

# Staff Report to the Weber County Planning Division

Weber County Planning Division

# **Synopsis**

**Application Information** 

**Application Request:** Consideration and action on a request for approval of East Well Subdivision, a one-lot

subdivision.

Agenda Date: Wednesday, May 22, 2024

**Applicant:** Mike Durtschi, on behalf of Russ Watts

File Number: UVE032124

**Property Information** 

**Approximate Address:** approximately 3600 N 5675 E, Eden

**Project Area:** 8.46 Acres

**Zoning:** Residential Estates (RE-15)

Existing Land Use: Vacant

Proposed Land Use: Public Utility Substation

**Parcel ID:** 22-020-0034

Township, Range, Section: Section 24, T7N, R1E

**Adjacent Land Use** 

North:ResidentialSouth:ResidentialEast:ResidentialWest:Residential

**Staff Information** 

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Report Reviewer: RG

## **Applicable Land Use Codes**

- Title 101 (General Provisions) Chapter 1 (Definitions)
- Title 104 (Zones) Chapter 3 (Residential Estates, RE-15)
- Title 106 (Subdivisions) Chapter 1 (General Provisions) Section 8 (Final Plat Requirements)
- Title 108 (Standards) Chapter 18 (Drinking Water Source Protection)
- Title 108 (Standards) Chapter 22 (Natural Hazard Areas)

## **Development History**

On March 21, 2024, the Planning Division accepted the application for East Well Subdivision.

# **Background and Summary**

The applicant is requesting approval of a one-lot subdivision, located at approximately  $3600 \, \text{N} \, 5675 \, \text{E}$  that will gain sole access from  $5675 \, \text{E}$  in Eden.  $5675 \, \text{E}$  is to be constructed and maintained as a public road. The proposed future  $5675 \, \text{E}$  will extend to the west and provide access for the future development of lots in the subdivision (see future subdivision layout). The proposed well lot – Lot 1 - will be dedicated to the Wolf Creek Water and Sewer Improvement District for the construction of a well house/pump house.

As part of the approval process, the proposal has been reviewed against the current Weber County Land Use Code (LUC), and the standards of the RE-15 zone found in LUC §104-14. The following section is a brief analysis of this project against current land use regulations. A Conditional Use Permit for a Public Utility Substation will be required after recordation of the plat.

#### Analysis

<u>General Plan</u>: This proposal conforms with Ogden Valley General Plan (OVGP) by encouraging low-density development that preserves open space. On page 12 of the OVGP, it states:

Overall, Valley residents favor a land-use pattern in which development is clustered in areas separated by open agricultural lands or natural greenbelts. The goals and principles of this General Plan seek to encourage clustering of residential development in most instances. Current County ordinances provide for cluster subdivisions and PRUDs with smaller development footprints and common open areas.

Further, page 43 notes:

As the population increases, it is important to ensure that demand for services does not exceed the supply and that the expansion of utility infrastructure is planned to accommodate future needs. This is especially critical in Ogden Valley, which is experiencing infrastructure challenges that affect livability for residents.... The goals and principles presented in this element are designed to support planning for adequate utility and public services, either during the land development process or through appropriate government programs.

In approving this subdivision, and with the conditional use permit to be issued in the future, this subdivision will allow for the installation of critical infrastructure to support quality residential growth as anticipated by the OVGP.

Zoning: The property is within the RE-15 Zone. The purpose of this zone is stated in the LUC §104-3-1.

"The major purpose of the RE-15 and RE-20 Zones is to provide and protect residential development at a low density in a semi-agricultural or rural environment. It is also to provide for certain rural amenities on larger minimum lots, in conjunction with the primary residential nature of the zone."

<u>Small Subdivision</u>: "The Planning Director is delegated administrative authority to approve small subdivisions if in his discretion there are no conditions which warrant its submittal to the planning commission LUC §106-1-8 (f))." This proposal qualifies as a small subdivision consisting of three or fewer lots for which no new streets are being created or realigned.

