEDON RO. 4 SIEVE | (APPRECLABLE ANOOUTT OF FINES) |  | GC | CLAYEY GRAVELS, GRAVEL . SANO. CLAY MIXXTURES |
|  | SAND <br> AND <br> SANDY <br> SOILS <br> ORE THUN50\% F COARSE RACTION ASSING ON . 4 SIEVE | CLEANSANDS |  | SW | WELLGRADED SANDS. GRAVEU.Y SANDS, UTTLEOR NO FNES |
| NORE THAN SO\% of materialis LaRGERTHANNO 20 SIEVESIZE |  | (utteornofmes) |  | SP | POORLY.GRNDEDSANDS, GRAVELIY SANO, UT TIE OR NO FINES |
|  |  | SANDS WITH FINES |  | SM | SILTY SANDS, SAND.SILT mintures |
|  |  | (APPRECIABLE A,SOUITT OF FINES) |  | SC | CLAYEY SANDS, SAND-CIAY MUXTURES |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { FINE } \\ & \text { GRAINED } \\ & \text { SOILS } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { SILTS } \\ & \text { AND } \\ & \text { CLAYS } \end{aligned}$ | LQUIO UKMT IESS THAN5O |  | ML | INORGANIC SILTS ANDVERY FINE SANOS, ROCK FLOUR. SILTYOR CIAYEY FINE SAMDS OR CIAYEY SILTS WITH SUGHT PLASTICITY |
|  |  |  |  | CL | InORGANIC CIAYS OF LOW TO MEDIUM PLASTCITY, GRAVELIY CLAYS, SANDY CLYYS, SILTY CLAYS.IEAHCLAYS |
|  |  |  |  | OL | organic siltsano orgalic SILTY CIAYS OF LOW PLASIICITY |
| HORE THAN $50 \%$ of IATERIAL is StMALER THAN No. 200 SIEVE SIZE | $\begin{aligned} & \text { SILTS } \\ & \text { AND } \\ & \text { CLAYS } \end{aligned}$ | HQUIDUMITGREATER THANSO |  | MH | MOORGANIC SILTS, HIMCACEOUS OR DIATOMACEOUS FINE SNHOOR SILTY SOLLS |
|  |  |  |  | CH | inorganic clays of hich PLASTICITY |
|  |  |  |  | OH | ORGANIC CIAYS OF MEDUMTIO HIGH PLASTICITY. ORGANICSILITS |
| HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS |  |  |  | PT | PEAT, HUKIUS, SWAMIP SOILS WITH HIGHORGANIC CONTENTS |
| FILL MATERIAL |  |  |  | -- | filmatervl. ron.ratime |

NOTE: DUAL SYMBOLS ARE USED TO INDICATE BORDERLINE SOIL CLASSIFICATIONS.
Sample Type
Sample Symbol
Auger Cuttings
Bulk (Grab) Sample
Modified California
Sampler
Shelby Tube
Standard Penetration
Test
Split Spoon

GRAIN SIZE TERMINOLOGY

| Component of Sample | Size Range |
| :---: | :---: |
| Boulders | Over 12 in. $(300 \mathrm{~mm})$ |
| Cobbles | 12 in. to 3 in. <br>  <br> Gravel <br>  <br> Sand |
|  | 3 in. to \#4 sieve <br> $(75 \mathrm{~mm}$ to 4.75 mm$)$ <br> $\# 4$ to \#200 sieve |
|  | $(4.75 \mathrm{~mm}$ to 0.074 mm$)$ |

Silt or Clay Passing \#200 sieve
(0.074mm)

RELATIVE DENSITY OF GRANULAR SOILS

PLASTICITY CHART


LIQUID LIMIT (LL)
FOR CLASSIFICATION OF FINE-GRAINED SOILS AND FINE-GRAINED FRACTION OF COARSE-GRAINED SOILS

| N - Blows/ft | Relative Density |
| :---: | :---: |
| $0-4$ | Very Loose |
| $5-10$ | Loose |
| $11-30$ | Medium Dense |
| $31-50$ | Dense |
| greater than 50 | Very Dense |

