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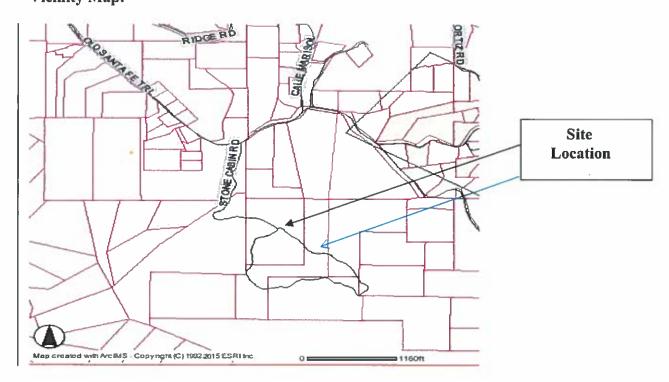
CDRC CASE # MP/DP 13-5000 Amma Center

ISSUE:

Amma Center of New Mexico, Applicant, Dolores Vigil, Agent, request Master Plan, Preliminary and Final Development Plan approval to allow existing structures to be utilized as a religious institution on a $40 \pm$ acre site.

The property is located at 48 Stone Cabin Road, via Old Santa Fe Trail, within Section 27, Township 16 North, Range 10 East, (Commission District 4).

Vicinity Map:



SUMMARY:

The Applicant requests Master Plan, Preliminary & Final Development Plan approval to allow a Community Service Facility on 40 acres in conformance with Ordinance No. 2010-13 (Community Service Facilities), which amends Article III, § 7; Article V, § 5; and Article V, § 7 of Santa Fe County Land Development Code, Ordinance No. 1996-10 (Code). The existing structures consist of a 5,000 square foot Residential Ashram, a 1,400 square foot Meditation Hall, a 200 square foot storage shed and a 1,000 square foot greenhouse. The existing structures are located within a 20 acre parcel. The Applicant proposes to consolidate the 20 acre parcel with an adjoining 20 acre parcel to create a 40 acre parcel which will be utilized for the Community Service Facility.

The owner, Amma Center of New Mexico, a non-profit corporation, acquired the property by warranty deed recorded as Instrument # 1709839 in the Santa Fe County Clerk's records dated June 24, 2013. Dolores Vigil, Liaison Planning Services, is authorized to be the Agent by the property owner to pursue the request for Master Plan, Preliminary and Final Development Plan approval to allow a Community Service Facility on a 40 acre site, as evidenced by a copy of the written authorization contained in the record. (Exhibit 9)

The Applicant's Report states:

The Amma Center has utilized the subject property since 1988. The Ashram was built in 1996. The non-profit spiritual center will continue to occupy the Residential Ashram and conduct Satsang, meditation and meetings with residents/members and guests. There are several larger gatherings per year, coinciding with Swami's visit and Amma's birthday celebration.

Ordinance No. 2010-13 Community Service Facilities states, "[c]ommunity service facilities are facilities which provide service to a local community organization. These may include governmental services such as police and fire stations, elementary and secondary day care centers, schools and community centers, and churches."

Ordinance No. 2010-13, § 7.1 Standards states, "[c]ommunity service facilities are allowed anywhere in the County, provided all requirements of the Code are met..."

Article V, § 5.2.1.b states:

A master plan is comprehensive in establishing the scope of a project, yet is less detailed than a development plan. It provides a means for the County Development Review Committee and the Board to review projects and the subdivider to obtain concept approval for proposed development without the necessity of expending large sums of money for the submittals required for a preliminary and final plat approval.

Article V, § 5.2.3 Master Plan Review states:

The master plan shall be submitted to the Code Administrator or his authorized representative with a written application for approval. The Code Administrator will review the plan and submit analysis, written comments and a recommendation to the County Development Review Committee and the Board. Master plans shall be reviewed by the County Development Review Committee which shall make determinations regarding compliance with the County General Plan or the Extraterritorial Plan and the Code and shall forward the plan to the Board with the Committee's recommendation. The Board may adopt, amend, supplement, or reject the County Development Review Committee recommendation.

Article V, § 5.2.4 Master Plan Approval states:

The approved master plan shall show the area of residential use and general density measured in dwelling units per acre of land, less dedicated or conveyed rights of-way, and the area and intensity of commercial and industrial use measured in gross square feet of building area or maximum gross floor area ratio. These shall constitute the maximum permitted number of dwelling units and maximum permitted area and intensity of commercial or industrial use.

Article V, § 7.1.3. Review (Preliminary Development Plans) states:

- a. A preliminary development plan may be only a phase or portion of the area covered by an approved master plan, so long as the preliminary development plan substantially conforms to the approved master plan.
- b. A preliminary development plan shall be submitted prior to or concurrent with submission of a preliminary plat.
- c. The application for preliminary development plan approval shall be presented to the County Development Review Committee for review with a staff report. The staff report shall include a description of the proposed project, an evaluation of pertinent planning issues, and a statement on the compliance of the project with the County General Plan and Code. The report may include recommended conditions of approval. The report shall include all comments from appropriate State or Federal agencies, the County Fire Marshal, the County Hydrologist, and other appropriate County personnel. Particular attention shall be given in the staff report to public agency comments which relate to potential limitations of lot size, intensity, or character of development.

Article V, § 7.2, Final Development Plan, states:

§ 7.2.1 Submittals, A final development plan conforming to the approved preliminary plan and approved preliminary plat, if required, and containing the same required information shall be submitted. In addition, the final development plan shall show, when applicable, and with appropriate dimensions, the locations

and size of buildings, heated floor area of buildings, and minimum building setbacks from lot lines or adjoining streets. Documents to be submitted at this time are: proof of ownership including necessary title documents, articles of incorporation and by-laws of owners' association; required disclosure statements; final engineering plans and time schedule for grading, drainage, and all improvements including roads, water system, sewers, solid waste, utilities; engineering estimates for bonding requirements; development agreements; and final subdivision plats, if required.

§ 7.2. Reviews, The final development plan shall be submitted to the County Development Review Committee accompanied by a staff report. The County Development Review Committee shall review the plan and make a determination as to its compliance with the County General Plan and Code. The County Development Review Committee may recommend changes or additions to the plan as conditions of its approval. The final development plan as approved by the County Development Review Committee shall be filed with the County Clerk. The approved final development plan becomes the basis of development permits and for acceptance of public dedications. Any changes in the plan must be approved by the County Development Review Committee.

Notice requirements were met as per Article II § 2.4.2, of the Code. In advance of a hearing on the Application, the Applicant provided a certification of posting of notice of the hearing, confirming that public notice posting regarding the Application was made for twenty-one days on the property, beginning on October 29, 2015. Additionally, notice of hearing was published in the legal notice section of the Santa Fe New Mexican on October 29, 2015, as evidenced by a copy of that legal notice contained in the record. Receipts for certified mailing of notices of the hearing were also contained in the record for all adjacent property owners. (Exhibit 13)

This Application was originally submitted on January 11, 2013. The Applicant has revised the Application several times in an effort to meet reviewing agency concerns. The most recent revised Application was submitted August 7, 2015.

Building and Development Services staff has reviewed this project for compliance with pertinent Code requirements and have found that the facts presented support this request. The proposed use meets the criteria set forth in Ordinance No. 2010-13 (Community Service Facilities) as an allowed use. The Application is comprehensive in establishing the scope of the project. The proposed Preliminary Development Plan substantially conforms to the proposed Master Plan; the Final Development Plan conforms to the Code requirements for this type of use; and the Application satisfies the submittal requirements set forth in the Code.

The review comments from State Agencies and County staff have established findings that the Application is in compliance with state requirements, Ordinance No. 2010-13, Article V, § 5.2 Master Plan Procedures, Article V, § 7.1 Preliminary Development Plan, and Article V, § 7.2 Final Development Plan of the Code.

APPROVAL SOUGHT:

Master Plan, Preliminary & Final Development Plan approval to allow a Community Service Facility on 40 acres.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

AREA:

SDA-2.

SLDC PROPOSED ZONING DISTRICT:

Rural Residential

HYDROLOGIC ZONE:

Mountain Hydrologic Zone, minimum lot size in this area is 20 acres with recorded water restrictive covenants of 0.25 acre feet, per Article III, Section 10 of the Code.

ARCHAEOLOGIC ZONE:

An Archeological Survey was conducted on the site. The New Mexico Historic Preservation Division (NMHPD) reviewed the Application and asserts that the cultural resource survey identified a segment of the Santa Fe Trail and documented the segment as archaeological site LA 175659. This segment crosses Stone Cabin Road in the bottom of Piedras Negras Canyon and a portion of the trail is used as a footpath. NMHPD requests the proposed improvements to Stone Cabin Road shall be restricted to the existing area of disturbance. If the improvements to Stone Cabin Road can be restricted to this area of previous disturbance on the west side of the road, then the proposed widening of Stone Cabin Road will not adversely impact LA 175659. If LA 175659 can be avoided then this trail segment should be placed in a non-disturbance easement. If the road improvements cannot avoid LA 175659, then a treatment plan must be prepared to mitigate the adverse impacts to the Santa Fe Trail.

ACCESS AND TRAFFIC:

The project is proposing to access the property via Stone Cabin Road. Stone Cabin Road accesses off of County Road 67 (Old Santa Fe Trail). At present Stone Cabin Road is a fourteen foot unimproved road. The Applicant proposes to improve Stone Cabin Road to meet county standards, (20' or 24' driving surface, grades at the approach to intersections shall not exceed 3% for 100 linear feet, excluding vertical curve distance, return radii shall be a minimum of 30 feet, 50 foot asphalt apron from the edge of Old Santa Fe Trail on the approach of Stone Cabin Road, a minimum of 6" of compacted base course shall be required). A Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) was provided for the project, prepared by Morey Walker and Associates

Engineering, Inc., dated January 11, 2013, revised on February 8, 2013, and again revised on July 30, 2015.

Santa Fe County Public Works Department has reviewed the submittal and supports the Application subject to the following conditions:

- 1. If it is determined that the development generates more than the estimated 25 vehicles per peak hour, the Applicant shall provide Santa Fe County with a new Traffic Impact Analysis.
- 2. The Applicant shall address the approach of Stone Cabin Road to meet Article V, § 8.2.7d which states, "grades at the approach to intersections shall not exceed 3% for 100 linear feet, excluding vertical curve distance."
- 3. Return radii shall be a minimum of 30 feet.
- 4. All internal radii shall be a minimum of 30 feet unless approved by the Santa Fe County Fire Marshall.
- 5. Stone Cabin Road shall be improved to Local Road Standards as per Article V, § 8.1.3 of the Code.
- 6. The Applicant shall demonstrate that existing culverts are sized correctly to accommodate storm run-off.
- 7. The Applicant is proposing to accommodate run-off via bar ditches, these bar ditches traverse slopes of approximately 11%, the Applicant shall demonstrate how they will reduce the potential for erosion.
- 8. The Applicant shall provide a 50 foot asphalt apron from the edge of Old Santa Fe Trail on the approach of Stone Cabin Road.
- 9. The Applicant shall provide an R1-1 33"x30" at the exit of the property.

The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) reviewed the Application and recommends approval of the development. NMDOT will require the Applicant to obtain a special event permit for large gatherings in order to allow traffic control devices or Law Enforcement to direct traffic to the event on Old Las Vegas Highway.

FIRE PROTECTION:

The Applicant has proposed a loop road for circulation of emergency vehicles. All roads will meet the minimum county standards for fire apparatus access roads. All roads, turnouts and turnarounds will have an all-weather driving surface consisting of 6" compacted base course or equivalent.

Santa Fe County Fire Prevention Division reviewed the Application and stated the following:

Driveway, turnouts, and turnarounds shall be County approved all weather driving surface of minimum 6" compacted basecourse or equivalent. Minimum road way width shall be 20' and an unobstructed vertical clearance of 13'6". The secondary emergency access/egress loop shall be designated and legally recorded on the registered plat. Driveway/fire access shall not exceed 11% slope and shall have a minimum 28' inside radius on curves. The Application shall comply with Article 1, § 103.3.2-New Construction and Alterations of the 1997 Uniform Fire Code, inclusive to all sub-sections and current standards, practice and rulings of the Santa Fe County Fire Marshal. In addition, upon completion of the permitted work the Applicant shall contact the Santa Fe County Fire Marshal to conduct a final inspection.

WATER SUPPLY:

The existing well, that will serve the development, was permitted by the Office of the State Engineer (OSE). The Applicant has submitted a water budget establishing the yearly water use at 0.50 AFY. Meter readings shall be submitted to the OSE and the County Hydrologist on an annual basis. Water restrictive covenants, restricting the water use to 0.50 acre feet per year, shall be recorded along with the Final Development Plan.

The County Hydrologist reviewed the water budget submitted by the Applicant and stated the following:

The water budget for the development was submitted for review which proposes 0.50 AFY water use for the entire development which includes water conservation measures in compliance with Article VII, § 6.6.2(a)-(h); indoor water-saving fixtures, efficient appliances, rain catchment system, and gray-water reuse system. The water budget did not include water use for the Amma Center's weekly meditation and meeting guests, 7 larger gatherings per year, and greenhouse. The Center is required to operate within the 0.50 AFY and shall verify water use by collecting monthly meter readings and submitting them to the County on an annual basis. Therefore, the Amma Center may have to adjust their water use for individual uses in order to stay within 0.50 AFY.

On November 6, 2015, a revised water budget was submitted by the Applicant. The County Hydrologist reviewed the revised water budget and stated that the revised water budget is within the 0.50 AFY and is acceptable. (Exhibit 14)

LIQUID WASTE:

An existing septic tank and leach field will serve the 6 bedroom 5,000 square foot Residential Ashram. The existing septic system is approved and permitted by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED).

SOLID WASTE:

The Applicant disposes the solid waste at the El Dorado Transfer Station.

FLOODPLAIN & TERRAIN MGMT:

The property contains slopes in the 0-30 % range. No new structures are proposed, and the proposed upgraded road will not disturb any 30% slope. All cut slopes are 2:1 and all fill slopes are 3:1. The request is in conformance with Article VII, Section 3.4.2, Terrain Management Plan.

The Applicant's proposal illustrates existing conditions and a proposed grading and drainage plan. The Development indicates that all improved areas including impervious areas will drain to proposed ponding. Runoff will be collected with three ponds. The total capacity provided for site runoff is 889 cubic feet. Sheet C-1 by Walker Engineering illustrates total ponding required for site run off is 659 Cubic feet. Therefore, the proposal is in conformance with Article VII, Section 3.4.6, Storm Drainage and Erosion Control of the Code as amended by Ordinance 2008-10, Flood Damage Prevention and Stormwater Management.

SIGNAGE AND LIGHTING:

The Applicant is not proposing new signage. The Applicant is proposing to utilize existing signs on the property. The Applicant has shown location and dimensions of signage. Staff has determined that the signage element of the Application does comply with Article VIII, Sign Regulations.

The Application proposes outdoor security lighting. Any future outdoor lighting shall comply with Article III, Section, 4.4.4h, Outdoor Lighting Standards.

EXISTING DEVELOPMENT:

Existing structures consist of a 200 square foot storage shed, a 1,000 square foot greenhouse, a 5,000 square foot Residential Ashram, and a 1,400 square foot Meditation Hall.

ADJACENT PROPERTY:

The site is bordered to the north, east, west, and south by residential property.

PARKING:

The site plan illustrates 27 parking spaces, which include 2 handicap parking spaces. All parking areas shall be clearly marked. Parking of vehicles outside of the designated area shall be prohibited in order to minimize erosion and dust on the site. Staff has determined that the parking element of the Application meets the criteria set forth in Article III, Section 9, Parking Requirements.

LANDSCAPING:

The Applicant submitted a landscaping plan illustrating the existing and proposed vegetation on the site. The landscape element of the Application meets the landscape standards of Article III, Section 4.4.4.f 4, Landscaping Plan, of the Code.

RAINWATER HARVESTING:

The Applicant submitted a water harvesting plan consisting of five existing water storage tanks. The sizes of the tanks are 2,900; 1,100; 1,800; 2,500; and 2,500 gallons. The captured rain water will be utilized for landscaping and irrigation in the greenhouse. The plan set illustrates gutters and down spouts use to collect and direct rain water from the roof of the structures to the cisterns. Therefore, the water harvesting element of the Application meets the requirements set forth in Ordinance No. 2008-4, Water Recycling Systems, which amends Ordinance No. 2003-6 and the Code.

AGENCY REVIEW:

Agency Recommendation **NMOSE** No Formal Opinion **NMDOT** Approval NMED Approval NMDHP Conditional Approval **County Fire** Conditional Approval County PW Conditional Approval County Hydrologist Conditional Approval

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of Master Plan, Preliminary & Final Development Plan to allow a Community Service Facility on 40 acres in conformance with Ordinance No. 2010-13 (Community Service Facilities), which amends Article III, § 7; Article V, § 5; and Article V, § 7 of the Santa Fe County Land Development Code, Ordinance No. 1996-10, subject to the following conditions:

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- Upon completion of the permitted work the Applicant shall contact the Santa Fe County Fire Marshal to conduct a final inspection.
- 2. Master Plan, Preliminary and Final Development Plan with appropriate signatures, shall be recorded with the County Clerk as per Article V, § 5.2.5.
- 3. Prior to recordation of the Master Plan the Applicant shall record a Lot Consolidation Plat, combining Lot 1-A (20.00 acres) and 1-B (20.00 acres), creating a 40 ± acre parcel to be utilized by the Amma Center.
- 4. The Applicant shall monitor the traffic created by the approved use, if it is determined that the development generates more than the estimated 25 vehicles per peak hour, the Applicant shall provide Santa Fe County with a revised Traffic Impact Analysis.
- 5. Water restrictive covenants, restricting the water use to 0.50 acre feet per year, shall be recorded along with the Final Development Plan. Meter readings shall be submitted to the County Hydrologist on an annual basis. If the water use exceeds 0.50 acre feet per year the Amma Center may have to adjust their water use for individual uses in order to stay within 0.50 AFY. This shall be noted on the Master Plan/Development Plan.

- Large events, exceeding the daily use, at the Amma Center shall be required to obtain a special event permit from NMDOT and a Special Use Permit from Santa Fe County.
- 7. The dimensions and location of the Applicant's signage must comply with Article VIII, Sign Regulations.
- 8. The Applicant shall submit a financial guarantee, in sufficient amount to assure completion of all required improvements prior to Final Development Plan recordation, as per Article V, § 9.9.

EXHIBITS:

- 1. Applicant's Report
- 2. Proposed Plans
- 3. Ordinance No. 2010-13 (Community Service Facilities)
- 4. Article V, § 5 (Master Plan Procedures)
- 5. Article V, § 7 (Preliminary Development Plans)
- 6. Article V, § 7.2 (Final Development Plan)
- 7. Aerial Photo of Property
- 8. Agency Reviews and Comments
- 9. Warranty Deeds and Letter of Authorization
- 10. Proposed Lot Consolidation
- 11. 2013 Letters of Concern
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- 13. Legal Notice
- 14. Revised water budget and comments by the County Hydrologist
- 15. Additional Letters of Concern

MASTER / PRELIMINARY and FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN REPORT

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1. Introduction and General Description:

Amma Center of New Mexico requests approval from Santa Fe County for a Master/Preliminary Development (Final) Plan for an existing 5,000+/- square foot Residential Ashram and 1,400+/- square foot Meditation Hall located on 40 acres. This request is associated with approval of a Community Service Facility. The property is accessed off Old Santa Fe Trail, located at 48 Stone Cabin Road, approximately 7 miles southeast of the City of Santa Fe. The subject property consists of one lot that is approximately 40 acres and is owned by the Amma Center of New Mexico. Additional property owned by Amma Center of NM and the Schmidt family surrounds the subject property (Sheets A01 and A03).

Amma Center has utilized the subject property since 1988. The Ashram was built in 1996. The nonprofit spiritual center will continue to occupy the residential ashram and conduct Satsang, meditation and meetings with residents/members and guests. There are several larger gatherings per year, coinciding with Swami's visit and Amma's birthday celebration.

The Master/Preliminary and Final Development Plan approval will not result in any change in use for the subject property.

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A. History and Background:

Amma Center of New Mexico is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit religious organization, whose dual purposes are to study and practice the teachings of Amma, an internationally heralded spiritual and humanitarian leader, and to work to advance the interests of the poor, elderly and destitute by engaging in local, national and international charitable projects. Amma Center was incorporated under the laws of New Mexico as a nonprofit religious organization in 1994. The central hub includes the existing ±5,000 sq. fit. residential ashram and studio (meditation hall) located on the property.