<u>Drinking-Water Source Protection Zone</u>: This proposal is not located within a Drinking Water Source Protection Zone.

<u>Natural Hazards:</u> This property is located within a FEMA flood zone area classified as Zone X, which is outside of the 500-year flood risk.

This subdivision proposal is on land that has been identified as a potential geologic hazards area. As this property is going to be developed as non-habitable structures, it may be considered to be exempt from the provisions in Section 108-22. However, due to the nature of the use (public utility substation) and the fact that shifting soils or other geologic hazards may be present on the site, as a condition of approval staff would recommend that the site have a reconnisance level survey completed to ensure that any hazards on the site may be mitigated prior to building permit review.

<u>Irrigation and Domestic Water</u>: The property will be owned and maintained by the Wolf Creek Water and Sewer Improvement District. Secondary water for landscaping will be required. No requirement for culinary water is necessary.

<u>Sanitary System</u>: There will be no sanitary systems in use on the property.

<u>Review Agencies</u>: The Weber County Fire District has posted a review and approval for this proposed preliminary plat, noting that home suppression will be required, along with an approved water tank, turnarounds, a snow removal plan, and hydrant location. Weber County Planning, Engineering, and Surveying have submitted review comments that will be addressed by as conditions of approval prior to recordation of the final subdivision plat.

#### **Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends approval of the East Well Subdivision, consisting of 1 lots. This recommendation is based on the following conditions:

- 1. Before submitting for and prior to final plat recordation, all applicable Weber County reviewing agency requirements shall be met.
- 2. Proof of secondary water access shall be submitted that follow the requirements and convenants on the subdivision ordinance.
- 3. As determined by the County Engineer, a reconnisance level geologic hazards report shall be submitted to the County prior to issuance of a Conditional Use Permit/building permit.
- 4. That a buildable area be created on the lot in the conjunction with the County's buildable area requirements and the recommendations of the geologist, as applicable.

The following findings are the basis for the staff's recommendation:

- 1. The proposed subdivision conforms to the Ogden Valley General Plan.
- 2. The proposed subdivision complies with the applicable County codes.

# Administrative Approval

Administrative preliminary plat of the East Well Subdivision, consisting of 1 lot, is hereby granted based upon its compliance with the Weber County Land Use Code. This approval is subject to the requirements of applicable review agencies and the conditions of approval listed in this staff report.