CONSISTENCY OF COHESIVE SOILS

| Unconfined Compressive Strength, psf | N - Blows/ft | Consistency |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| less than 500 | 0-1 | Very Soft |
| 500-1,000 | 2-4 | Soft |
| 1,000-2,000 | 5-8 | Firm |
| 2,000-4,000 | 9-15 | Stiff |
| 4,000-8,000 | 16-30 | Very Stiff |
| 8,000-16,000 | 31-60 | Hard |
| greater than 16,000 | greater than 60 | Very Hard |

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## USCS Soil Classification Chart

Project: 65 WILL SAUER ROAD
Location: WASHOE VALLEY, NEVADA
Project Number: 2688-01-1 Plate:


## SUMMARY OF LABORATORY RESULTS <br> PAGE 1 OF 1

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PROJECT NUMBER 1880-36-1

| Borehole | Depth | Liquid Limit | Plastic Limit | Plasticity Index | Maximum Size (mm) | \%<\#200 <br> Sieve | Classification | Water Content (\%) | Dry Density (pcf) | Saturation (\%) | Void Ratio |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TP-1 | 6.5 |  |  |  | 37 | 18 |  | 11.9 |  |  |  |





## MEMORANDUM

## Via E-mail and U.S. Mail

DATE: $\quad$ November 4, 2022
TO: Katherine Oakley, Planner WASHOE COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

FROM: $\begin{aligned} & \text { Robert O. Anderson, PE, CFM, WRS PoA } \\ & \text { Principal Engineer }\end{aligned}$
SUBJECT: Dahlin Residence, WBLD22-100721 /WBLD22-100789: Correction to Letter of Explanation - Response to Lingering Concern of Siting a Portion of Residence on Slope Exceeding 30\% dated October 31, 2022

Kat,
As discussed in our letter of explanation and prior responses to your inquiries about this subject, in addition to topography, the project site has numerous administrative and physical constraints that restrict and constrain the siting of this proposed residence. These constrains include building setbacks, influences and setbacks from Franktown Creek, irrigation ditches and corresponding easements, mature stands of Jeffrey pines, observed viewsheds both on and off-site, and the existing access drive. The combination of these constraints is unique to this lot.

Given the extent and nature of these constraints, the only feasible area available for development on this site is located north of the existing driveway. Limiting development to this portion of the 5.01 -acre lot leaves a 2.28 -acre area for potential development. However, within this area, 1.33-acres contains both setbacks and slopes $30 \%$ or greater, which only leaves 0.95 acres of the lot unconstrained by slopes and setbacks (essentially the developable area, which is about $19 \%$ of the lot area). In total, the area of disturbance for the single-family home is 0.79 acres. Of the total area of disturbance 0.13 acres ( 5,663 square feet) is within a portion of the lot that has slopes that exceed $30 \%$. This is to say, that percentage of disturbance into areas with slopes greater than $30 \%$ has been limited to less than $3 \%$ of the lot area (0.13/5.01).

The building and site design implement available mitigation measures to ensure that construction and grading activities within this area do not pose a risk to the public, impact the viewshed or adjacent properties. These measures include integrating structural retaining walls as part of the foundation design of the residence to reduce the size and height of the exposed cut and fill slopes, use of rockery walls of native

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stone as necessary to reduce slopes, and revegetation of disturbed areas all in accordance with Washoe County's standards.

The planned location for the residence also reduces the number of mature pine trees that need to be removed.

Finally, shifting the building site further east makes the homesite much less desirable from the Owner's perspective since this would severely degrade the Owner's viewshed and privacy and substantially impair the value of their investment in this property.

As such, the plans for grading and residential development of this site carefully considered and responded to the identified site constraints that are unique to this lot in a manner that we believe "...ensure integration of development with the existing topography, soils, vegetation, and compatibility with slope constraints." (Washoe County Master Plan Conservation Element, Page 22).

As you review this supplemental information, should you have any questions or require any clarifications, I trust you will not hesitate to contact us.
cc. Stan and Debbie Dahlin
(End of Memorandum)

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