The Ashram hosts spiritual activities and Amma Center of NM provide services such as:

- Group meditation on Saturdays, weekly readings of Amma's teachings, and chanting.
- Volunteers go into the Santa Fe community to teach free meditation classes.
 Classes are taught at the Santa Fe Community College and sundry Santa Fe community projects.
- For nine consecutive years, volunteers have gone to the Santa Fe Juvenile Detention Center each Tuesday evening to teach incarcerated juveniles meditation.
- Volunteers go to the National Guard Armory to teach meditation to weterans who are returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.
- Amma Center Green Friends stewards two sections of the watershed through the Adopt-the- River Program of the Santa Fe Watershed Association.
- The Center meets monthly to clean litter from the areas.
- There are various programs involving the poor and homeless in Santa Fe which includes distributing warm clothes and food.
- Amma Center has served approximately 100,000 burrito lunches to the homeless on Sundays over the last 20 years.
- Currently the Center sponsors religious holiday events several times per year.
- Recently the children's outreach program provided school clothing for more than 500 low income students attending Santa Fe Public Schools.

Amma:

Mata Amritanandamayi, known simply as "Amma", is an internationally renowned spiritual leader and humanitarian with a large following in Santa Fe and unroughout the world. Through her extraordinary acts of love and self-sacrifice. Amma has endeared herself to millions who have been inspired by her example of service to the poor and suffering. Amma holds free public programs throughout India, Europe, the U.S., Australia, Japan, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Malaysia, Canada, Africa and South America. The program features her personally embracing each person attending the event. Amma

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¹ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mata_Amritanandamayi

has given this motherly embrace, known as her darshan, to more than 33 million people throughout the world.

This simple yet powerful act has become both catalyst and symbol for the growing network of humanitarian initiatives known as: Embracing the World®. Im addition to inspiring the above works of the Amma Center of New Mexico through her teachings and the annual event, her impact includes:

- December, 2014 His Holiness Pope Francis invited Amma to the Vatican where she joined Pope Francis and other religious leaders in signing a declaration against human trafficking and slavery.
- She has been featured on ABC, CBS, CNN and in other print and television media.
- Awards include: The United Nations Gandhi-King Award, Geneva, Switzerland;
 James Parks Morton Award, NY, NY; Prix Cinema Verite Award, Paris, France;
 Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters, SUNY Buffalo, NY;
- Testimonials have come from Dr. Jane Goodall, the Martin Luther King Jr. Center, the Prime Minister of India and Dr. Joan Campbell -World Council of Churches. She has been a keynote speaker at United Nations and Parliament of World Religions functions.
- Amma's charitable organization, Embracing the World®, operates in forty countries including the U.S., and is Special Consultant to the United Nations. The multi-faceted organization provides medical care, education, food, disaster relief, women empowerment, job training, housing, and other projects too numerous to list.
- The Governor of the State of Illinois awarded her "honorary citizen" status.
- On July 8, 2015 Amma addressed researchers representing 93 leading international universities at the United Nations in NYC. The subject was technology for sustainable development as it applies to poor people throughout the world.
- On July 21, 2015 Amma was invited by the President of France to address The Summit of Conscience regarding climate change.

B. Existing Structures and Uses:

Amma Center will continue to occupy the residential ashram and conduct weekly meditation meetings with ashram residents and guests as it has since 1993. The residential ashram has 6 bedrooms/ office/ dining room/ meditation room/ kitchen/ 4 bathrooms and is used primarily as a long term residence for Amma's followers (See Attached Floor Plans)

The Meditation Hall is used for weekly group meditations, IAM meditation instruction, and special events.

The structures are set back from Old Santa Fe Trail, are not visible to adjacent neighbors and are accessed by a private easement (Stone Cabin Road). The road will be upgraded to a 20' driving surface, less than 11% slope as required by code as shown in the attached drawings.

C. Application/ Request:

Amma Center of New Mexico seeks approval under Article III, Section 7 (as amended by Ordinance 2010-13). Section 7.1 provides that community service facilities are allowed anywhere in the County, subject to master plan/development plan approval of the following code determinations:

7.1.1 The proposed facilities are necessary in order that community services may be provided for in the County;

The community services to be provided with respect to this application are those of a religious/spiritual nature. The community service required in this instance is specifically the providing of religious services by the Center to the many devotees of Amma in Santa Fe County.

The Center currently uses the residence and meditation hall for various activities. The specific location is unique for several reasons. First and foremost is Amma's history of being with her devotees on the property over the course of eighteen years. This land should be considered consecrated ground, and has special meaning to the Center's members and guests for this reason. Additionally, much of Amma's work is focused on preservation of the natural environment and love and respect for our natural world. For this reason a quiet, rural, sparsely developed site like the subject property is appropriate for Amma Center's religious and charitable activities. Finally, this land has been made available free of charge to the Center, as a donation by Mr. and Mrs. Schnnidt with the understanding that it be used for the current use, not sold, and the Amma Center is not in the position to purchase an alternate site.

7.1.2 The use is compatible with the existing development in the area and is compatible with development permitted under the Code;

The area is lightly developed, and this proposal ensures significant open space in order to keep it that way. The majority of development that exists is residential in character. There are also a number of agricultural uses, commercial 'home occupation' uses and a small but not insignificant number of other nonresidential uses (primarily other community service facilities) within a few miles. Other religious uses include a Cathollic church in Canada de Los Alamos, and an Episcopal camp and a conference center at C amp Stoney, which the subject property was formally a part of.

As far as development permitted under the code LDC Art. III, §2 residential uses are also permitted "anywhere in the county," as are agricultural, grazing and ranching uses (LDC Art. III, §1), home occupation commercial uses (LDC Art. III, §3), large scale residential

uses (LDC Art. III, §6) and "all other uses not otherwise regulated by the Code (LDC Art. III, §8). Only commercial and industrial uses (LDC Art. III. §4), "mineral exploration" (hard rock mining, LDC Art. III, §5) and "extraction activity for construction materials" (sand and gravel mining, LDC Art. XI) are confined to specific zoned districts. An exceedingly small part of the County is specifically designated as such zoned districts. The remainder is not zoned for any specific use, but rather the above 'permissive' uses are allowed. Thus, community service facility uses are necessarily considered compatible with residential uses. A finding of incompatibility with existing or permissible uses would require substantial evidence of unique, site-specific reasons of incompatibility which do not exist in this application.

In conclusion:

The proposed use meets all prescriptive code requirements, is necessary to provide Amma's services in the County, and is compatible with the existing and permitted development in the area.

2. Approval Criteria (LDC Art. V, Sec. 5.2.4(b)):

Conformance to County and Extraterritorial Plan: The 2010 Sustainable Growth Management Plan recognizes the essential community nature of these buildings by "Encouraging the location of... places of worship, and other institutional uses within communities, to serve as a focal point for the community and afford easy access to residents." SLDC Sec. 2.2.3.4.

Suitability of the site to accommodate the proposed development: The size and topography of the site, as well as available space for parking, access and utilities, are superadequate for the proposed use. The location is highly suitable because it is close to a well traveled state highway. Traffic between Old Santa Fe Trail and the Center will pass by only one house, which is over 350 feet from the road. Moreover, Amma Center itself and the Schmidt family own the land all around the subject parcel, ensuring that other landowners will not be impacted by the development.

Suitability of the proposed uses and intensity of development at the location: The proposed use is one that existed on the property for many years with minimal impact to the surrounding community and little complaint, demonstrating the suitability of the site (this proposal seeks to address neighbor's concerns). Due to low impact on the land and existing structures, it is significantly more suitable to the rural atmosphere than maximum residential development with year-round traffic, noise, light and other environmental impacts would be. As a function of the overall 217 acre property, or the 20 acre subject parcel, intensity is minimal, expressed as a lot coverage ratio of three percent (3%).

Impact to schools, adjacent lands or the County in general: There will be no impact to schools. Neither the adjacent lands (owned by the applicants) nor the County will experience any significant impact.

Viability of proposed phases of the project to function as completed developments in the case that subsequent phases of the project are not approved or constructed: No phasing is proposed.

Conformance to applicable law and County ordinances in effect at the time of consideration, including required improvements and community facilities and design and/or construction standards: The application complies in all material respects.

3. Current Land Use:

The property is currently not zoned. The subject parcel has a 5,000 square foot residential Ashram and a 1,400 square foot accessory structure (meditation hall). There is also a 200 square foot storage shed and a 1,000 square foot greenhouse. The property is currently used for residential and religious purposes as described herein.

4. Economic/Fiscal Impact:

The project is not expected to incur any capital outlay or operating costs, and its net local public cost attributable to infrastructure use will be minimal.

5. Natural Environment:

A. Terrain Management

Please see Grading and Drainage Plan C-1

B. Steep Slopes and Ridges

No structure is within a slope greater than 30% and no higher than any ridge tops within 1,000 feet of a structure.

6. Screening/ Open Space:

The existing structures are sited on a 40 acre parcel set back 1,700 + feet from Old Santa Fe Trail. The Schmidt Family own 177 acres surrounding the subject existing structures owned by Amma Center of NM. Mature trees will be preserved as shown on Sheet A-05. Existing buildings all accessory structures are approximately 3% of the total 40 acres assuring that open space is preserved.

7. Signage:

No permanent additional signage proposed. Non-illuminated special event signage, in conformance with the code, may be used. Please see signage plan sheet A-04l.

8. Lighting:

The lighting levels for this project will not exceed the minimum illumination required for safety. No pole lights are proposed. Security lights will be placed on the building. All lights proposed will minimize glare and blind spots and will not exceed 150 watts.

9. Landscaping and Water Harvesting:

Few trees will need to be removed in order to provide adequate fire turn around areas and access as shown on Sheet A-04. Trees will be relocated on site in a 1:1 ratio.

The site is equipped with 5 cisterns as shown on Sheet A-03 and are utilized year round for watering plants, garden beds and trees around the property.

10. Parking and Traffic:

Art III, Sec. 9 of code "community facilities" require 1 per employee plus one per 300 square feet of structure. while the Center has no employees, and all staff are volunteers, we have assumed seven employee equivalent.

Residential Ashram: = 9 spaces provided (6 for residents, 3 for guests)

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Meditation Hall (1,400 sf): 1/300 = 5 spaces required (18 provided)
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A total of 27 spaces is provided, with appropriate disabled parking for each building as shown on Sheet A-03. In the case of larger events open to the public which exceed the parking capacity, Amma Center will apply for a Special Event Permit amd comply with all terms of the permit. The application will include a traffic control plan.

Please see Exhibit 3 Traffic Impact Analysis

11. Utilities:

All utilities are placed underground in order to minimize visual intrusions to the skyline as required by code. NBH-22

12. Trash Collection:

The applicant purchases a permit for disposal at the Eldorado Transfer Station.

13. Water Supply/ Budget:

There is a domestic well that serves the Ashram. Submittals for a water supply plan are not required by Art. VII, Sec. 6. However, in order to facilitate review we have included a water budget within Appendix C of the Reconnaissance Water Availability Assessment Report prepared by Glorieta Geoscience for Amma Center of New Mexico. In addition, the Center agrees to comply with all applicable water conservation measures contained in Art. VII, Sec. 6.6.2(a)-(h).

14. Liquid Waste:

A liquid waste disposal plan is not required by Art. VII, Sec. 2.2 (Table 7.1). The existing 1500 gallon septic system is properly permitted for the six bedroom residence as shown as Exhibit 2.

15. Access and Traffic Impact:

This project has a no impact on the Santa Fe County and NMDOT road system because no changes from the current use are proposed. For the intersections of Old Las Vegas Highway and Two Trails Road and of Old Santa Fe Trail and Two Trails Road, the roadways will continue to have an acceptable level of service. Stone Cabin Road will be upgraded to County standards and is fully capable of handling the existing traffic.

16. Fire Protection Plan:

Fire Department Access and Roads:

Per enclosed drawings an emergency access loop will be provided through the property and as noted on submitted plans. This emergency access will be legally recorded on registered plat. All roads will meet the minimum county standards for fire apparatus access roads within this type of development. Driveway, turnouts and turnarounds will be County approved all weather driveway surface a minimum 6" compacted base course or equivalent. Minimum gate and driveway width will be 20' and an unobstructed vertical clearance of 13'6".

Slope/ Grade:

Per submitted plans the maximum approved slope of the driveway access/egress will not exceed 11% slope and have a minimum 28' inside radius on curves (See Sheet C1).

Fire Extinguishers:

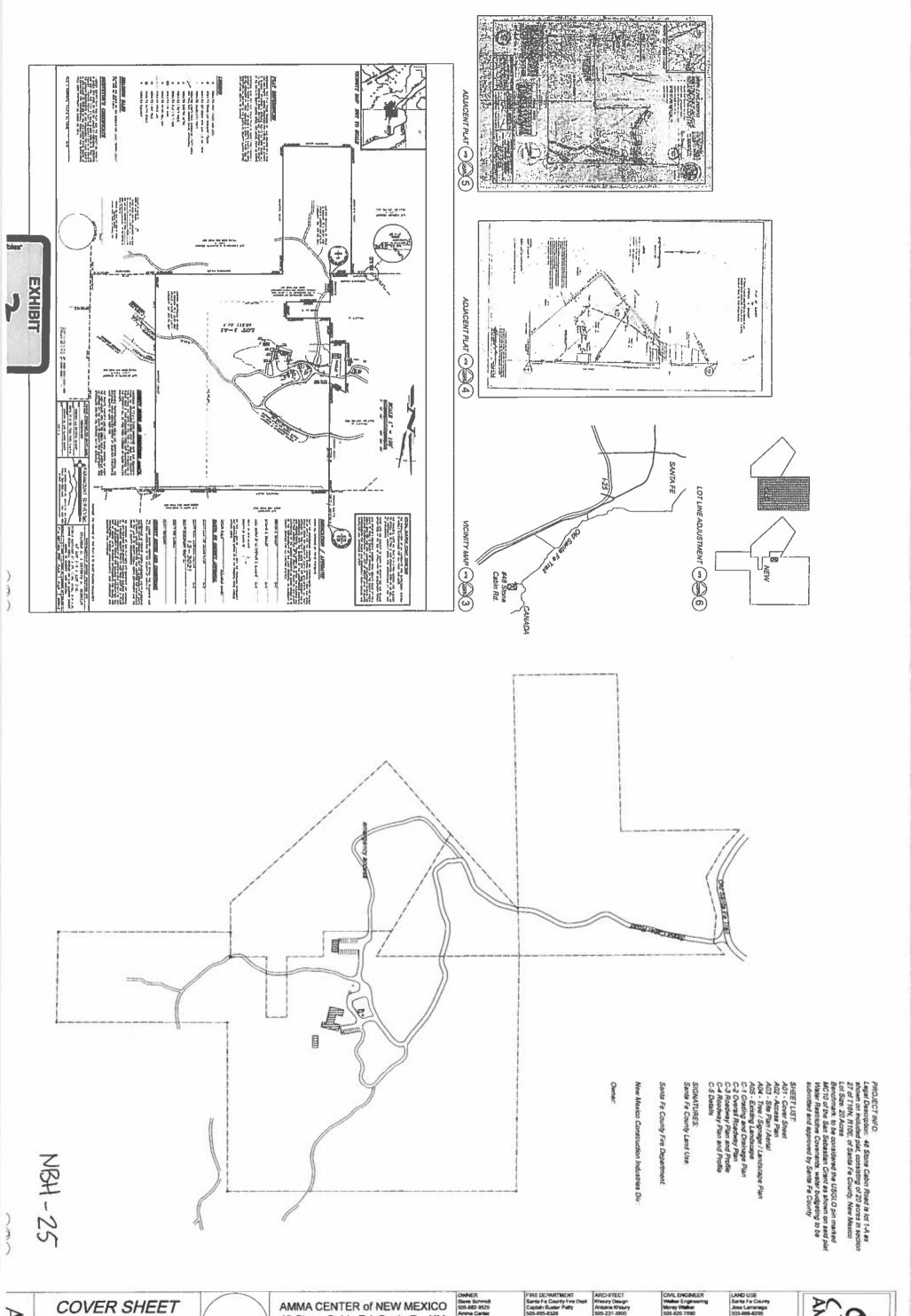
Portable fire extinguishers will be installed in both locations as set forth in the 1997 Uniform Fire Code. Portable fire extinguishers will be in accordance with the UFC Standard 10-1.

Vegetation Management:

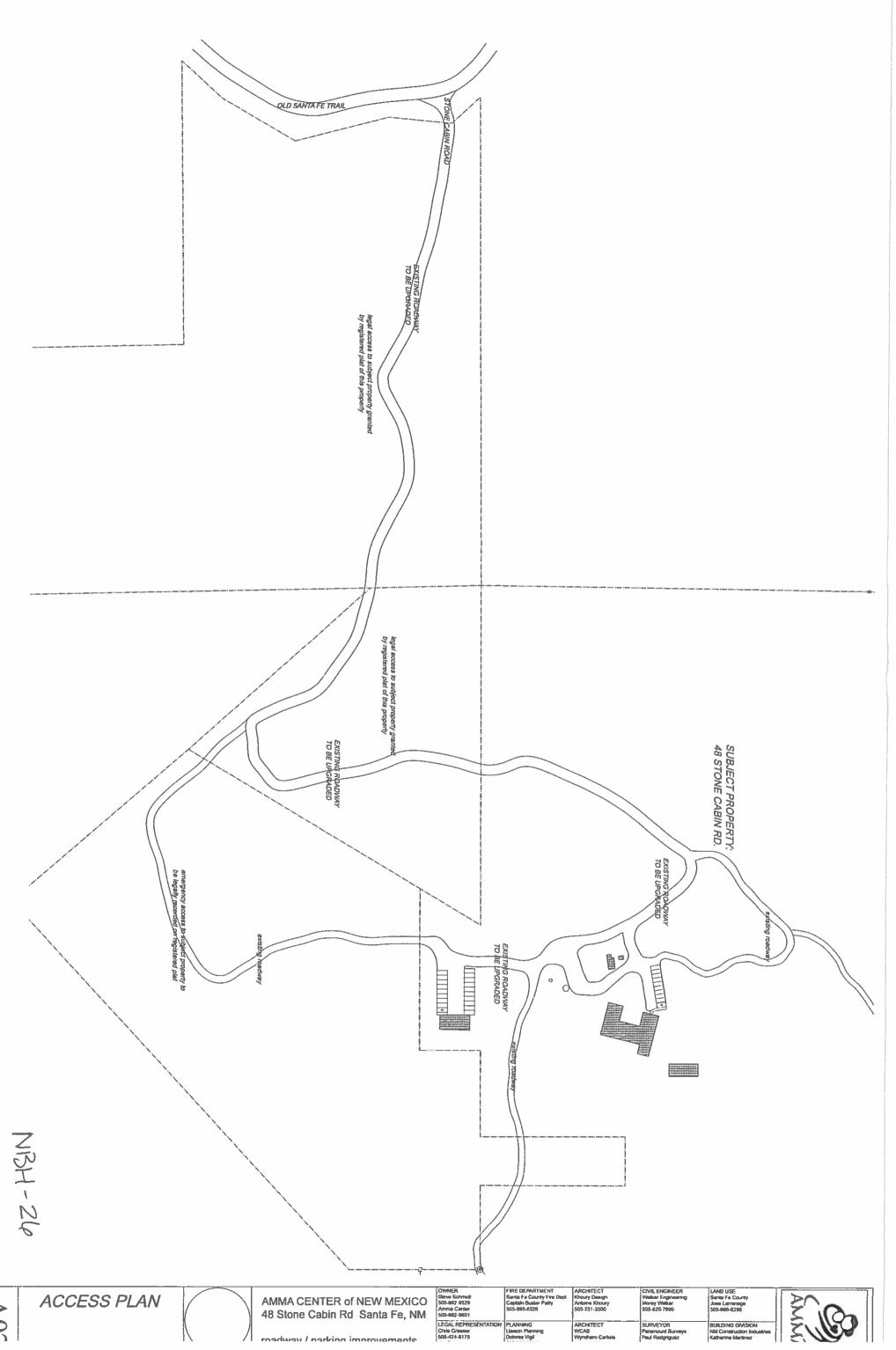
The applicant will have a vegetation management plan to establish fire-safe areas that minimize the threat and occurrence of fire in urban wildlife interface area.

17. Neighborhood Notification:

A neighborhood group has requested that Amma Center seek approval to be a community service facility so that Amma Center will be in conformity with County regulations. Copies of this application are being provided to the neighbors' counsel.