Date of Administrative Approval: _	
 Rick Grover	
Weber County Planning Director	

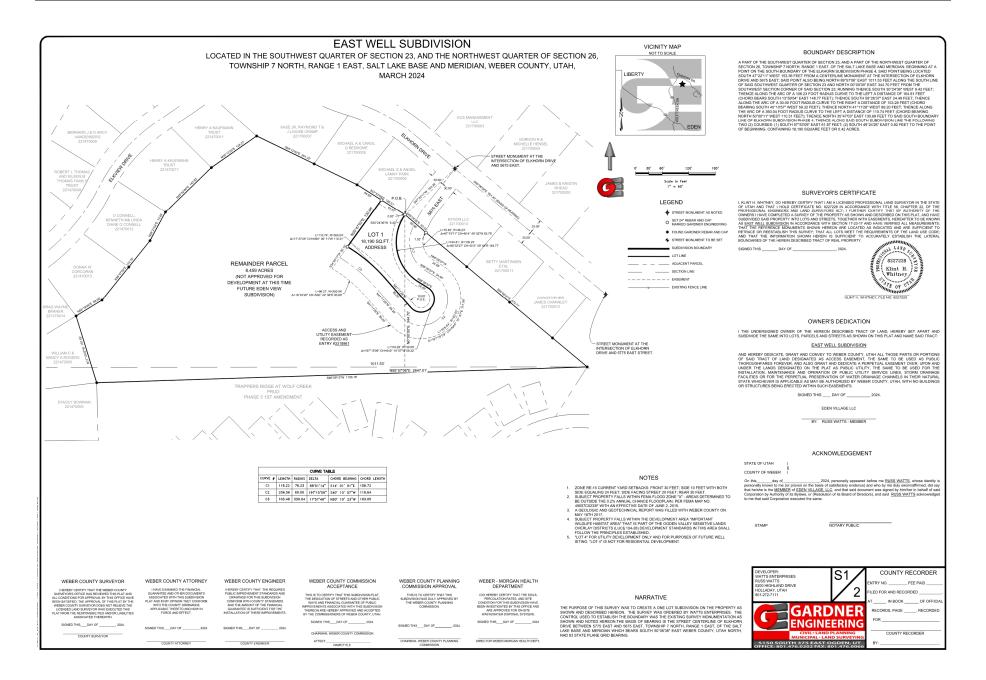
# **Exhibits**

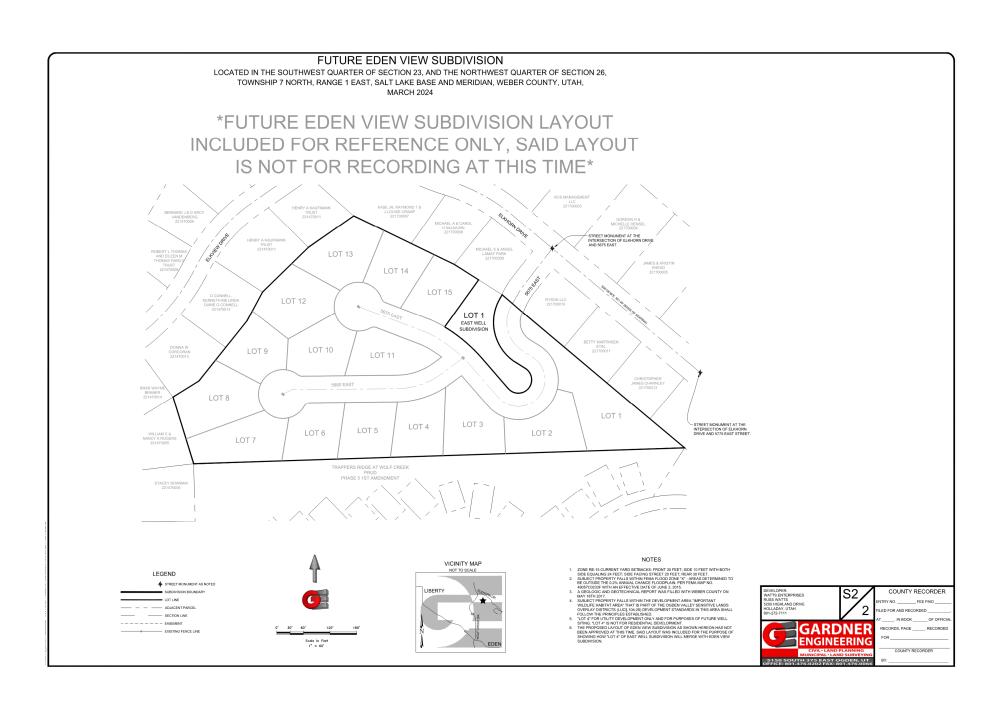
- A. East WellSubdivision Plat
- B. Current Recorders Plat
- C. Project Narrative
- D. Prelimnary) Site Plan