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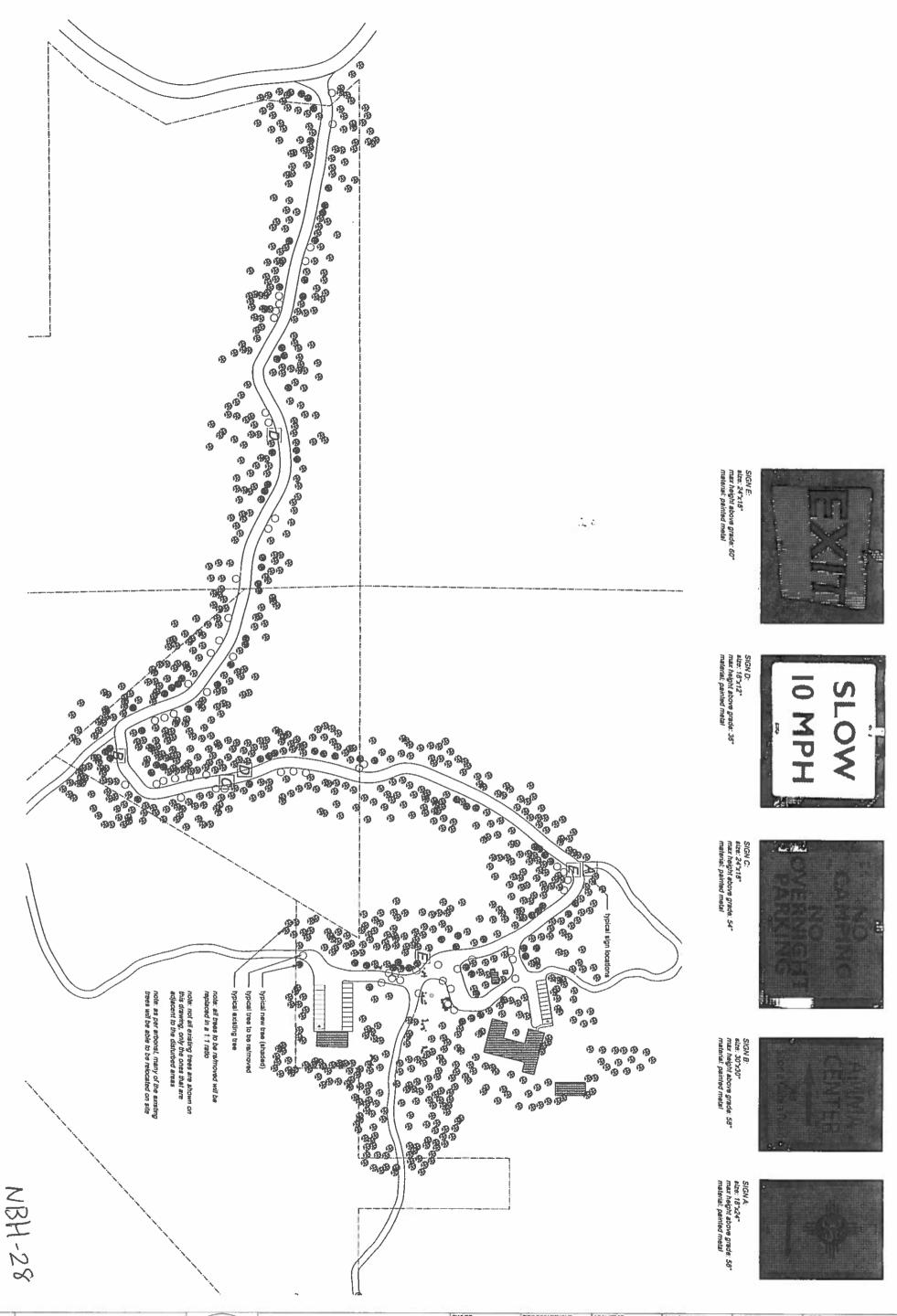


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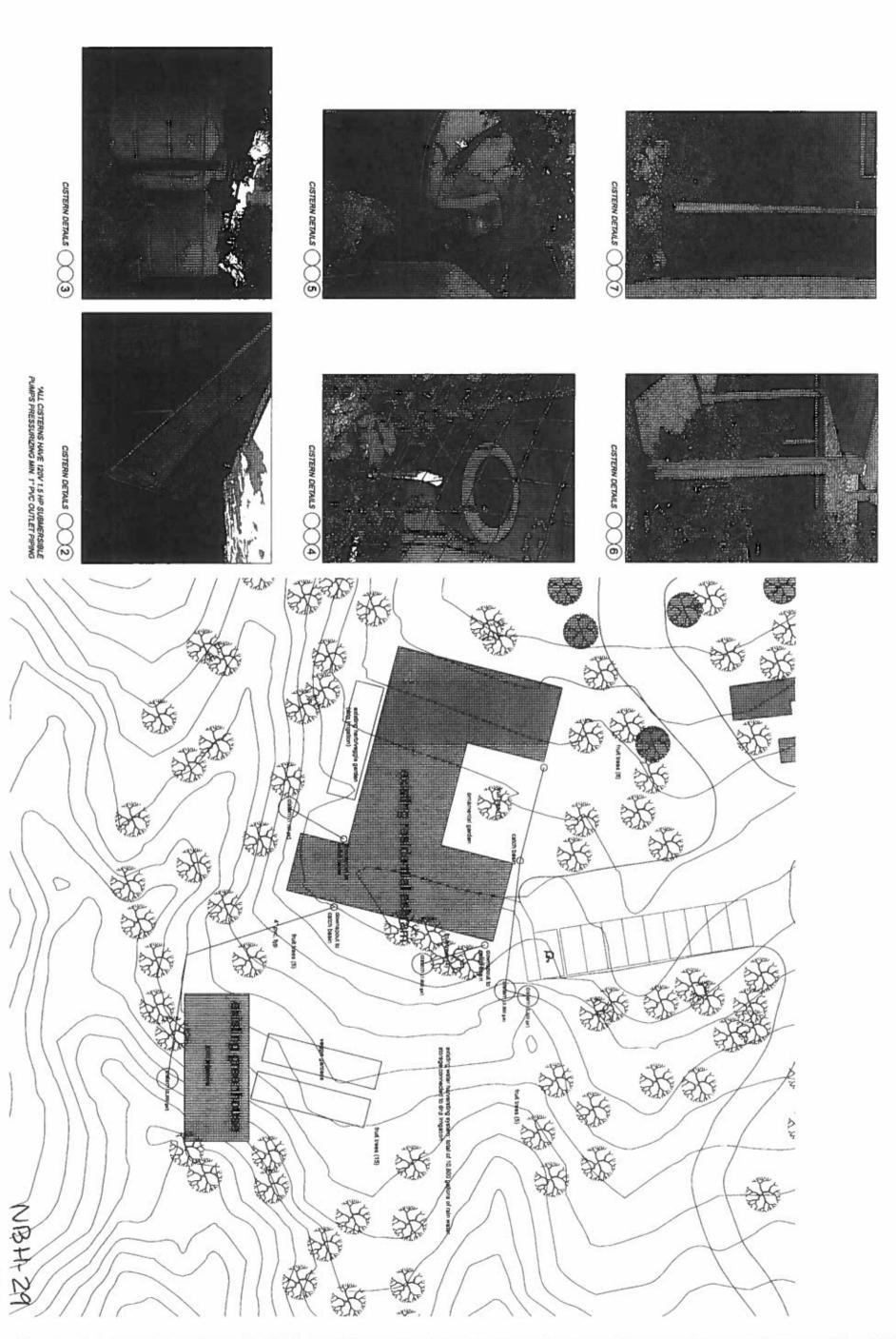
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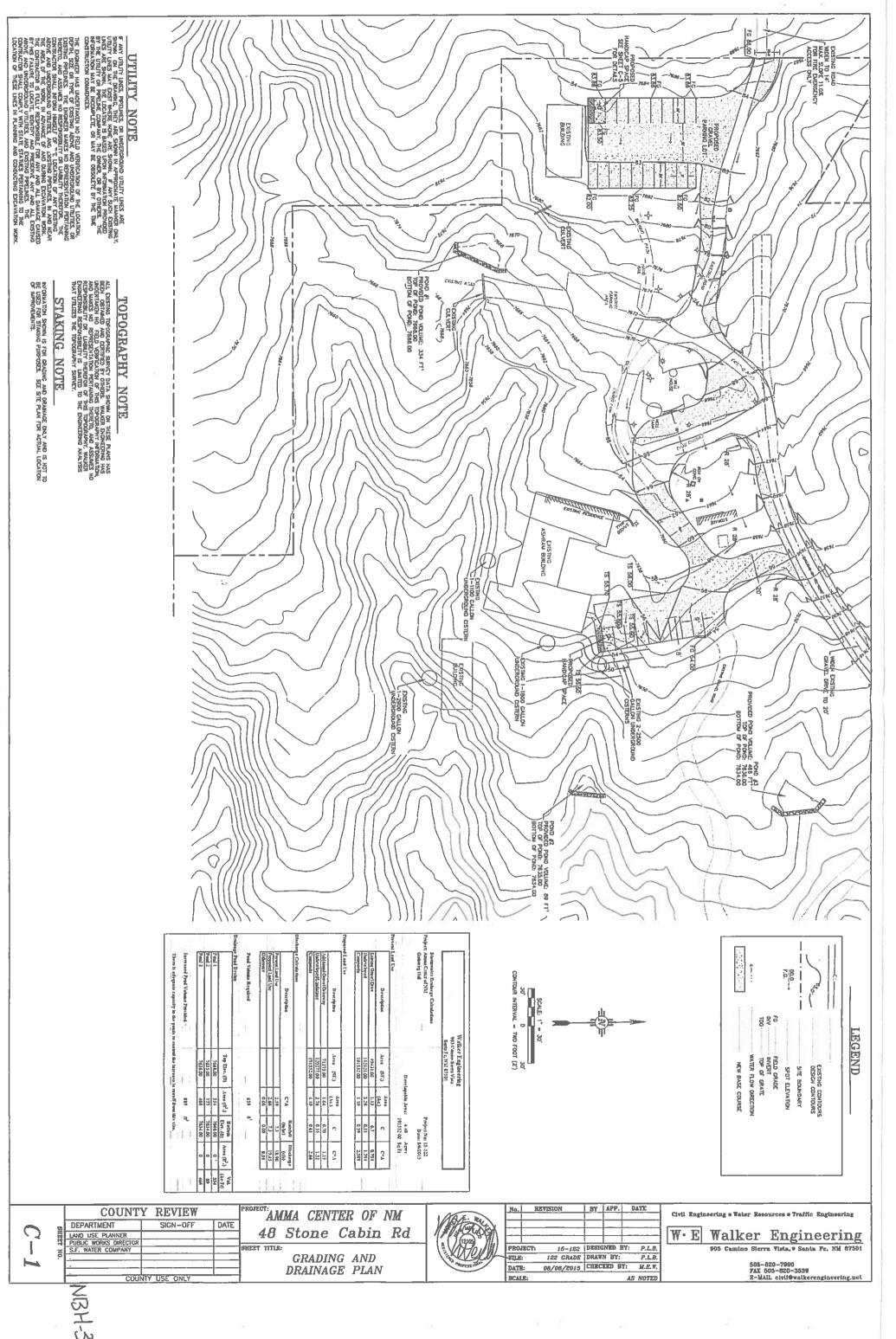
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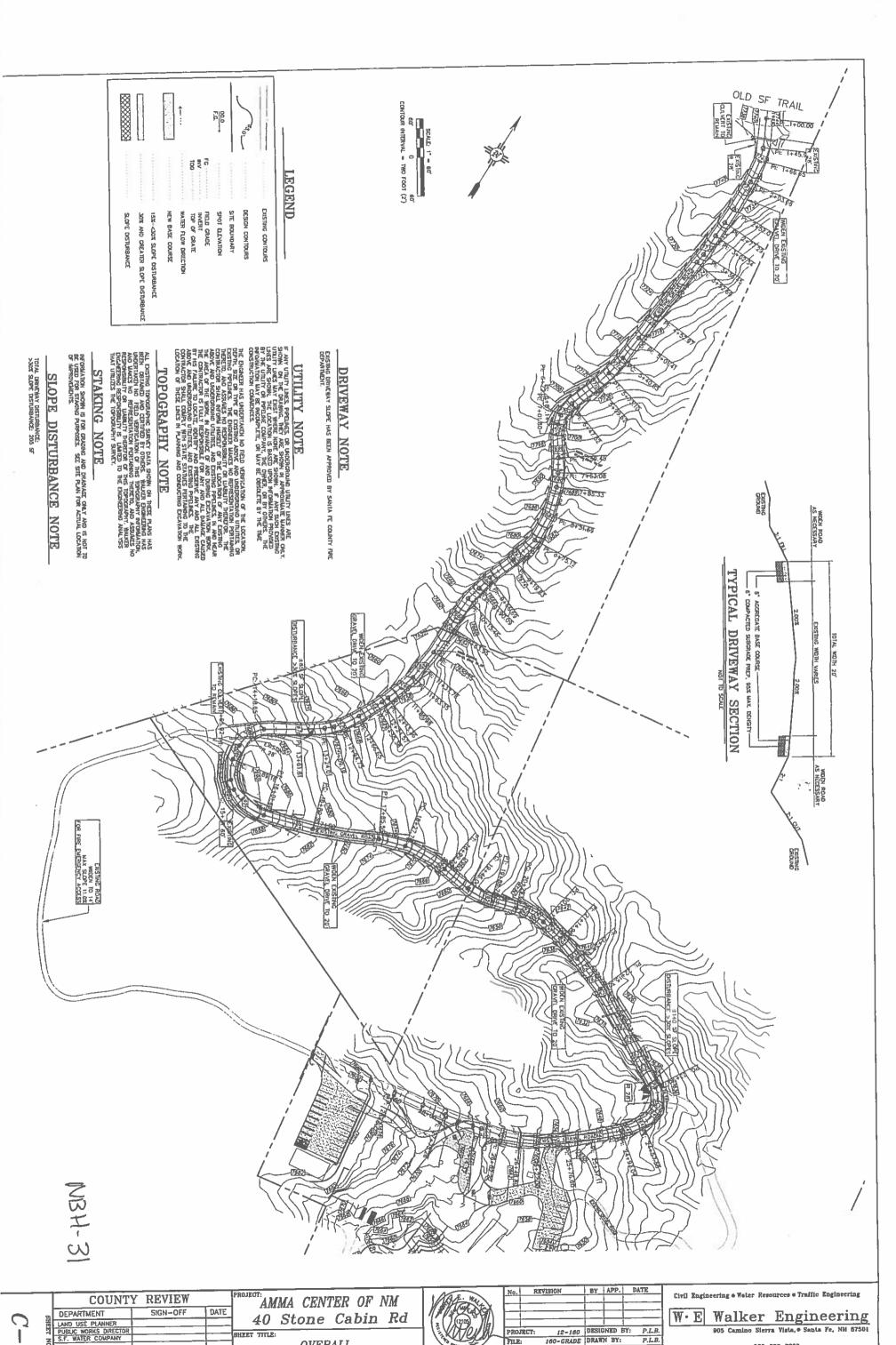
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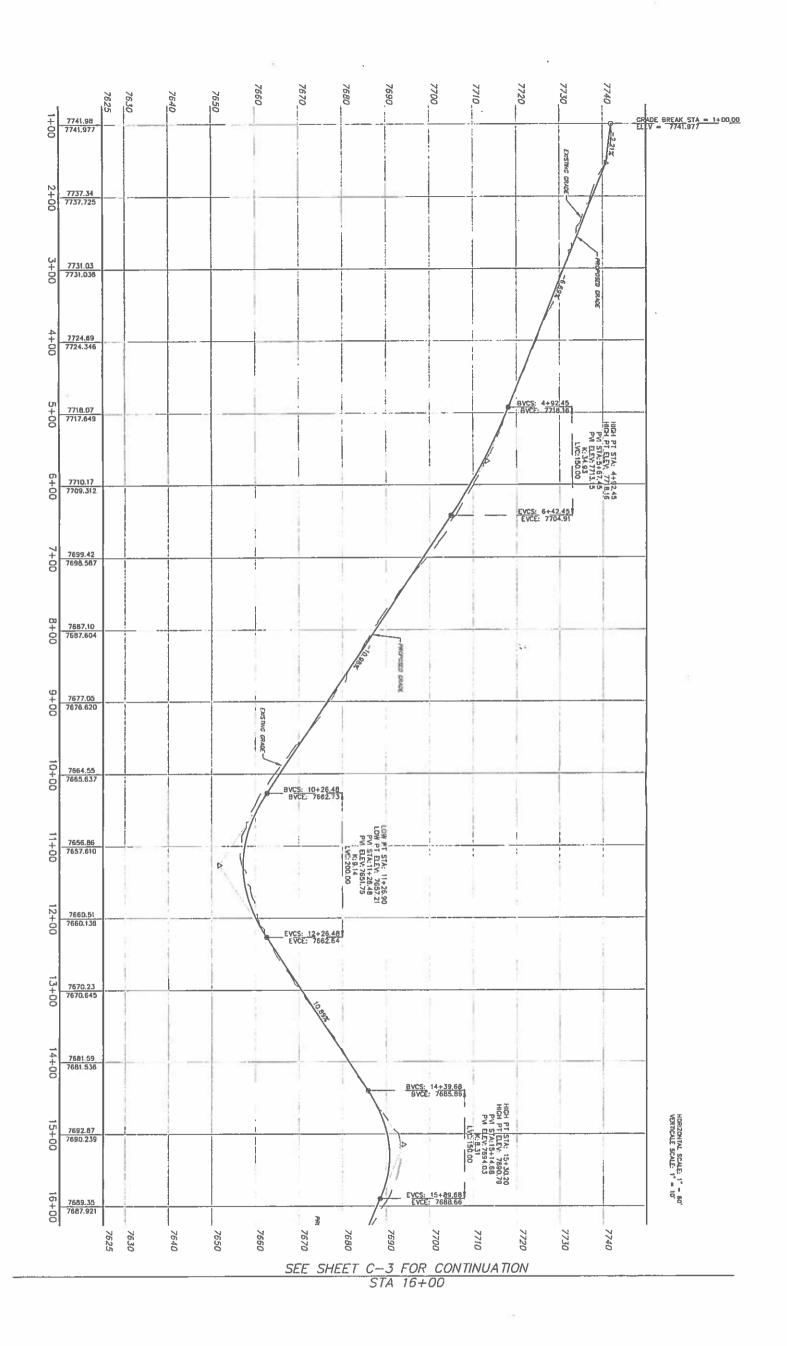
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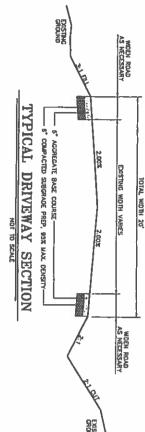
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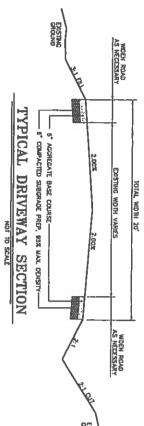
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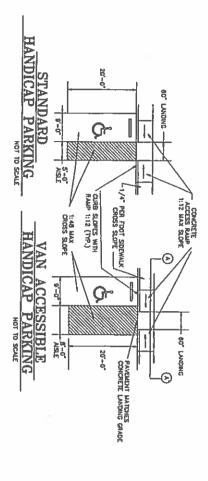


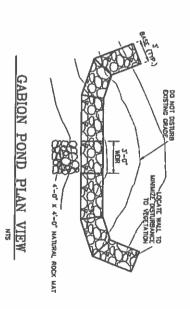
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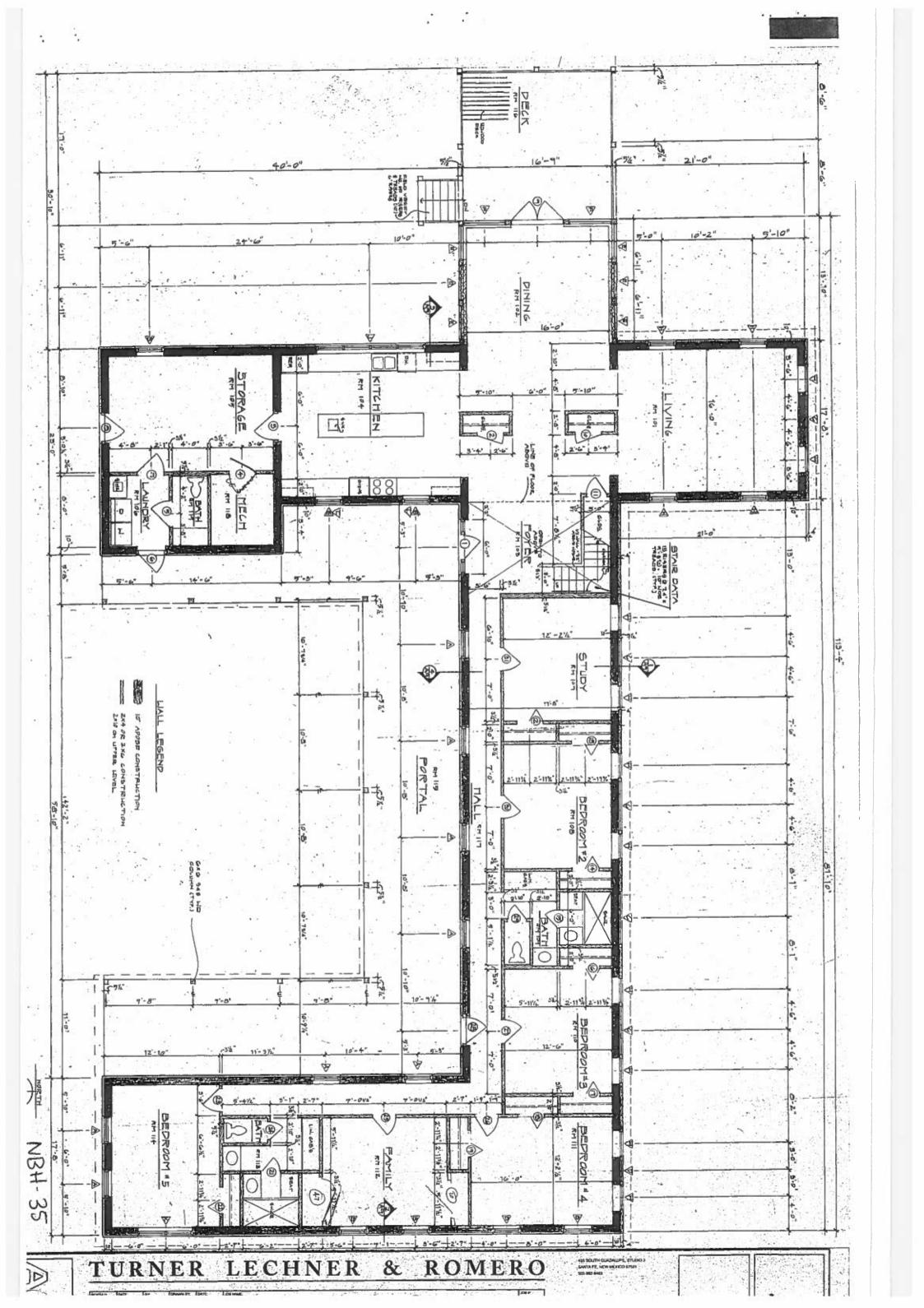
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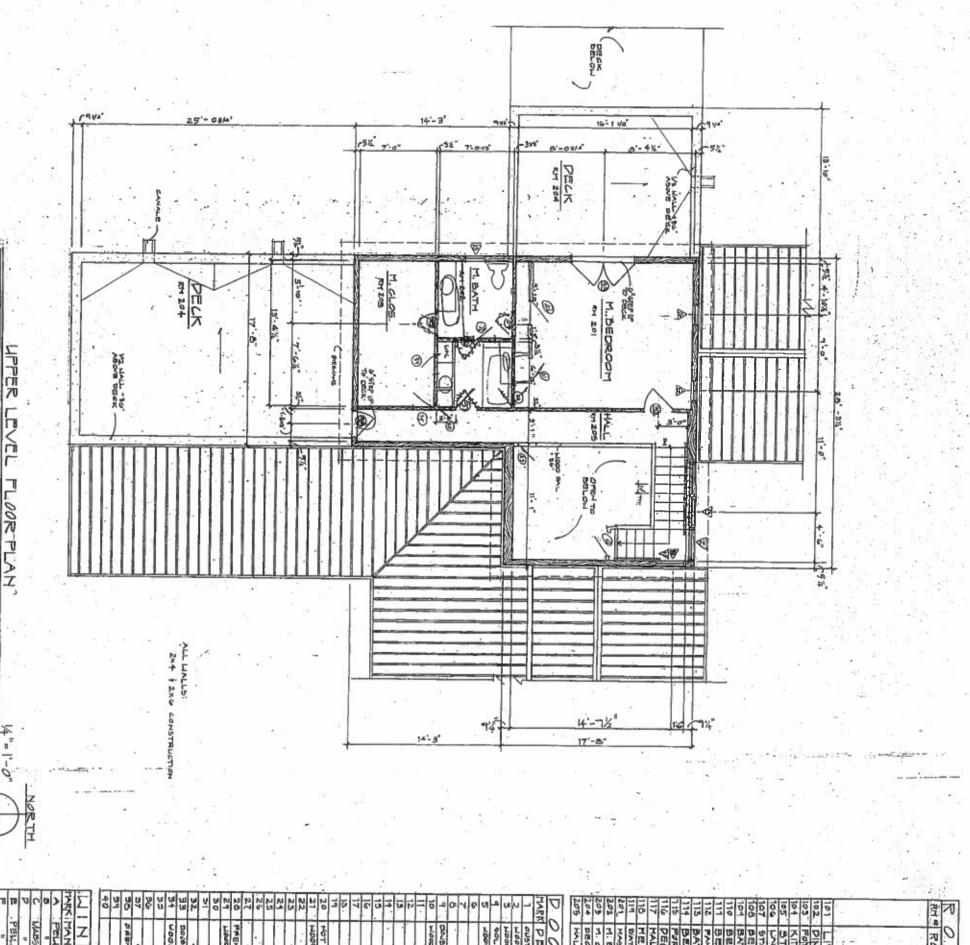
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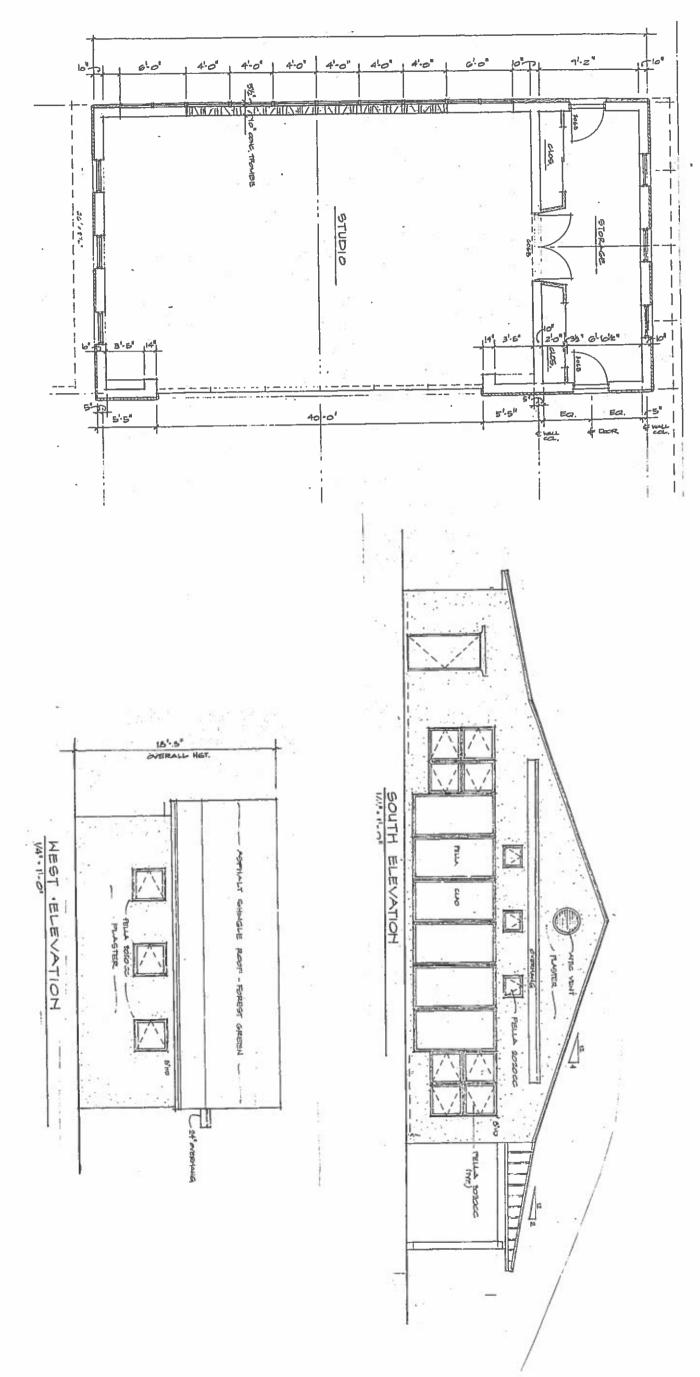




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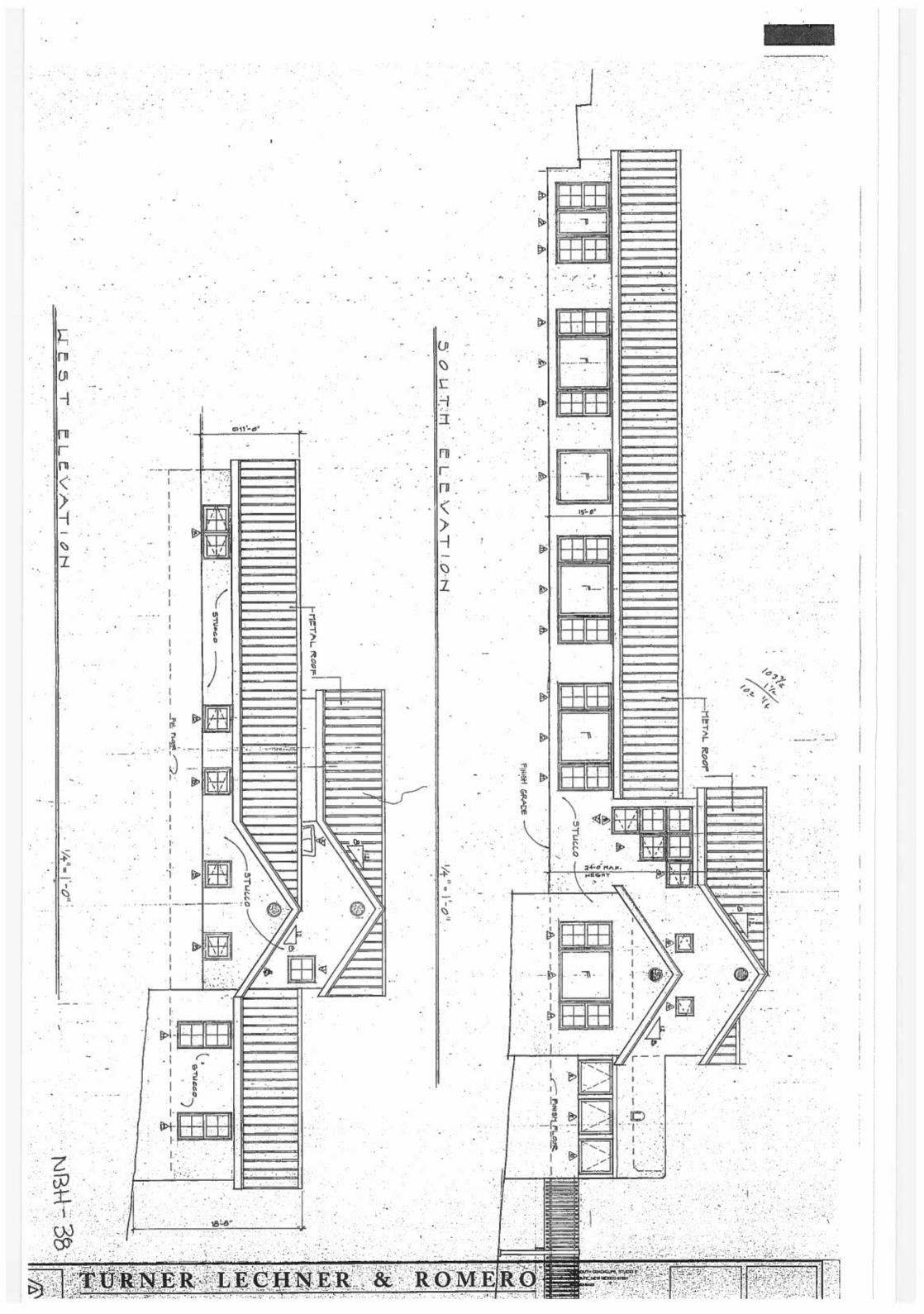
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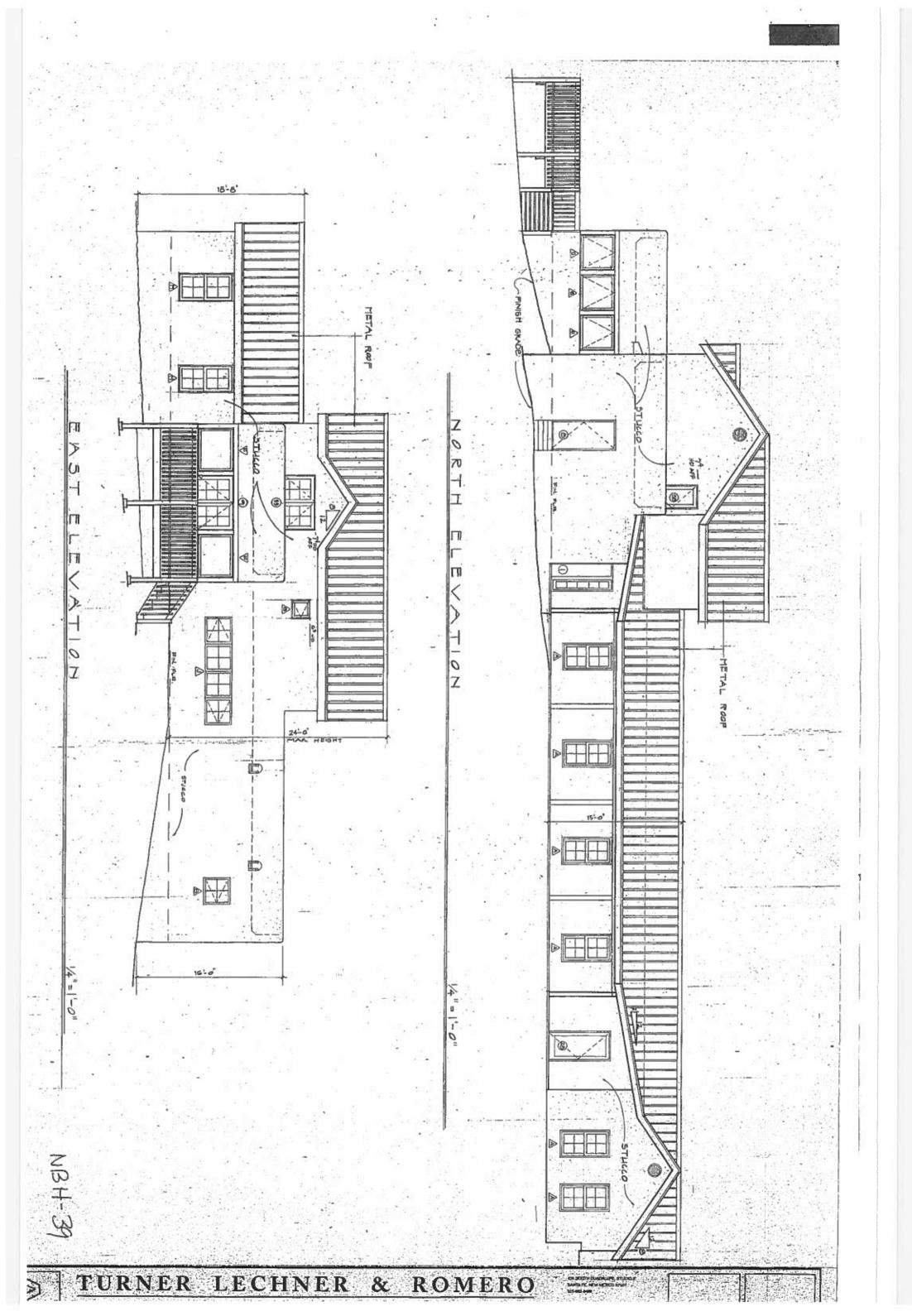
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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-<u>13</u>

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III, SECTION 7, COMMUNITY SERVICE FACILITIES OF THE SANTA FE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, ORDINANCE 1996-10 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLARIFYING STANDARDS AND SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY THAT ARTICLE III, SECTION 7 OF THE SANTA FE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, ORDINANCE 1996-10, IS AMENDED BY REPLACING THE EXISTING PROVISION WITH THE FOLLOWING:

SECTION 7 - COMMUNITY SERVICE FACILITIES

Community service facilities are facilities which provide service to a local community organization. These may include governmental services such as police and fire stations, elementary and secondary day care centers, schools and community centers, and churches.

7.1 Standards

Community service facilities are allowed anywhere in the County, provided all requirements of the Code are met, if it is determined that:

- 7.1.1 The proposed facilities are necessary in order that community services may be provided for in the County;
- 7.1.2 The use is compatible with existing development in the area and is compatible with development permitted under the Code; and
- 7.1.3 A master plan and preliminary and final development plan for the proposed development are approved.

7.2 Submittals and Review

The submittals and reviews for community service facilities shall be those provided for in Article III, Section 4.4 and Article V, Section 5.2 (Master Plan Procedure) and Section 7 (Development Plan Requirements).



PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 12th day of October, 2010, by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

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ATTEST:

Valerie Espinoza, Santa Fe County

Approved As To Form:

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[Mill] the proposals contained in the subdivider's disclosure statement and in determining whether or not the subdivider's provisions for a subdivision conform with County regulations.

4.8 Common Promotional Plans

The Code Administrator will review proposed applications to determine whether there is a common promotional plan to subdivide a property. If it is determined that the land division does constitute a compon promotional plan, the project shall comply with the procedures provided for in this Article V.

SECTION 5 - PROCEDURES AND SUBMITTALS

5.1 Pre-application Procedures

Prior to the filing of an application for approval of a preliminary plat, the subdivider shall confer with the Code Administrator to become acquainted with these subdivision regulations. At this pre-application conference, the subdivider shall be advised of the following:

- 1. Submittals required by the Code.
- Type and/or class of the proposed subdivision.
 Individuals and/or agencies that will be asked to review the required submittals.
- 4. Required improvements.
- 5. Conditions under which Master Plans and Development Plans are required as described in Sections 5.2 and 7.
- 6. A determination will be made as to the appropriate scale and format for plans and plats and as to the appropriateness of applicable submittal requirements.

5.2 Master Plan Procedure

5.2.1 Introduction and Description

- a. Master plans are required in the following cases:
 - All Type I, Type II, and Type IV subdivisions with more than one development phase or tract:
 - ii. As required in Article III for developments other than subdivisions; and
 - iii. Such other projects which may elect to apply for master plan approval.
- A master plan is comprehensive in establishing the scope of a project, yet is less detailed than a development plan. It provides a means for the County Development Review Committee and the Board to review projects and the subdivider to obtain concept approval for proposed development without the necessity of expending large sums of money for the submittals required for a preliminary and final plat approval.
- c. The master plan submittal will consist of both plans and written reports which include the information required in 5.2.2 below. A typical submittal would include a vicinity map, a plan showing existing site data, a conceptual environmental plan with written documentation, a master plan map, a master plan report, a schematic utilities plan and the phasing schedule. Maps and reports may be combined or expanded upon at the discretion of the applicant to fit the particular development proposal as long as the relevant information is included.

5.2.2 Master Plan Submittals

a. Vicinity Map. A vicinity map drawn at a scale of not more than 2,000 feet to one inch showing contours at twenty (20) foot intervals showing the relationship of the site to its general surroundings, and the location of all existing drainage channels, water courses and water bodies located on the parcel and within three miles of the Parcel.



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The locations of all Federal, State, or County Roads within one thousand (1000) feet of the parcel shall be shown. In addition, location of future highways and arterials as designated on the appropriate master plan for roads in the County (see 3-19-9 N.M.S.A. 1978) shall be shown.

- b. Existing Site Data. A description of existing conditions on or adjacent to the site. Maps shall be at a scale of one (1) inch to one hundred (100) feet or other appropriate scale as determined by the Code Administrator and shall include the following:
 - 1) Boundary lines: bearings and distances. The error of closure shall be of a third order survey, and no discrepancy between computed and measured distances shall exceed one (1) part in 1,280 parts;
 - 2) Easements: Location, width and purpose;
 - 3) Streets or Roads on and immediately adjacent to the tract, name and right-of-way width:
 - 4) Utilities on and immediately adjacent to the tract;
 - 5) Owners of record of unplatted land and existing subdivision plats by name and recordation, together with owners of record for affected lots shall be shown for property within one-hundred (100) feet of that tract not including public rights-of-ways.
 - 6) Title and certificates: Present tract designations according to official records in the County Clerk's Office, title under which the proposed development is to be recorded with name and address of owner, notation stating acreage, scale, true and magnetic north arrow, U.S.G.S. datum and benchmarks, if any, certification of the engineer or land surveyor licensed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Mexico who prepared the plat.
 - 7) Proof of legal access from a county or state road as required by the Code.
- c. Conceptual environmental plan shall include, when appropriate:
 - Graphic representation of existing topography, natural features, slopes, and floodplains,
 - 2) Soils maps and reports (SCS)
 - 3) Recreational and/or open space plan, or landscape concepts.
 - 4) Liquid waste disposal plan, and
 - 5) Water Supply plan.
- d. Master plan map(s) showing the proposed development in sketch form, including:
 - 1) Proposed major vehicular and pedestrian circulation system.
 - 2) Designation and description of proposed land uses, including information about residential uses by type, area and density, and information about office, general commercial and industrial uses by area and intensity of development. Mixed uses shall not be prohibited.
 - 3) Logical and natural boundaries defining development limitations, and
 - 4) Any proposed sites for schools or other community facilities.
- e. A phasing schedule shall be included in the master plan giving a general description of each phase of the development.
- f. A schematic utilities plan showing location, locational cross sections, and approximate line sizes. It is recognized that there may be changes in the final utilities plan due to the requirements of utility companies or final engineering plans and specifications.

g. Master plan report which includes the following:

- A general description of the project, existing development on the parcel, location, adjacent properties, acreage, lot coverage, access, traffic impacts, terrain management, soils, landscaping, outside lighting, parking, signage, water, liquid waste, solid waste, archaeological sites and fire protection measures;
- 2) If appropriate, market analysis and economic impact report which address: demand, projected sales and build-out; identifies a trade area; estimates retail sales and potential, and identifies the scale and extent of local competition.
- Preliminary fiscal impact estimates of net local public costs, including capital outlay and operating expenses, and revenues attributable to the proposed project.
- 4) Preliminary environmental assessment, which identifies the possible effects of proposed development on natural resources or natural features. This may be combined with Section 5.2.2.c of this Article.
- A written preliminary traffic report prepared by a licensed traffic engineer or other qualified expert acceptable to the Code Administrator.
- 6) Description of concepts for restrictive covenants proposed for the development if applicable, outlining the areas and extent of restriction or regulation. Detailed covenants are not required at this time.
- 7) Schools impact report. A written report which projects the effects the proposed project will have on public schools, and which includes:
 - the proposed number, size, and price of residential units within the project;
 - · a description of the project's target market; and
 - where applicable, any special educational needs of the project's school-aged residents.