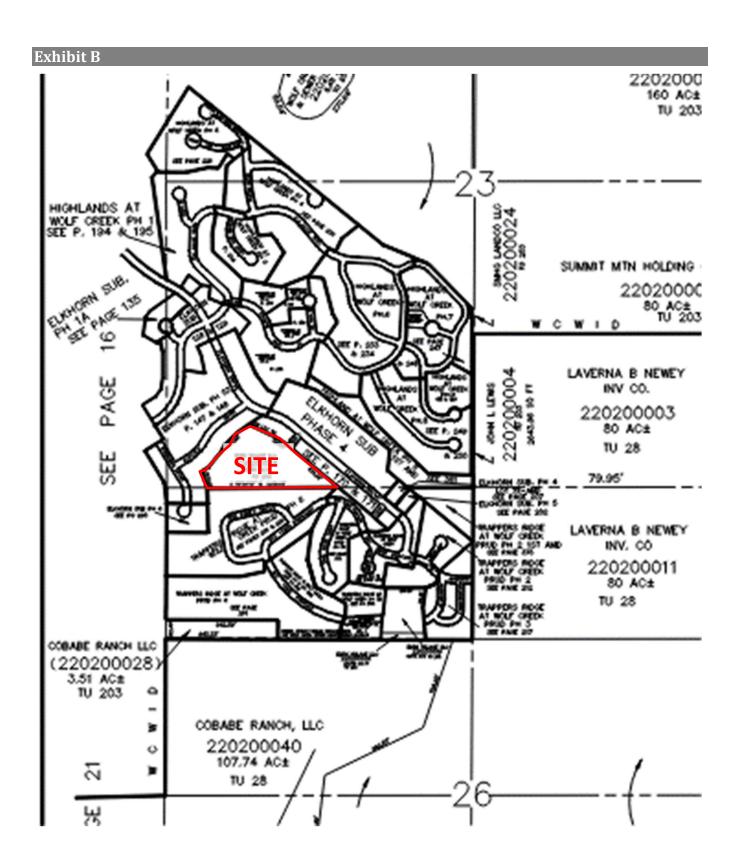
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# **Exhibit C**

## East Well Subdivision Narrative

This 1-lot subdivision is being established to create a lot for the Wolf Creek Water and Sewer Improvement District (District) to acquire, and on which the District intends to construct a well house for their existing East Well. The surrounding property from which this East Well Subdivision is being subdivided will, at some later date, be further subdivided into residential lots known as The Eden View Subdivision. Said Eden View Subdivision cannot, at the time of this East Well Subdivision application, be platted due to the non-issuance of a Will-Serve letter from the District (the District is the provider of culinary, secondary and sewer services to the future Eden View Subdivision).

In conversation with Planners Tammy Aydelotte and Charlie Ewert, as well as Engineer Gary Myers of Weber County, this initial one-lot East Well Subdivision is being made without (and approval will not be withheld due to lack of) a will-serve letter, street connectivity plan or feasibility letters, because the East Well Subdivision is being established for the sole purpose of constructing a utility substation. The waived requirements do not apply to a utility substation.

Please refer to the email uploaded as verification of the preapplication meeting. The pre-application verification email also contains verbiage waiving the above-mentioned documents.

The East Well Subdivision Plat uploaded to Frontier is accompanied by a tentative future plat for Eden View Subdivision. Eden View Subdivision is not being officially considered with this East Well Subdivision application but is included at the request of both the District and Mr. Watts, to provide context for why the East Well Subdivision is referred to as "Lot 4" and how the surrounding property is intended to be platted and developed. Development of the surrounding ground is contingent on, but not limited to, first meeting the requirements of the District to warrant a Will-Serve letter from the District.

In accordance with a coordination conference call held on 3/7/2023 with Gary Myers and Charlie Ewert of Weber County; Miranda Menzies and Rob Thomas of the District, Dan White of Gardner Engineering and Russ Watts of Watts Enterprises, the engineering drawings for the future Eden View Subdivision are also uploaded with this East Well Subdivision application so County Engineering can review the plans and provide preliminary courtesy review comments to assist Mr. Watts at this time. Full approval of the full Eden View Subdivision will be dependent on future formal application.

A conditional use permit for the East Well wellhouse was approved previously as CUP 2023-1, and only requires the countersignature of Mr. Watts to become effective. Said CUP approval, though not typically part of a subdivision application, is uploaded to this subdivision application, because said CUP application is an integral part of the agreements surrounding creation of this East Well Subdivision.

# **Exhibit D**