The report will also identify the schools that service the area of the proposed project and their boundaries, the transportation available to those schools, and a list of any pending or approved residential developments within those schools boundaries. Copies of the schools impacts notice shall be submitted to the school district in which the project is located and to the Code Administrator.

5,2.3 Master Plan Review

The master plan shall be submitted to the Code Administrator or his authorized representative with a written application for approval. The Code Administrator will review the plan and submit analysis, written comments and a recommendation to the County Development Review Committee and the Board. Master plans shall be reviewed by the County Development Review Committee which shall make determinations regarding compliance with the County General Plan or the Extraterritorial Plan and the Code and shall forward the plan to the Board with the Committee's recommendation. The Board may adopt, amend, supplement, or reject the County Development Review Committee recommendation.

5.2.4 Master Plan Approval

- a. The approved master plan shall show the area of residential use and general density measured in dwelling units per acre of land, less dedicated or conveyed rights of-way, and the area and intensity of commercial and industrial use measured in gross square feet of building area or maximum gross floor area ratio. These shall constitute the maximum permitted number of dwelling units and maximum permitted area and intensity of commercial or industrial use.
- b. The County Development Review Committee and Board shall consider the following criteria in making determinations and recommendations for approval or amendment of master plans:
 - Conformance to County and Extraterritorial Plan;

- 2. Suitability of the site to accommodate the proposed development;
- 3. Suitability of the proposed uses and intensity of development at the location:
- 4. Impact to schools, adjacent lands or the County in general;
- 5. Viability of proposed phases of the project to function as completed developments in the case that subsequent phases of the project are not approved or constructed.
- Conformance to applicable law and County ordinances in effect at the time of consideration, including required improvements and community facilities and design and/or construction standards.

5.2.5 Filing of Approved Master Plan

The approved master plan with maps which has been approved by and received signatures of the County Development Review Committee Chairman and Board Chairman shall be filed of record at the County Clerk's Office.

5.2.6 Amendments and Future Phase Approvals

- a. Approval of the master plan is intended to demonstrate that the development concept is acceptable and that further approvals are likely unless the detailed development plans cannot meet the requirements of applicable law and County ordinances in effect at that time. Each phase of the development plan must be considered on its own merits.
- b. The Code Administrator may approve minor changes to the master plan. Any substantial change in land use or any increase in density or intensity of development in the approved master plan requires approval by the County Development Review Committee and the Board.
- c. Any changes approved by the Code Administrator pursuant to Section 5.2.6b of this Article shall be subject to the review and approval of County Development Review Committee and the Board at the time of development plan or plat approval.
- d. The phasing schedule may be modified by the Board at the request of the developer as economic circumstances require as long as there is no adverse impact to the overall master plan. (See Article V. Section 4.5)

5.2.7 Expiration of Master Plan

- Approval of a master plan shall be considered valid for a period of five years from the date of approval by the Board.
- b. Master plan approvals may be renewed and extended for additional two year periods by the Board at the request of the developer.
- c. Progress in the planning or development of the project approved in the master plan consistent with the approved phasing schedule shall constitute an automatic renewal of the master plan approval. For the purpose of this Section, "progress" means the approval of preliminary or final development plans, or preliminary or final subdivision plats for any phase of the master planned project.

History. 1980 Comp. 1980-6. Sections 4.4, 4.5, 5.1 and 5.2 were amended by County Ordinance 1987-1 to provide for the submittal of a master plan.

5.3 Preliminary Plat Procedure

5.3.1 Introduction and Description

5.3.1a Preliminary plats shall be submitted for type I Type-II, Type-III, except Type-III subdivisions that are subject to review under summary processor as set forth in Subsection 5.5 of this Section, and Type-IV subdivisions.

SECTION 6 - FEES AND LEVIES

6.1 Standard Fees

Any person desiring to subdivide land in the County shall pay the current administrative fees set by the County. A fee schedule, which may be periodically amended, is available from the Code Administrator.

6.2 Additional Fees for Unusual Circumstances

Where additional review by the County is required above and beyond normal review requirements due to complex, unforeseen, or unique circumstances relating to the proposed plan or plat, such as complex hydrological considerations, then the County may charge an additional review fee to defrat the cost of such review. Review fees shall be only for professional services rendered to the county in the case that the county does not have qualified personnel to assist in reviewing such reports, plans and plats. When an additional fee is deemed necessary, the fee shall be arrived at between the County and the subdivious

SECTION 7 - DEVELOPMENT PLAN REQUIREMENTS

7.1 Preliminary Development Plans

7.1.1 Pre-application conference

- a. Prior to the application for approval of a preliminary development plan for any phase or for an entire project, the subdivider may confer with the Code Administrator regarding the plan submittal and requirements of the Code according to Section 5.1 of this Article.
- b. At this time a determination will be made as to the appropriate scale and format for plans and plats and as to the appropriateness of applicable submittal requirements.

7.1.2 Information to be submitted

- a. Evidence of legal lot of record;
- Contour intervals of two feet or such other appropriate scale as determined by the Code Administrator;
- c. Arrangements, location and size of buildings, where applicable;
- d. Off-street parking and loading or dumping facilities, where applicable;
- e. Internal vehicular and pedestrian circulation, and ingress and egress;
- f. A drainage, grading, and erosion control plan including existing and proposed contours for roads and utilities; a preliminary/conceptual grading plan around buildings, when applicable;
- g. A landscaping plan providing a schedule specifying conceptual methods, to include type, size, and location of vegetative and non-vegetative landscape material, and a preliminary description of the irrigation system to be used;
- h. Walls, fences and earth berms; their approximate locations and identifying types of fences and walls, if applicable;
- i. Size, location, orientation, lighting and type of signage, where applicable;
- j. Conceptual plan for outdoor lighting, including type, size, location of fixtures, if applicable;
- k. Easements, rights-of-way and street design;
- 1. Access to telephone, gas, and electric utility service;
- m. Utility plan for water and sanitary sewer;
- n. Residential densities/gross acres;



- o. Intensity of non-residential development, including lot coverages, gross floor area ratios or gross square feet of building area;
- p. A vicinity map showing the boundaries of the project, owners of record within one hundred feet of the tract including public rights-of-way and existing conditions and development, including adjacent streets and utilities, for at least two hundred feet from the project boundaries;
- If appropriate, the phases and approximate dates of development of the phases;
- r. The plan shall be drawn at a scale of one hundred feet (100') to the inch or such other appropriate scale as determined by the Code Administrator;
- s. Proposed community facilities and/or sites and recreational areas, if any, and proposed ownership of such;
- t. A schedule of on-site and off-site public improvements with the time of construction related to the phasing schedule;
- u. Information as required by state agencies;
- v. The preliminary subdivision plat may be submitted concurrently with the preliminary development plan, but is not required. Submittal of a schematic or sketch subdivision plat showing proposed lot layout, approximate dimensions and lot areas together with topography and natural features; and
- w. A written traffic report prepared by a licensed traffic engineer or other qualified expert as determined by the Code Administrator.
- x. Schools Impact Report. A written report which projects the effects the proposed project will have on public schools, and which includes: the proposed number, size, and price of residential units within the project; a description of the project's target market; and
 - where applicable, any special educational needs of the project's school-aged residents. The report will also identify the schools that service the area of the proposed project and their boundaries, the transportation available to those schools, and a list of any pending or approved residential developments within those schools' boundaries. Copies of the schools impacts notice shall be submitted to the school district in which the project is located and to the Code Administrator.
- y. Water Supply Plan Water System. As required by Article VII, Section 6 of the Code and Table 5.1, of Section 9.3 of this Article V.
- z. Solid Waste Disposal Plan. As required by Article VII, Section 7 of the Code.
- aa. <u>Liquid Waste (Disposal) Plan</u>. As required by Article VII, Section 2 of the Code.
- bb. Timing and Phasing of Development. Projections for 5 to 10 years.
- cc. Copies of deed restrictions and protective covenants must be submitted.

7.1.3 Review

- a. A preliminary development plan may be only a phase or portion of the area covered by an approved master plan, so long as the preliminary development plan substantially conforms to the approved master plan.
- b. A preliminary development plan shall be submitted prior to or concurrent with submission of a preliminary plat.
- c. The application for preliminary development plan approval shall be presented to the County Development Review Committee for review with a staff report. The staff report shall include a description of the proposed project, an evaluation of pertinent planning issues, and a statement on the compliance of the project with the County General Plan and Code. The report may include recommended conditions of approval. The report shall include all comments from appropriate State or Federal agencies, the County Fire Marshal, the County Hydrologist, and other appropriate County personnel. Particular attention shall be given in the staff report to public



agency comments which relate to potential limitations of lot size, intensity, or character of development.

7.1.4 Criteria for development plan phase approval

- a. Conformance to the approved master plan;
- b. The plan must meet the criteria of Section 5.2.4 of this Article V.

7.2 Final Development Plan

7.2.1 Submittals

A final development plan conforming to the approved preliminary plan and approved preliminary plat, if required, and containing the same required information shall be submitted. In addition, the final development plan shall show, when applicable, and with appropriate dimensions, the locations and size of buildings, heated floor area of buildings, and minimum building setbacks from lot lines or adjoining streets. Documents to be submitted at this time are: proof of ownership including necessary atte documents, articles of inconoration and by-laws of owners' association; required disclosure statements; final engineering plans and time schedule for grading, drainage, and all improvements including mads, water system, sewers, solid waste, utilities; engineering estimates for bonding requirements; development agreements; and final abdivision plats, if required.

7.2.2 Review

The final development plan shall be submitted to the County Development Review Committee shall review the plan and make a determination as to its compliance with the County General Plan and Code. The County Development Review Committee may recommend changes or additions to the plan as conditions of its approval. The final development plan as approved by the County Development Review Committee shall be filed with the County Clerk. The approved final development plan becomes the basis of development permits and for acceptance of public dea cations. Any changes in the plan must be approved by the County Development Review Committee.

History. 1980 Comp. 1980-6. Section 7 of Article V was amended by County Ordinance 1987-1 adding language relating to master plans.

SECTION 8 - SUBDIVISION DESIGNATION

These standards shall be binding upon the subdivider unless modifications are justified by sound engineering principles. Such modifications from these standards may be approved by the Board after a review by the County Dev lopment Review Committee abon presentation of documented justification by a licensed professional engineer.

8.1 General Policy on Roads

8.1.1 General

The arrangement, character, extent, width, grade and location all roads shall be considered in relation to convenience and safety, and to the proposed uses of land to be served by such roads. Prior to grading or roadway cuts, all applicable permits shall be granted by the Code Administrator.



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SECTION 8 - SUBDIVISION DESIGN STANDARDS

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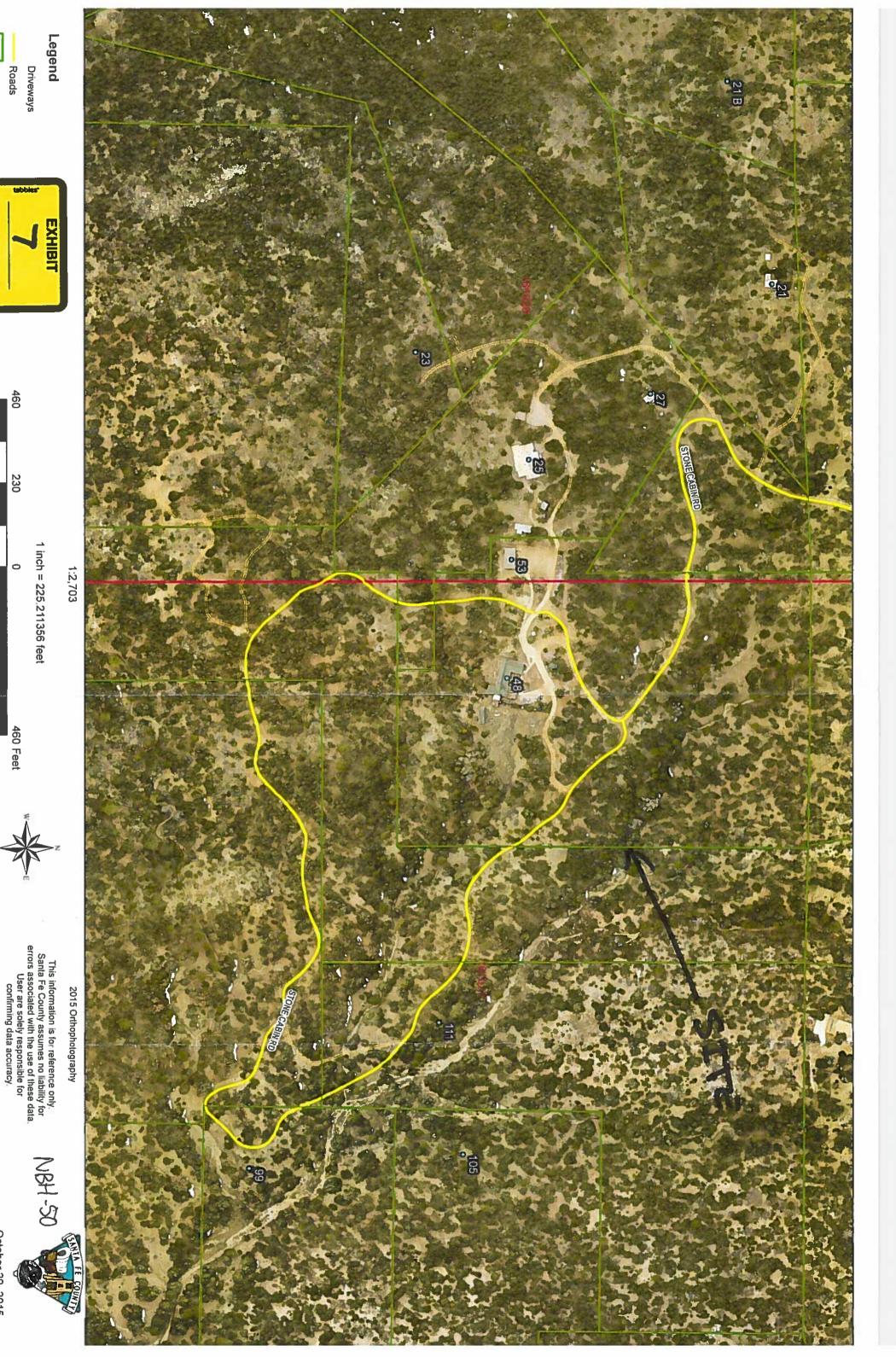
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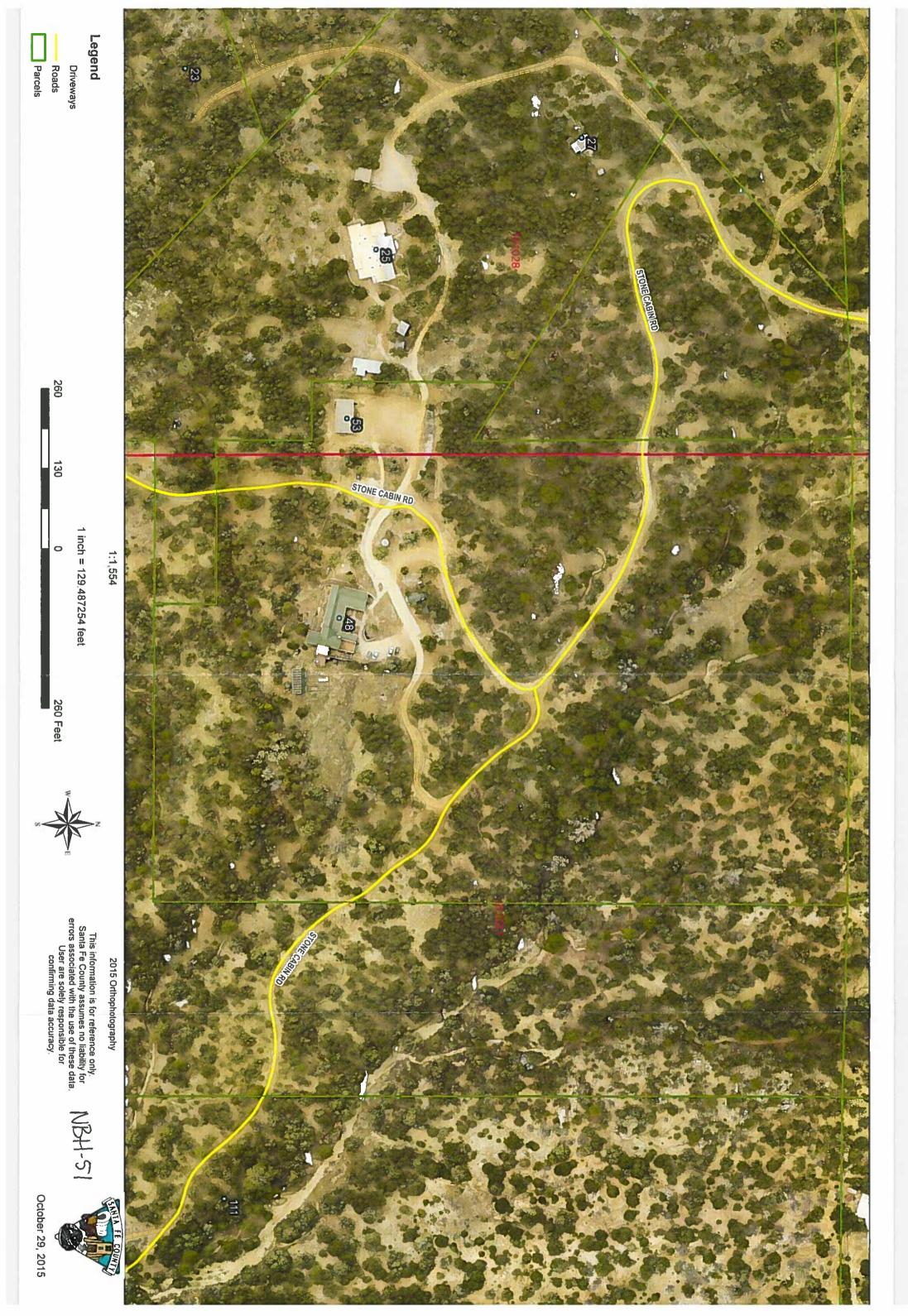
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Jose E. Larrañaga
Commercial Development Case Manager
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RE: CDRC Case # Z/PDP 13-5000 Amma Center

Dear Mr. Larrañaga:

The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) District 5 Traffic Section has reviewed the Traffic Impact Analysis dated January 11, 2013 and updated February 18, 2013 submitted by Mr. Morey Walker and Associates Engineering, Inc for the Amma Center consisting of a new 15,500 sq. ft. gathering building. The site is located on Stone Cabin Road off Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe County.

I only had one comment on the revised report, page 11. The Northbound left existing volumes at Old Santa Fe Trail & Two Trails Road do not require an auxiliary lane.

We normally analyze auxiliary lane requirements for daily use volumes. The Old Las Vegas/Two Trails Road intersection was counted and the AM and PM peak periods were identified, 7:30 to 8:30 AM and 4:45 to 5:45 PM. The current existing volumes indicated that auxiliary lanes are warranted for this intersection during the peak periods. However, the Amma Center's traffic will occur during off-peak periods, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM for the normal work week. Also, prior commitments to the Public will not allow NMDOT to widen Old Las Vegas Highway since I-25 is nearby.

As for the yearly gathering, they will need to obtain a special event permit from this office to allow traffic control devices or Law Enforcement to direct traffic to the event on Old Las Vegas Highway.

For the above reasons, we have no further comments on the report and recommend approval for the development.



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Please feel free to contact me at (505)476-4223 if you have any questions.

Sincerely:

Ruben Chavez Garcia, P.E.

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District 5 Traffic Engineer

Cc: Christopher L. Graeser, Graeser Law Firm

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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Reference: Amma Center

Dear Mr. Larranaga:

On January 14, 2013 the Office of the State Engineer (OSE) received a request to provide comments for the Master/Development Plan submittal for the Amma Center.

The proposal provides an outline for the development of an annual event building which will also be used as storage building. The new building will consist of 13,862 feet of enclosed, but not conditioned space, and 1,698 square of portal space. There is no proposed water use for this new structure. The property is located at 48 Stone Cabin Road in Santa Fe County, New Mexico within Sections 27, Township 16 North, and Range 10 East.

This proposal was reviewed pursuant to the Santa Fe County Land Development Code (Code) and the New Mexico Subdivision Act.

The Development Plan includes a Water Budget, which states that there is an existing domestic well serving the existing building. The developer states "Water for event use will be imported by truck" and the Water Budget further states that the well will be shut-off during the annual event. The developer states that the existing structure uses up to a 0.25 acre-foot per annum, however this office cannot verify this because a detailed Water Budget was not provided and there are no meter readings on file for the Amma Center. The Water Budget states that "The Amma Center will commit to limited water use to 35 gallons/day for each of the 6 full time residents." but does not go into detail of how the 35 gallons/day per person will be met.

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When a subdivision proposal is received by the OSE, the developer's water demand analysis is reviewed to determine if it is technically correct and reasonable. The OSE also verifies that the appropriate conservation measures are reflected in the analysis. Further, data in the water demand analysis is compared with the data and statements included in the disclosure statement and in the restrictive covenants to make sure that they are consistent with each other. Since, the aforementioned documents are not provided with the applicant's submittal, the technical analysis described above was not performed.

Development Plans are not required (by the Code) to provide the level of detail that is required by the OSE for a water demand analysis. Article VII, Section 6.1 of the Santa Fe County Land Development Code (Code) allows the Santa Fe County Land Use staff to refer development plan to state agencies for review "if, in the opinion of the County Hydrologist and the Code Administrator, such referrals will provide information necessary to the determination of whether or not a proposed development is in conformance with provisions of this Code". The OSE recognizes the proactive actions on behalf of the County to solicit the technical opinion of the OSE on this development plan. However, because the proposed development is not formally covered under the New Mexico Subdivision Act, the OSE declines to provide formal comments at this time. We appreciate the opportunity to review the Amma Center Master/Development Plan.

If you have any questions, please call Kenneth Richard at 505-827-3838.

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Sincerely,

John W. Longworth, P.E.

Water Use & Conservation/Subdivision Review Bureau Chief

ce: OSE Water Rights Division, Santa Fe Office



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May 13, 2013

Jose E. Larrañaga Commercial Development Case Manager 102 Grant Avenue Santa Fe, NM 87504-0276

Re: CDRC Case #Z/PDP 13-5000 Amma Center and Cultural Resources Survey Report

Dear Mr. Larrañaga:

I am writing in response to the master plan/preliminary development plan for the Amma Center and the cultural resource survey report, A Cultural Resource Survey of 8.56 Acres for a Building Site and Road Improvements along Stone Cabin Road for the Amma Center, Santa Fe County, New Mexico; received at the Historic Preservation Division (HPD) on April 9, 2013.

During the cultural resource survey, the archaeological consultant, Lone Mountain Archaeological Services, identified a segment of the Santa Fe Trail and documented the segment as archaeological site LA 175659. This segment crosses Stone Cabin Road in the bottom of Piedras Negras Canyon and a portion of the trail is used as a footpath. Lone Mountain Archaeological Services reports that to the west of Stone Cabin Road, the trail is in fair condition as a visible trail bed but that Stone Cabin Road has likely removed traces of the trail to the east. Lone Mountain Archaeological Services recommends the trail segment to the west as eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. HPD concurs with this recommendation.

Lone Mountain Archaeological Services also recommends that proposed improvements to Stone Cabin Road be restricted to the existing area of disturbance. This area is an estimated 10 feet (3 meters) to the west of the existing bed of Stone Cabin Road for at least 50 ft (15 M) to the north and south of the intersection of Stone Cabin Road and LA 175659, the segment of the Santa Fe Trail. The Santa Fe Trail does not retain integrity on the east side of Stone Cabin Road, so the road can be widened on this side.

If the improvements to Stone Cabin Road can be restricted to this area of previous disturbance on the west side of the road as described above, then the proposed widening of Stone Cabin Road will not adversely impact LA 175659. If LA 175659 can be avoided then

this trail segment should be placed in a non-disturbance easement. If the road improvements cannot avoid LA 175659, then a treatment plan must be prepared to mitigate the adverse impacts to the Santa Fe Trail.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached by telephone at (505) 827-4064 or by email at michelle.ensey@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Jose Larranaga, Development Review Team Leader

FROM:

Jerry Schoeppner, SFC Utilitie

THROUGH: Claudia I. Borchert, Utilities Director

SUBJECT:

Proposed Amendment to the Master/Preliminary and Final Development Plan, for

the Amma Center of New Mexico

DATE:

9/28/2015

This memorandum provides review of the water supply plan portion of the Master/Preliminary and Final Development Plan for the Amma Center of New Mexico. The proposed project is located at 48 Stone Cabin Road, approximately 7 miles southeast of the City of Santa Fe, in Section 27 of Township 16N, Range 10E, falls under non-residential development in which the project uses more than 0.25 acre-foot per year, and lies within the Mountain Hydrologic Zone.

The subject property consists of a single lot that is approximately 40 acres in area. The 40 acre lot was created by consolidating two adjacent 20 acre lots each with 0.25 acre-foot per year (AFY) of water use for the purpose of increasing the total water use to 0.5 AFY. The property is home to the Amma Center of New Mexico which is a spiritual center consisting of a 5,000 +/square foot existing residence, a 1,400 +/- square foot mediation hall, and a 1,000 +/- square foot greenhouse. The residence currently houses seven permanent residents which is the basis for the proposed water budget.

Pursuant to the Santa Fe County Land Development Code (Code), Article VII, Section 6 (Water Supply), an applicant must provide a water supply plan and pursuant to Table 7.4, the Center is also required to submit a water availability assessment in accordance with Section 6.4.1d. However, since the Center's water use is restricted to 0.50 AFY for a 40 acre lot and this is in compliance with the water use per lot for a 40 acre lot in the Mountain Hydrologic Zone pursuant to Article III, Section 10.2.2 of the Santa Fe County Land Development Code (Code), neither a water supply plan nor a water availability assessment is required.

Amma Center of New Mexico, Water Service Review September 28, 2015 Page 2

It must be noted that a single water sample was collected following the pump test of a nearby well (RG 73522) in 2001 and submitted for laboratory analysis in support of establishing water quality for the on-site well providing service to the Amma Center. All constituents were reported below standards set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency. However, the detection limit (0.3 mg/l) for one constituent, uranium, was well above the standard (0.03 mg/l). Therefore, it is unknown if the standard is exceeded in the nearby well.

Based on the current use of the facility, it appears that the water supply for the Center could be considered a public water supply which falls under the regulation of the New Mexico Environment Department's Drinking Water Bureau. Public water systems are required to meet all drinking water standards set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency. Please have the applicant provide documentation that they have contacted the New Mexico Environment Department's Drinking Water Bureau for a determination.

It should also be noted that a revised water budget for the development was submitted for review which proposes 0.50 AFY water use for the entire development which includes water conservation measures in compliance with Article VII, Section 6.6.2(a)-(h); indoor water-saving fixtures, efficient appliances, rain catchment system, and a gray-water reuse system. However, the water budget did not include water use for the Amma Center's weekly meditation and meeting guests, 7 larger gatherings per year, and the greenhouse. The Center is required to operate within 0.50 AFY and shall verify water use by collecting monthly meter readings and submitting them to the County on an annual basis. Therefore, the Amma Center may have to adjust their water use for individual uses in order to stay within 0.50 AFY.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 992-9871 or email at gerards@santafecountynm.gov

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PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION MEMORANDUM

Date:

August 31, 2015

To:

Jose Larranaga, Land Use Department

From:

Paul Kavanaugh, Engineering Associate Public Works

Johnny P. Baca, Traffic Manager Public Works

Re:

CDRC CASE # Z/PDP 13-5000 Amma Centér Master Plan Preliminary and Final

Development Plan

The referenced project has been reviewed for compliance with the Land Development Code, and shall conform to roads and driveway requirements of Article III, Section 7 (Community Service Facilities). The project is located south of County Road 67 (Old Santa Fe Trail), southeast of Old Santa Fe Trail/ Two Trails Road intersection, and north of the Old Las Vegas Highway. The applicant is requesting Master Plan and Preliminary and Final Development Plan Approval for a Community Service Facility, located on 40 acres of land.

Access:

The project is proposing to access the property through Stone Cabin Road. Stone Cabin Road accesses off of County Road 67 (Old Santa Fe Trail). At present Old Stone Road is a fourteen foot unimproved road. The applicant proposes to upgrade Stone Cabin Road to meet county standards. A Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) was provided by Morey Walker and Associates Engineering, Inc., dated January 11, 2013, REV: February 8, 2013, REV: July 30, 2015 for the project.

Conclusion:

Public Works Staff has reviewed the applicant's submittal and feels that they can support the above mentioned project with the following items addressed;

- The applicants Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) was provided by Morey Walker and Associates Engineering, Inc., states "a maximum of 25 entering/exiting trips will be generated"
 If it is determined that the development generates more than the estimated 25 vehicles per peak hour, the applicant shall provide Santa Fe County with a <u>NEW</u> Traffic Impact Analysis for approval.
- The applicant shall address the approach of Stone Cabin road to meet Article V Section 8.2.7d which states "Grades at the approach to intersections shall not exceed 3% for 100 linear feet, excluding vertical curve distance".

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- Return radiuses shall be a minimum of 30 feet.
- All internal radiuses shall be a minimum of 30 feet unless approved by Santa Fe County Fire Marshall.
- Stone Cabin Road shall be upgraded to Local Road Standards as per Article V, Section 8.1.3 of the Land Development Code.
- The applicant shall demonstrate that existing culverts are sized right to accommodate storm run-off.
- The applicant is proposing to accommodate runoff via bar ditches, these bar ditches traverse slopes
 of approximately 11%, the applicant shall demonstrate how they will reduce the potential for
 erosion.
- The applicant shall provide a 50 foot asphalt apron from the edge of Old Santa Fe Trail on the approach of Stone Cabin Road.
- The applicant shall provide an R1-1 30"x30" at the exit of the property.

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Santa Fe County Fire Department Fire Prevention Division

		Official Sub	mittal Revi	ew		
Date	September 8, 2019	5				
Project Name	Amma Center of New Mexico					
Project Location	48 Stone Cabin Road T16; R10; S27 "High Wildland-Urban Hazard Area"					
Description	Master, Preliminary and Final Development Plan			Case Manager	Jose Larranaga	
Applicant Name	Dolores Vigil, Agent/ Liason Planning Services, Inc.			County Case #	Z-PDP/DP/13-5000	
Applicant Address	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			Fire District	Hondo	
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The Fire Prevention Division/Code Enforcement Bureau of the Santa Fe County Fire Department has reviewed the above submittal and requires compliance with applicable Santa Fe County fire and life safety codes, ordinances and resolutions as indicated (Note underlined items):

Summary of Review

- Per submitted plan report the access roads will meet the minimum County standards for fire apparatus access roads within this type of proposed development (page #2)
- The secondary emergency access/egress loop shall be designated and legally recorded on registered plat. (page #2)
- This development location is rated within a "High Wildland-Urban Hazard Area" and shall comply with all applicable regulations... (page #4)
- The project shall also have a vegetation management plan as required by the Urban Interface Fire Code 2001-11. (page #4)
- Prior to acceptance and upon completion of the permitted work, the Contractor/Owner shall call for and submit to a final inspection by this office... (page #4)

Fire Department Access

Shall comply with Article 9 - Fire Department Access and Water Supply of the 1997 Uniform Fire Code inclusive to all sub-sections and current standards, practice and rulings of the Santa Fe County Fire Marshal

Any walking trail system proposed for this development shall have a trail identification number or name and be marked with a number every $1/10^{th}$ of a mile (528 feet) for the purpose of expediting emergency response.

Fire Access Lanes

Section 901.4.2 Fire Apparatus Access Roads. (1997 UFC) When required by the Chief, approved signs or other approved notices shall be provided and maintained for fire apparatus access roads to identify such roads and prohibit the obstruction thereof or both.

Curbs or signage adjacent to the building, fire hydrant, entrances and landscape medians in traffic flow areas shall be appropriately marked in red with 6" white lettering reading "FIRE LANE – NO PARKING" as determined by the Fire Marshal prior to occupancy. Assistance in details and information are available through the Fire Prevention Division.

Roadways/Driveways

Shall comply with Article 9, Section 902 - Fire Department Access of the 1997 Uniform Fire Code inclusive to all sub-sections and current standards, practice and rulings of the Santa Fe County Fire Marshal.

Roads shall meet the minimum County standards for fire apparatus access roads within this type of proposed development.

Per submitted plan report the access roads will meet the minimum County standards for fire apparatus access roads within this type of proposed development. Driveway, turnouts and turnarounds shall be County approved all-weather driving surface of minimum 6" compacted basecourse or equivalent. Minimum roadway width shall be 20' and an unobstructed vertical clearance of 13'6". Final acceptance based upon the Fire Marshal's approval.

The driveway as shown incorporates a turnaround area for emergency vehicle purposes conforming to the access and turnaround requirements and dimensions of the Santa Fe County Fire Department.

The secondary emergency access/egress loop shall be designated and legally recorded on registered plat.

Street Signs/Rural Address

Section 901.4.4 Premises Identification (1997 UFC) Approved numbers or addresses shall be provided for all new and existing buildings in such a position as to be plainly visible and legible from the street or road fronting the property.

Section 901.4.5 Street or Road Signs. (1997 UFC) When required by the Chief, streets and roads shall be identified with approved signs.

Buildings within a commercial complex shall be assigned, post and maintain a proper and legible numbering and/or lettering systems to facilitate rapid identification for emergency responding personnel as approved by the Santa Fe County Fire Marshal.

Slope/Road Grade

Section 902.2.2.6 Grade (1997 UFC) The gradient for a fire apparatus access road shall not exceed the maximum approved.

Per submitted plans the maximum approved slope of the driveway access/egress shall not exceed 11% and shall have a minimum 28' inside radius on curves.

Restricted Access/Gates/Security Systems

Section 902.4 Key Boxes. (1997 UFC) When access to or within a structure or an area is unduly difficult because of secured openings or where immediate access is necessary for life-saving or firefighting purposes, the chief is authorized to require a key box to be installed in an accessible location. The key box shall be of an approved type and shall contain keys to gain necessary access as required by the chief.

To prevent the possibility of emergency responders being locked out, all access gates should be operable by means of a key or key switch, which is keyed to the Santa Fe County Emergency Access System (Knox Rapid Entry System). Details and information are available through the Fire Prevention office.

Fire Protection Systems

Automatic Fire Protection/Suppression

Due to the location and the limited number of fire hydrants/water supply, for life safety and property protection this office highly recommends the installation of an Automatic Fire Suppression system meeting NFPA 13 requirements. Assistance in details and information are available through the Fire Prevention Division.

Fire Extinguishers

Article 10, Section 1002.1 General (1997 UFC) Portable fire extinguishers shall be installed in occupancies and locations as set forth in this code and as required by the chief. Portable fire extinguishers shall be in accordance with UFC Standard 10-1.

Per submittal, portable fire extinguishers will be installed in occupancies and locations as set forth in the 1997 Uniform Fire Code. Portable fire extinguishers shall be in accordance with UFC Standard 10-1. Assistance in installation details and information are available through the Fire Prevention Division

Urban-Wildland Interface

SFC Ordinance 2001-11, Urban Wildland Interface Code

This development location is rated within a "High Wildland-Urban Hazard Area" and shall comply with all applicable regulations within the SFC Ordinance 2001-11 / EZA 2001-04 as applicable for the Urban Wildland Interface Code governing such areas.

Building Materials

Buildings and structures located within urban wildland interface areas, not including accessory structures, shall be constructed in accordance with the Fire Code, the Building Code and the Urban Wildland Interface Code.

Location/Addressing/Access

Per SFC 2001-11/EZA 2001-04, addressing shall comply with Santa Fe County Rural addressing requirements.

Per SFC 2001-11 / EZA 2001-04 Chapter 4, Section 3.2 Roads and Driveways; Access roads, driveways, driveway turnarounds and driveway turnouts shall be in accordance with provisions of the Fire Code and the Land Development Code. Roads shall meet the minimum County standards for fire apparatus access roads within this type of proposed development.

Vegetation Management

The project shall also have a vegetation management plan as required by the Urban Interface Fire Code 2001-11. This plan shall be submitted in advanced for review and approval. The requirements of this plan shall be included in the subdivision covenant and recorded on the plat.

General Requirements/Comments

Inspections/Acceptance Tests

Prior to acceptance and upon completion of the permitted work, the Contractor/Owner shall call for and submit to a final inspection by this office for confirmation of compliance with the above requirements and applicable Codes.

Permits

As required

Final Status

Recommendation for Master/ Preliminary/Final Development Plan approval

Tim Gilmore, Inspector

Code Enforcement Official

Date

Through: David Sperling, Chief

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SANTA FE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

February 13, 2013

Jose E. Larranaga Commercial Development Case Manager

Re: CDRC Case# Z/PDP 13-5000 Amma Center

Jose:

I have reviewed the revised Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) and submittal information for the Amma center.

Regarding the revised Traffic Impact Analysis, the revisions with the exclusion of assumed bus/shuttle trips appears to have not substantively changed Mr. Walkers assumptions for the "Yearly Gathering." Please note the original analysis includes the following assumption:

TIA January 11, 2013

"As noted in the programming section, there will be approximately 750 participants for the public program of the gathering and approximately 900 participants for the retreat. Assuming that with carpooling and shuttle buses, there will be an average of one vehicle/trip for every three participants. In addition, the 3 PM peak will have a significant reduction of exit trips due to numerous participants staying on site for the evening program (25% for the public program and 50% for the retreat.)"

Revised TIA, February 8, 2013

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During a meeting called by the Santa Fe County Engineering Associate, Paul Kavanaugh with the applicant and applicant's engineer Mr. Morey Walker, P.E. there was critical discussion about the nature of the subjective assumptions and speculative behavior and that the analysis needs to be as objective as possible given the number of proposed participants. From a public policy point of view it was made clear that staff is not in a position to reflect on the "reasonableness" of assumptions, but to look at the potential impacts of any proposed uses.

In absence of a TIA without said assumptions, it is my recommendation that applicant follow the recommendations outlined in the TIA including the "Auxiliary Lane Requirements". I defer to Paul Kavanaugh for further recommendations.

Erick J. Aune AICP, Senior Transportation Planner 102 GRANT AVENUE · SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO · 87501 PHONE (505) 986.6214 E-MAIL eaune@santafecounty.org

SANTA FE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

Parking: The proposed parking as outlined on page 11 of the project summary is in accordance with the Santa Fe County Land Development Code. (Art III, Sec. 9)

Stone Cabin Road: This private drive is proposed to be upgraded to County Standards. It is my understanding that the Fire Department has met on site and reviewed said road and would support proposed improvements recommended by the Fire Department.

Sec. 8.1.3 Legal access shall be provided to each lot and each lot must directly access a road constructed to meet the requirements of Section 8.2 of this Article. Parcels to be accessed via a driveway easement shall have a twenty (20) foot all weather driving surface, grade of not more than 11% and drainage control as necessary to insure adequate access for emergency vehicles.

Respectfully submitted,

Erick J. Aune

Senior Transportation Planner

DATE: August 24, 2015

TO: Jose Larranaga, Commercial Development Case Manager

FROM: John Lovato, Development Review Specialist Senior

VIA: Penny Ellis-Green, Growth Management Director

Vicki Lucero, Building and Development Services Manager Wayne Dalton, Building and Development Services Supervisor

Re: CASE # MP/PDP/FDP 13-5000 Alma Center

Review Summary

This is a review of the Terrain Management and Grading and Drainage plan for the Alma Center for compliance with the Santa Fe County Land Development Code, and Ordinance 2008-10 Flood Damage Prevention and Stormwater Management. The Application is for Master Plan, Preliminary, and Final Development Plan. The Project consists of an existing 5,000 square foot residential ashram and a 1,400 square foot meditation hall on 40 acres to be utilized as a Community Service Facility.

Grading & Drainage

The Development indicates that all improved areas including impervious areas will drain to proposed ponding. Runoff will be collected with three ponds. The total capacity provided for site runoff is 889 cubic feet. Sheet C-1 by Walker Engineering illustrates total ponding required for site run off is 659 Cubic feet. Therefore, the request meets Ordinance 2008-10 Flood Damage Prevention and Stormwater Management.

Terrain Management

The property contains slopes in the 0-30 % range. No new structures are proposed, and the proposed upgraded road will not disturb any 30% slope. All cut slopes are 2:1 and all fill slopes are 3:1. After review, the Master Plan, Preliminary, and Final Development Plan are in Conformance with the Santa Fe County Land Development Code.

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Quitclaim Deed

STEPHEN G. SCHMIDT AND CATHRYN W. SCHMIDT, for valuable consideration, grant and quitclaim to AMMA CENTER OF NEW MEXICO, whose address is 48 Stone Cabin, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505, an undivided 45% right, title, and interest, if any, in and to the real estate and associated rights located in Santa Fe County, New Mexico described as:

All of that area labeled as "Adjustment Area "B" 26,600 sq. ft" on that certain plat of survey entitled "Lot Line Adjustment Survey Prepared For Stephen G. and Cathryn W. Schmidt" drawn by Paul A. Rodriguez and recorded in the office of the County Clerk of Santa Fe County, New Mexico on JUNE 17,2013 at Book 759 , Page 018

Subject to all easements and encumbrances of record

Witness their hand and seal on this 24 day of June, 2013.

Stephen G. Schmidt

Acknowledgments

State of New Mexico)

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County of Santa Fe

This instrument was acknowledged before me this 24 day of Stephen G. Schmidt and Cathryn W. Schmidt

My Commission Expires:

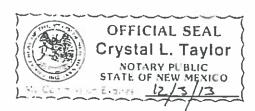
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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 24TH Day Of June, 2013 at 12:50:47 PM And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1709839 Of The Records Of Santa Fe County

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Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office Geraldine Salazar

County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM





WARRANTY DEED

STEPHEN G. SCHMIPT AND CATHRYN W. SCHMIDT, husband and wife, for consideration paid, grant, with warranty covenants, to AMMA CENTER OF NEW MEXICO, a non-profit corporation, whose address is Route 19, Dox 121 A.M.A., Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505, the following described real estate in Santa Fe County, New Mexico:

The real property described on the attached Exhibit "A".

Subject, however, to easements and restrictions of record and access and utility easements as shown on the Plat of Survey by Morris A. Apodaca, P.L.S. No 5300, dated April 22, 1997, Survey Plat No. L 97-019.

Together with easements for ingress and egress and utilities referred to hersafter:

- (1) An casement for ingress and egress and utilities along an existing road which begins on the northwest corner of tract A and continues in a southerly direction to approximately the southern boundary of tract A at which point the existing road crosses tract A in an easterly direction until the road reaches the eastern boundary of tract A, as shown on that Plat of Survey for Stephen G. Schmidt, Santa Fe County, New Mexico, prepared by David E. Cooper, N.M.R.L.S., No. 9052, filed December 4, 1984, recorded in book 147 at page 028, of the Records of Santa Fe County, New Mexico.
- (2) Basements for ingress and egress and utilities which cross Lot 1-A along existing road as shown on Plat of Survey for Stephen G. Schmidt, Santa Fe County, New Mexico, prepared by Morris A. Apodaca P.L.S. No 5300, dated April 22, 1997, Survey Plat Mo. 1.97-019, recorded in book 570 at page 021, of the records of Santa Fe County, New Mexico.
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
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The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 22nd day of August, 1997, by STEPHEN G. SCHMIDT and CATHRYN W.

SCHMIDT, his wife.

Hy commission expires:

EXHIBIT "A"

A tract of land lying and being situate within Sections 27 and 28 of T16N, RloE, N.M.P.M., Santa Fe County, State of New Mexico and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point from whence a U.S.G.L.O. Brass cap marking M.C. 10 of the San Sebastian Grant bears SOO°22'03"W, a distance of 173.80 feet; thence S89°45'15"W, a distance of 1286.20 feet; thence SOO"04'19"E, a distance of 758.00 feet to a point; thence N89°18'36"W, a distance of 228.67 feet; thence from said point of 'eginning S89°44'52"E, a distance of 750.52 feet to a point; thence N00°22'03"E, a distance of 1157.24 feet to the Northwest corner of this tract; thence S89°25'00"E; a distance of 313.18 feet to the Northwest corner of this tract; thence S00°15'08"W, a distance of 1326.16 feet to a point; thence N89°44'52"W, a distance of 774.38 feet to a point; thence S00°04'19"E, a distance of 783.78 feet to the southeast corner of this tract; thence N89°18'36"W, a distance of 418.33 feet to the southwest corner of this tract; thence N80°18'36"W, a distance of 418.33 feet to the southwest corner of this tract; thence N80°45'15"E, a distance of 126.20 feet; thence N00°D22'03"E, a distance of 173.80 feet to the point and place of beginning.

Containing an area of 20.0 acres, more or less.

All as shown and delineated as Lot 1-B on Plat of Survey for Stephen G. Schmidt, Santa Fe County, New Mexico, prepared by Morris A. Apodaca, P.L.S., No 5300, dated April 22, 1997 Survey Plat Mo. LS-97-019, recorded in book 570 at page 021, of the records of Santa Fe County, New Mexico.

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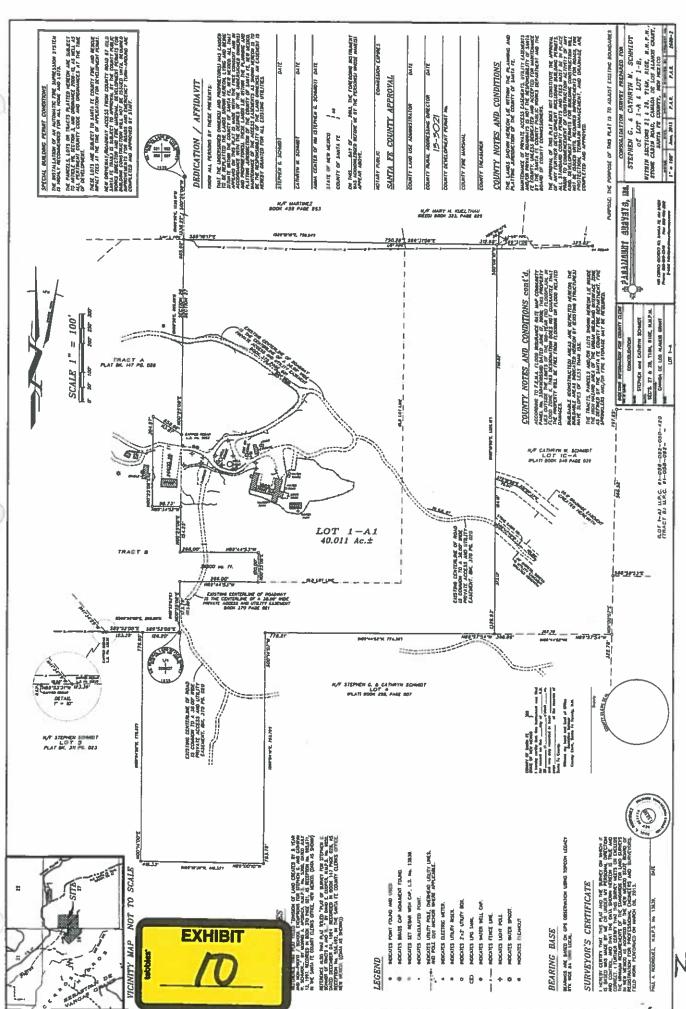
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Amma Center of NM is the owner and record title holder of the property located at 43 Stone Cabin Road, Santa Fe NM.

On behalf of Amma Center of NM, I authorize Liaison Planning Services Inc. (Dolores L. Vigil) to act as my agent to obtain approval from Santa Fe County for a Community Service designation.

Signed

Stephen G. Schmidt, President of Amma Center of NM



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May 28th, 2013

Mr. Jose Larranaga P.O. Box 276 Santa Fe, NM 87504

Dear Mr.Larranaga,

This letter is in response to the request for the building of the Amma Center a proposed 16,000-square center off the Old Santa Fe Trail, which would accommodate an annual event that draws thousands of people each summer.

As residents of Canada Village we are aware of the danger and limitations of the Old Santa Fe Trail and it's two lane curvy road and blind curves currently being used by cars, trucks, busses, pedestrians & their dogs and bicyclists.

People speed and tailgate on this road and Santa Fe Trail curves after coming up the hill just past the Schmidt driveway, making it difficult to see vehicles coming out of that driveway, it is a hazard.

Santa Fe Trail serves residents from the Canada de Los Alamos, Camp Stoney, as well as the children at summer camp there, La Posta, all the residence in the forest service boundaries and hikers.

Add thousands of additional people on a two lane road and the emergency responders, Hondo Fire, Forest Service, SF County Fire & their equipment that need to get into this tinder box area would be a disaster. It is the only road in or out in case of a fire.

We are suffering from the extreme drought conditions; we continue to lose trees from lack of moisture and all the dead trees from the bark beetle in years past. Residents are having to buy and haul water for their use and for their animals, wells are drying up.

If Mr. Schmidt has a 40,000-gallon water storage tank, that would deplete even more the water table and surrounding wells.

This is nothing personal regarding Amma, a great Hindu spiritual leader.

This is about the Schmidt's finding another venue like the Santa Fe Convention Center or another property that has multiple roads that can safely accommodate thousands of devotees without impacting this fragile community.

Sincerely,

Leo & Missy Gurule

Canada Village

Santa Fe, NM 87505

cc: County Review Committee and County Commission Members



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Jose Larranaga Commercial Development Case Manager Case # MPZ/PDP 13-5000 Amma Center Santa Fe County Development Review

Dear Mr. Larranaga,

I am a concerned neighbor of the Amma Center, and have been pleased to see the very professional and thorough responses from various individuals and departments questioning the compliance of the proposed development with county codes and regulations. I am referring to the letters from Paul Kavanaugh, Johnny Baca, Miguel Romero, the Office of the State Engineer, Amanda Romero, the Historic Preservation Division, John Lovato, and Eric Aune. I appreciate the careful analysis, and can see that there are multiple problems that should prevent the approval, even before one takes into account the overwhelming opposition of the surrounding community, which will be confirmed by the almost unanimous petition signatures.

I would like to raise another issue that I believe should also be a conclusive consideration which would prevent the approval of this application. There are at least 2 major concerns which the applicants apparently intend to address by *promising* to impose voluntary limitations. These are the issues of traffic, where they propose carpooling to reduce the number of vehicle trips to one third or less than the number of participants, and water use, where they propose to shut down their wells and import all water during the annual summer event. There is also an implied promise that the facility will only be used for large gatherings once a year, and that the number of participants will not grow beyond the already unmanageable two thousand who have been participating in Albuquerque over the last few years.

Steve Schmidt and the other principals in this organization have a documented history of attempting to deceive and mislead their immediate neighbors, the community as a whole, and the Santa Fe County Land Use professionals, over a period of 25 years, dating back to 1988. This current application is the direct result of a glaring example of this dishonest behavior, as one can see from the October 5, 2012 letter from Liason Planning Services, Inc, on behalf of Stephen and Cathryn Schmidt. They stated that "The (14,000 sq ft) structure will only be used for storage". It is my understanding that the you, Mr. Larranaga, and others at the County, were able to see on the Amma Center website that they were utilizing the property for regularly scheduled events and to deduce that the new structure would be used as a permanent shelter for the crowd at their big annual gathering. Only when confronted about their outright fraudulent assertion regarding the intended use, did the Schmidts re-submit their application in its current form. And an attempt to get this structure approved under the same false pretenses had actually occurred over a decade earlier in late 2000, as you can see in my attached letter to Joe Catanach from December 14, 2000. There are many other documented instances of broken promises made to the neighbors regarding the disturbance caused by this event in the past.

The point is, that if the Schmidts were comfortable submitting these two applications for large "storage buildings" which they knew would actually be used for hosting huge public gatherings, why would anyone believe any promises they might make about carpooling or hauling water (or the frequency and

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size of events to be held). Clearly they will say anything they think will gain approval, and have no scruples about later doing as they please. And we all know that there is no practical way for the county to monitor or enforce compliance with any promises. No solutions to compliance issues that are based on the honoring of promises or agreements should be allowed in this case, even more so than would usually be the case, because of the applicants' track record of fraud and deception with regard to this inappropriate use of their property.

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I believe this is a very important and insurmountable concern in addressing the issues of traffic and water, and therefore, ultimately, the life safety issues regarding fires for our entire community. Please let me know if you have questions or if there is anything I can do to assist in making sure that the application is dealt with appropriately.

Sincerely,

David Birnbaum 7727 Old Santa Fe Trail Santa Fe, NM 87505 David Birnbaum 7727 Old Santa Fe Trail Santa Fe, NM 87505

December 14, 2000

Joe Catanach Santa Fe County Development Review Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: Schmidt "Storage Building" (Case#V00#4988) Dear Mr Catanach,

I am unable to attend tonight's meeting because of a previous commitment, but I wanted to comment on the Schmidt's proposed "storage building". Every year there is a large gathering of people from all over the country on the property in question led by or centered around some kind of guru or religious leader. We are disturbed and even woken from a sound sleep by singing and chanting all night, even though we live about a half mile away. The traffic on the old Santa Fe Trail is noticeably increased, with people turning in and out on a blind corner at the top of a steep hill. We have always felt that this is an inappropriate use of this residential property, and have complained about the disturbance it creates in our lives. A huge "circus tent" is set up every year to accommodate the large number of people who attend. I believe that the true primary purpose of this building is to replace the tent, providing a permanent structure in its place. I cannot believe that the Schmidts really have need of 9000 sq ft of storage, and, even if they did, I still feel strongly that this type of structure would not be appropriate in our rural/residential neighborhood.

Neither a huge "warehouse " for storage nor a large "auditorium" for an annual festival should be allowed on this property. It sets a precedent which could lead to other inappropriate structures, and it legitimizes and makes permanent an existing questionable use which is already an irritation for those of us who have moved here to enjoy the peace and tranquility provided by this rural setting. Please make copies of this letter available for all who will be involved in both meetings regarding this proposed building. I know there are others in my immediate area who share my concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

David Birnbaum

WILLOW ROBERTS POWERS, 45 ELLIS RANCH ROAD, SANTA FE, NM 87505 (505) 466-0560 wrpowers@earthlink.net

Jose Larranaga County Land Use Department P.O. Box 276 Santa Fe, NM 87504-0276

February 12, 2012

Dear Mr. Larranaga:

I have been learning about a proposed project in Cañada de Los Alamos for which landowners Steve and Cathi Schmidt are seeking approval. The project would include a building of approximately 16,000 square feet, to host an annual event drawing, as I understand it, 2000 participants for five days. (I have been given a CDRC Case no. Z/PDP 13-500 Amma Center.)

In addition to some impact on the community, of which I am not a member, and the immediate environment, the major problem is fire. I live in the San Sebastian Ranch area, which is a couple of miles down hill and down wind from Cañada de Los Alamos. In fact, the fire evacuation route for that community is a rough road which exits at the east end of the San Sebastian area.

Last summer the Hondo Fire Station #2 held a most informative meeting for local people, advising us of fire hazards, fire safety, and what we should do, in the event of a forest fire as well as how to make our property less of a fire hazard. They mentioned the number of small fires they had already, at the end of June, dealt with. This is no small danger, and my husband and I are most concerned about how the proposed project might endanger our neighborhood—and it would be an equal danger for the many participants of the event the building is to host.

Forest fires are so easy to start and so very quick to spread; in the interests of the safety of us all I hope and pray the County will not approve this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Willow Powers

We, the undersigned, are opposed to Santa Fe County approval of the recently submitted community service facility master plan/development plan for a new structure at 48 Stone Cabin Road, off the Old Santa Fe Trail, near the traditional community of Canada de los Alamos.

As property owners and/or residents in the area we foresee the following adverse
consequences:

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In the matter of the Amma Center of New Mexico and Stephen and Cathryn Schmidt's application to Santa Fe County:

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February 25, 2013

To Whom It May Concern,

In the matter of the Amma Center of New Mexico and Stephen and Cathryn Schmidt's application to Santa Fe County, we oppose the approval of the submitted community service facility plan for a new structure at 48 Stone Cabin Road. Our address is 155 Ridge Rd., and this would strongly affect the rural and residential character of our neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Danny Rosenthal and Emmy Kondo

TO: Kathy Holian
Board of County Commissioners, Chair
Commission District 4
P.O. Box 276
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0276

July 14, 2013

Hello Ms. Holian,

My name is Liza Bambenek and I am a resident of the community of Cañada de los Alamos here in Santa Fe county. I wrote to you last week regarding the proposed construction of a convention-sized building in our historic, rural neighborhood. I am writing to you this week to continue to tell you my concerns about this proposed building.

It has come to my attention via our neighborhood association, that the building plan (which I have heard started out as a 12,000 square foot structure, which then increased to a 16,000 square foot structure) is NOW being expanded to an 18,000 square foot building compete with professional kitchen facilities. Eighteen THOUSAND square feet??!!! In our rural neighborhood??!! Eighteen thousand feet of water usage pulling off of our already fragile aquifer??!! We are not on city water out here. We all have our own wells and we pull from many of the same sources for our water. An eighteen thousand square foot building used by thousands and thousands of people at one time (previous local Amma events have drawn two to four THOUSAND people in one day) will pull an immense amount of water from our aquifer. Can our aquifer even support or sustain this? Has a hydrology report been done for this area and if so, what were its findings? This is terrifying to consider. This place gets built and we all run the risk of our water source being significantly compromised. This area was not developed heavily for a reason—the locals chose to keep it rural and small. Not only to keep it quiet and serene, but to appropriately use the resources of the area without permanent damage to the entire ecosystem.

Please consider the resource irresponsibility that this building would demonstrate. Amma and her organization have successfully held their events in pre-existing, lovely convention/hotel spaces complete with healthy city water systems, city waste/sewer services, ample parking, adequate road access and plenty of space. But now they want to exhaust the already fragile resources of a small rural community that has none of these services previously in place??!! How much more wasteful and irresponsible can this he??!!

this be??!!
The Amma Center on Stone Cabin road has existed out here for many years, and in its current state, respects the ways and resources of the small community in which it resides. This planned 18,000 square foot development does NOTHING to retain that aspect and it threatens the very place the Amma Center has called home for many years. ANY current resident of this rural, traditional area who chose to construct such a building would get the same response from our community. PLEASE. STOP. NOW.

Thank You for your time.

Concerned Resident of Cañada de Los Alamos, Santa Fe, New Mexico,

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From:

Penny Ellis-Green

Sent: To: Monday, October 06, 2014 12:55 PM Rachel A. Brown; Jose Larranaga

Subject:

FW: Preserve the Trail Association and Stone Cabin Road

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From: Erica Ciaglia [mailto:majhaka@gmail.com] Sent: Saturday, October 04, 2014 12:14 PM

To: Penny Ellis-Green

Subject: Preserve the Trail Association and Stone Cabin Road

Dear Penny Ellis-Green,

I have joined the Preserve the Trail Association in their mission to bring the community closer together through organizing emergency fire plans, meeting our neighbors, and a maintaining the integrity of the traditional village. My neighbors and I are also concerned about resolving the ongoing illegal operation of the Amma Center being conducted on Stone Cabin Road. We are concerned for the public welfare and safety issues that the Amma Center expansion/ present unlicensed gatherings present: water, septic, traffic and above all fire, hazards. All we ask is for the Center to conform to existing County regulations to protect the community they espouse to be a part of. Thank you for your time,

Erica Ciaglia 1 Quartz Trail Cañada de Los Alamos

From: Penny Ellis-Green

Sent: Monday, October 06, 2014 12:55 PM To: Jose Larranaga; Rachel A. Brown Subject:

FW: Preserve the Trail PTTA

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From: Catherine Lindberg [mailto:catherine@santafehabitat.org]

Sent: Friday, October 03, 2014 7:25 PM

To: Penny Ellis-Green

Cc: preservethetrail@gmail.com Subject: Preserve the Trail PTTA

Dear Ms. Ellis-Green,

Old Santa Fe Trail east past 67C cannot handle 1000-2000 visitors at any time, much be accommodated on property owned by the Schmidt family. Even 100 - 200 visitors with private cars or buses would present a problem in the event of fire or flash flood, both of which are very real possibilities. The Schmidt property, to potentially be used to host large groups, is at the end of this road. There is only one viable exit: Old Santa Fe Trail. Should heavy rain or fire occur, these people would be trapped or their attempt at escape would clog Old Santa Fe Trail, endangering the rest of us. The Hondo Fire Department recommended that we cut back trees 30 feet from our home in case of fire. We have done so at great expense because we value not only our home but the homes of our neighbors. Has the Schmidt family cut back trees? Made arrangements for emergency evacuation? Made arrangements for 100 to 2000 people to use toilets requiring septic? Made arrangements to provide water? Made promises that fire/candles in open spaces/tents will not be used on their property? I think not.

Simple common sense would dictate that the Schmidt's should not be able to use their property as requested. The very fact that they were cited by the County in June and ignored that citation should lead to the fallout given to any of us who have ignored any citation: revocation of license/use/etc. until the violation is proven fixed. The Schmidt's should be made to correct any and all violations before any movement by the County. The fire danger to all of us is too real. The flooding of Old Santa Trail in recent months is also real.

The Schmidt's desire to comply will only be found in their answer to County demands.

Catherine Lindberg 18 Alley Ranch Trail Santa Fe, NM 87505 505.986.8788

From:

Penny Ellis-Green

Sent:

Monday, October 06, 2014 12:55 PM

To:

Jose Larranaga; Rachel A. Brown

Subject:

FW: Amma Center

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From: William R. Talbot [mailto:wrtfa@earthlink.net]

Sent: Friday, October 03, 2014 3:37 PM

To: Penny Ellis-Green **Subject:** Amma Center

Dear Penny,

I am a resident just off Old Santa Fe Trail near CR 67. I am opposed to the Amma Center or any development of it's proposed size in the foothill area off Old Santa Fe Trail. That size of a development would be wholly inappropriate.

Thank you.

William Talbot

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PO Box 2757
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504
http://www.williamtalbot.com/

From:

Penny Ellis-Green

Sent:

Tuesday, October 14, 2014 8:58 AM

To:

Jose Larranaga; Rachel A. Brown

Subject:

FW: Preserve The Trail Association Zoning Area

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Jose, for the file.

From: Alley Jr.James B. [mailto:jalleyjr@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, October 10, 2014 5:39 PM **To:** Penny Ellis-Green; Penny Ellis-Green

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Dear Penny,

This is a follow-up to my email to you of 22 September 2014 with copies intended to Kathy Holian and Tim Cannon. In that email my wife and I supported the proposed zoning shown on the Zoning Map Adoption Draft of 21 March 2014 from El Gancho Way to La Canada de Los Alamos for both sides of the Old Santa Fe Trail except for a small area adjoining the southeast side of Two Trails Road which should be zoned "Residential Fringe" like the area around it. Since the late 1960's I have been trying on and off over the years to get the land Southeast of the city limits to La Canada de Los Alamos zoned rural residential with a minimum lot size of 5 acres per residence but allowing also a subsidiary residence like a guest or relative's house. Your proposed zoning map largely does that for all appropriate areas southeast of El Gancho Way. Thank you again.

My colleagues and I in Preserve The Trail Association ("PTA") recognize that the Zoning Map could become a worthless document if it is easy to amend or is not enforced by Santa Fe County government. Consequently, my wife and I fully support what David Birnbaum, as President of PTA, stated in his email to you of 30 September 2014 about the need for the County to enforce its own land use code, particularly in the case of Steve and Kathy Schmidts' attempts to establish an Amma Center on their land. We also support at the very least retaining in the new land use code the criteria which must be satisfied under the old code before a "community service facility" would be allowed.

We ask you to go one step further and simply prohibit "community service facilities" in the entire area southeast of Two Trails Road on the east side of the Old Las Vegas highway all the way to the village of La Canada de Los Alamos. Just one road, the Old Santa Fe Trail, serves this entire area and dead ends so that the only road out by motor vehicle is to turn around and go back over the Old Santa Fe Trail the way one came. In case of fire, flooding or severe wind storm requiring the residents of the area to evacuate rapidly, this last 2 to 3 mile portion of the Old Santa Fe Trail would be saturated by motor vehicle traffic trying to exit the area and by fire engines and other emergency vehicles trying to enter the area. This area already has two long time "community service facilities" in the form of the chapel in La Canada de Los Alamos and Camp Stoney which mostly serve residents of the area and do not materially increase traffic in or out of the area. It certainly does not need another "community service facility".

Because of the foregoing facts about this area of the Old Santa Fe Trail, as well as other obvious issues like water availability and sewage disposal, we urge you to prohibit in the new land use code any more "community service facilities" in at least this area southeast of Two Trails Road and probably also in the area southeast of El Gancho Way. These changes to the new code would greatly help strengthen the proposed zoning map and make it a meaningful document for this area in the future.

Sincerely,

Jim and Elisabeth Alley

On Oct 3, 2014, at 11:01 AM, Preserve the Trail PTTA preservethetrail@gmail.com wrote:

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!!!!!!

We finally have the weight of Santa Fe County behind our attempts to resolve the long time dispute over gatherings taking place at the Amma Center on Stone Cabin Road. In June the County issued a Notice of Violation for conducting a Business without a County Business License. The Schmidts have yet to comply with this violation and, in fact, held two extremely large gatherings over the summer in addition to their usual numerous weekly meetings. Sommer and Karnes, the law firm representing our neighborhood's Preserve the Trail Association continues to encourage the County to resolve this matter and enforce its Code.

NOW IT IS NOW TIME FOR US ALL TO WRITE EMAILS TO THE COUNTY!!!!!!

send them to Penny Ellis-Green, director of **Santa Fe County** Growth Management Department, <u>pengreen@co.santa-fe.nm.us</u>

Let them know that you join Preserve the Trail Association in wanting a resolution to the ongoing illegal activities being conducted on Stone Cabin Road. Tell them that you are concerned for the public welfare and safety issues that these activities present: water, septic, traffic and above all, the fire hazard. Tell them that what we ask is for the Center to conform to existing County regulations.

AND PLEASE HELP US WITH OUR LEGAL FEES!!!!!!! Go to our website to find out how to contribute: <u>Preserve The Trail Association</u>

June 8, 2015

Jose Larranaga Penny Ellis Green Santa Fe County Legal & Land Use Departments

Re: Schmidt Master Plan/Preliminary Development Plan Report dated March 13, 2015 (the "Application")

Greetings!

I am writing in my capacity as the President of The Preserve the Trail Association, an incorporated community organization committed to furthering the wellbeing of the area surrounding the Village of Canada de Los Alamos and the Santa Fe Trail in that vicinity. We have been concerned about the previously proposed expansion of the Amma Center on Stone Cabin Road, and we now have received a copy of the new request for rezoning of that property to be a Community Services Facility, without the construction of any additional structures or any expansion of the existing but unpermitted use. We continue to be concerned that the regulations governing such zoning and use need to be strictly enforced, and that the decades-long history of unpermitted non-residential use in a residential zone should not in any way be allowed to influence the process of evaluating the application.

One of our primary concerns with the Application is the lack of clarity regarding the historic/proposed number of attendees at the various events and activities. It is my understanding, based on my experience as a general contractor, that code requirements for meeting rooms and similar spaces (such as the number of handicap accessible bathrooms, exits, and parking - all with required signage) are based on occupant loads, which in turn are based on square footage. The Meditation Hall is identified as a 1400 square foot accessory structure, which according to the 2009 IBC Chapter 3 would be classified as an A-3 type use (places of worship, community halls) with the potential occupant load calculated at one person per 15 square feet. This results in a maximum occupant load of 93 persons, and this in turn requires two handicap accessible bathrooms and a handicap accessible drinking fountain (2009 IBC Chapter 29). We do not see that the applicant has addressed code issues like these as we expect the county to require.

The application (pp. 2, 4) refers to two annual events with an average of attendance of 100 persons. Those of us who live nearby are dubious about the accuracy of this number, as we believe that events larger than the weekly meetings have been attended by more than 100 persons. For example, the celebration for Amma's birthday in 2014 was advertised on their website as "open to all of Amma's followers in the Southwest region". Preserve the Trail representatives took videos of vehicles entering the event and documented that well over 200 people attended.

Our concern about the number of persons attending at any one time is that the applicant's estimates are in no way binding or enforceable. It certainly seems that there should be specific numbers for the maximum number of attendees with and without a Special Event Permit. We request that should the County approve this application, it impose a maximum number of attendees at special events, and a maximum of two special events per year. These conditions are consistent with the applicant's

description of activities and are warranted given the rural residential character of the area, the limited access (with only one narrow and windy road connecting Canada de los Alamos to the road network to the west), and the documented fire hazards in the Sangre de Cristo foothills. Another concern regarding the use of Special Event Permits is whether these permits would allow the use of amplification of the chanting, music and announcements as has been used in the past. I live almost a mile away, and the large gathering using amplification used to keep my children awake at night. We request that a condition be placed on any approval requiring that amplification only be used indoors with doors and windows closed.

Probably the most important issues that we feel are not sufficiently addressed are the Liquid Waste or Septic System requirements and the water use restrictions. Although the septic system was permitted for the use of a six bedroom residence in 1994, the application does not demonstrate that it was correctly designed for the proposed level of use. Septic systems need to be designed and sized for the maximum recurring use in a period of hours, as well as for an average daily or weekly load. And scrutiny of septic systems in the 1990's and prior to that was not appropriately stringent, especially where hard rock beneath a very irregular and shallow layer of topsoil should have required an "Advanced System" (one that purifies water to be safe for irrigation). It is surprising to me that the applicant has not proposed to upgrade to an "Advanced System", as they have indicated that they have a concern for protecting the environment. We believe that it would make sense for the county to require (or at the very least, strongly encourage) the applicant to include this in the improvements they would need to make.

The issue of water use is of much importance in the immediate area, as even with the existing restrictions and the sparse density allowed, many people are finding their wells are going dry, requiring expensive well modifications, the installation of storage tanks, and the drilling of new wells. It is my understanding that residential wells in this area are restricted to one quarter acre foot (81,463 gallons) of water per year. This translates to 223 gallons per day. I hope that it is not true, as I have heard, that the county is willing to "relax" this restriction for the applicant to .35 acre foot per year, but in any case, the applicant should be required to install a well meter at the well head and that meter should be required to be read, photographed and reported regularly, as part of the conditions of any approval.

Obviously fire is another major concern, and we believe that the applicant should be required to install a sizeable dedicated cistern for the use of the Fire Department. Landscape irrigation cisterns are not an acceptable alternative as in this climate those are often empty (unless they are inappropriately set up to refill automatically from the well). We would expect the Fire Marshal to hold the applicant to the highest standard in approving this use, as there is certainly a much higher likelihood of a fire being started in such a facility, especially with their well known use of candles in their ceremonies.

Regarding the access road, I find it difficult to believe after having driven on it, that the grades can be adjusted to meet the maximum 11% required, and we will be prepared to challenge that assessment should our suspicions appear to be correct.

We look forward to seeing the results of the county's investigations and its conclusions about this rezoning application!

Sincerely,

David Birnbaum, President PtTA

From: Liza Bambenek lizabambenek@me.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 04, 2015 2:58 PM

To: Jose Larranaga

Subject: Amma Center re-zoning concerns

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Dear Mr. Larranaga,

Several months ago, I wrote letters to your office expressing my concerns about the proposal to build a 16,000 square foot convention center on the Amma Center Land in the rural, traditional neighborhood in which I live: Cañada de los Alamos. In that letter I voiced my concerns about such a large building being built in our neighborhood: the strain it would put on our already limited water resources, and the congestion it would cause on our one road (the only road in and out in times of emergency or fire). I expressed my concerns that our neighborhood was NOT the place for a convention center and its accompanying traffic, congestion and noise.

Now I am writing to you, again, with my concerns about the proposed religious re-zoning of the privately owned land on which the Amma Center sits--a seemingly back-door approach to reach the same end as the initial convention center proposal. The county halted the proposed 16,000 square foot convention center and exposed that the Amma Center was operating without a proper business license. The neighborhood has spoken up with concerns and objections. This request to re-zone the current rural residential land as a religious area brings along with it the possibility that if the land would be re-zoned, development and activity on the land would be protected by the Religious Land Use Act—an act that I support in it efforts to protect freedom of speech and religion, but that here seems to be potentially used as an angle to get that convention center built. I think this is wrong. If the county and the surrounding residents have pointed out the many ways in which such expansion would devastatingly impact the environment, and the way of life and the privacy of this neighborhood, those reasons are STILL valid behind the guise of religious protection—and the pursuit of the same damaging plans under a different face is still the pursuit of something that is not wanted here in Cañada de los Alamos.

There are currently two other religious organizations with land in our neighborhood: The Church in the heart of the Village and the Bishop's Ridge/Camp Stoney Retreat center towards the end of Old Santa Fe Trail. Neither one of these areas, from what I can discern from the Santa Fe County Proposed Zoning Districts map[1], is on land zoned as "Religious Institution". These two organizations, like the Amma Center, have been in Cañada de Los Alamos for many years without the need to re-zone. So why does the Amma Center want re-zone?

The re-zoning of the Amman Center's 40 acres is an open door for the Schmidts to continue their original plan that the county already halted—a plan that I hope you and your colleagues at the County will continue to see as an irresponsible level of development in an already sensitive and rural area. What good is the "protection" of rural traditional and rural residential zoning if it is allowed to be changed to religious or commercial zoning? Please stand by the residents of this neighborhood, this traditional Village of Cañada de Los Alamos, and keep the zoning rural.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Liza Bambenek

1Quartz Trail

Santa Fe, NM 87505

PO Box 22160 Santa Fe, NM 87502-2160

Mr. Jose Larranaga County Land Use Department P.O.Box 276 Santa Fe, NM 87504-0276 In advance via email to: joselarra@co.santa-fe.nm.us

November 2, 2015

Dear Mr. Larranaga,

I write to you as a current resident of Santa Fe County, and, for more than thirty years, the owner of a five acre property at 7719 Old Santa Fe Trail.

I live here because it is a socially unpretentious and environmentally beautiful place: a place that is quiet enough for me to write books, to enjoy a residential and rural life, close enough to commute to my work as a professor at University of New Mexico and to travel internationally to lecture.

In fact I could be living in any number of places. In the last 35 years I have held tenured appointments at the University of Pennsylvania and Columbia University in New York. But it is here on the Old Santa Fe Trail that I have always most wanted to live. And that is why I left the Ivy League to move back here permanently.

My house was constructed by my neighbor; the people who worked on it and who continue to help me sustain it are largely local to this vicinity. I care about the place and the people who live around me; we all live here in a low-key, modest, responsible, and quiet way.

That kind of value is now deeply threatened and that is why I write: to protest in the strongest terms the new proposal by Steve and Cathi Schmidt to deem 40 acres of their land and its structures on Stone Cabin Road as a religious institution for their guru Amma. This proposal is environmentally irresponsible because of the ways that it will make the dead-end/one-way out Old Santa Fe Trail community considerably more vulnerable, adding to our risk and difficulty managing increasing fire hazards, water pressure, and heightened traffic. This proposal is also arrogant: like the previous (and more preposterous) one proposing a 16,000 foot structure, it shows no care or concern for a majority of neighbors who do not wish to experience increased noise, dust, lights, pollution, traffic, and vandalism, just to help enlarge a multimillion dollar commercial empire

that seeks protection as a "religion." A very clear account of what I mean by "empire" is recounted in many highly reputable and accountable places, most recently in The New York Times:

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/26/business/ammas-multifaceted-empire-built-on-hugs.html?pagewanted=all&_r=1&

As a professional anthropologist I teach about tolerance and pluralism and I am in no way opposed to people practicing the religious beliefs of their choice. But I have a low tolerance for legal bullying, and that is really what we are experiencing in this new attempt to use "religious freedom" legalese to force commercial development into a rural residential community. The massive local opposition to a 40 acre Amma Center has nothing to do with the denial of religious freedom. It is all about the right of a community majority to retain its residential character and look out for its environmental needs.

I hope you will attend carefully to why this project is so negative for this community, why it has so much opposition, why it is so irresponsible from the standpoint of rational environmental land use and planning.

Sincerely,

Steven Feld

Steven Feld
Distinguished Professor of Anthropology Emeritus
The University of New Mexico

(signed copy in post)

From:

Peter & Francie Handler < thehandlers@earthlink.net>

Sent:

Monday, November 02, 2015 9:23 PM

To:

Jose Larranaga

Subject:

RE-Zoning of The "Stone Cabin" Property

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Dear José,

Please do not let this happen...A re-zoning of precious residential property. This would be a dangerous precedent. Their religious activities could be accommodated in an existing commercial space. We, as permanent neighbors, must preserve our commitment to our land and an undisturbed natural environment and we are counting on you to do so.

Our eternal gratitude,

Peter & Francie Handler

Cañada de los Alamos

From:

Rob Ettenson <robett@prodigy.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, November 03, 2015 7:37 AM

To:

Jose Larranaga

Subject:

Turn down Schmidt's proposal to deem 40 acres of their land and its structures as a

religious institution for their guru Amma on November 19.

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Jose, it is absurd that Schmidt's proposal to deem 40 acres of their land and its structures as a religious institution for their guru Amma is a total crock of you-know-what. This guy is a developer and what he proposes will ruin the pristine way of life and endanger the people who live there.

Stop this project now!

Rob Ettenson 505-820-2333

From: Lily Schlien <encalmada@q.com>

Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 11:03 AM

To: Jose Larranaga

Subject: Re: Amma Center asking for religious zoning

Hello Jose Larra and colleagues, I have been riding by the sign that requests the rezoning for the Amma Center for some days now. I must speak out. I live past Stone Cabin Road. As you folks in the county know....there is only one road, one exit down the hill into town. Under normal circumstances with normal population living here that is not a problem. However a huge concern all of us who live here have us "what if there is a fire?" I believe with the number of us who live here we could effect an orderly escape should that ever be a necessity.

Should the Amma a center be allowed to invite innumerable folks to their events I can easily see chaos ensuing. Those of us that live beyond them could easily be trapped as car after car of disoriented visitors to the center tried to leave. This rural area cannot handle such a population increase such as this would bring about. Fire danger is very real in this neighborhood. Getting fire trucks up here is difficult under the best of circumstances.

And where will the increased usage of water that this population would need come from? I already hear of neighbors whose well water level is going down A center like this we all know will bring in MANY people to their events....I do not believe they have a wellspring on their land.

It would be a travesty to allow this to happenthere are plenty of other venues that already exist that they could use. This section of Santa Fe Trail cannot support this idea: increased fire hazard, increased water usage, increased traffic....we have the chance to preserve this rural characterful historical northern New Mexican village....PLEASE DO NOR ALLOW THIS DEVELOPMENT TO GO FORWARD.

lily schlien www.lilyschlien.com

Things are not difficult to make; that what is difficult is putting ourselves in the state of mind to make them. Brancusi

ATTN: Jose Larrañaga County Land Use Department Santa Fe, NM

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

November 8, 2015

This letter is to refute Steve and Cathi Schmidt's claim that over the past 25 years there has been no neighborhood objections to their activities at the Amma Center, 48 Stone Cabin Road, Santa Fe, NM. Beginning in 1988 I objected by letter to the Schmidts and brought my concerns to Santa Fe County Land Use Dept. In 1993 a legal agreement with restrictions on the Center's activities was negotiated by two law firms; one year later this agreement was broken by the Center. During this time a residence - known as an ashram - was built to house up to 14 devotees.

The years 1988 to 2000 were the years when the June meeting grew to almost 1000 people and there was much neighborhood grumbling but no action taken.

In 2001 there was successful neighborhood opposition headed by Donald Garcia and Claire Weber including legal action which stopped an expansion of their Center: they had proposed the building of an "accessory building" to better house their meetings.

In 1994 when the community was organizing regarding Camp Stoney, I heard much concern regarding the traffic and aggravating amplification of music coming from the Center during the June special meeting. When the numbers in attendance became too big for even the organizers, they moved their annual meeting to La Fonda and then a hotel in Albuquerque. This was followed by some quiet years as the weekly meetings were small in attendance.

In 2012 The Schmidts proposed another "accessory building" to Santa Fe County. The neighborhood understood that this building would be used to house the growing activities listed on their website. This accessory building was discouraged by the County Land Use Dept.

In 2013 the Schmidts proposed the building of an almost 18,000 square foot building for their Center. When the neighborhood heard about this, they

mobilized petitions, letter writing and meetings. They hired a lawyer. This proposal was withdrawn.

In 2014 it was brought to the attention of the County that large meetings were being held at the Center – these were photographed and filmed and they were scrutinized by County staff. A notice of violation of operating without a business license was issued.

Now in 2015 the Schmidts want to conform to County standards but also obtain a religious designation, what the neighborhood understands as basically a rezoning of rural, residential land. Neighbors are concerned that the character of the area, the lack of water, the danger of fire are all factors that should be considered before allowing the large and ever growing numbers of people to continue attending the many meetings at the Center.

As you see, in no way can it be claimed that there has been no neighborhood objections to the ongoing problem of the Schmidt's attempts to have a large meeting complex in a rural residential neighborhood.

My name is Annie Sahlin and I live at 21 Stone Cabin Road, in close proximity to Steve and Cathi Schmidt and their Amma Center.

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January 15, 1993

Mr. Greg Al-Yassin
Santa Fe County Land Use Department
P.O. Box 276
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0276

986-6225

Dear Greg:

Following my December 15, 1992 letter to you, regarding the dispute between M.A. Center and Annie Sahlin, negotiations revived. Ms. Sahlin, the M.A. Center, and Steve and Cathi Schmidt have signed an agreement which governs the Center's gatherings at the Schmidt property for 1993 and 1994. A copy of that agreement is enclosed. We are hopeful that this agreement will reduce the need for the County's involvement in the issue, at least for the next two years.

Please telephone me if you or anyone else at the County has any questions concerning the agreement. Annie and I appreciate your continued interest in, and help with, this very difficult situation.

Kenneth J. Cassutt

KJC/ajm

Enclosure

cc: Annie Sahlin Earl M. Rosner

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David Birnbaum & Terri Blackman Rt 19 Box 115-F Santa Fe , NM 87505

October 30, 1994

Ms. Annie Sahlin Rt 19 Box 121AA Santa Fe, NM 87505

Dear Annie,

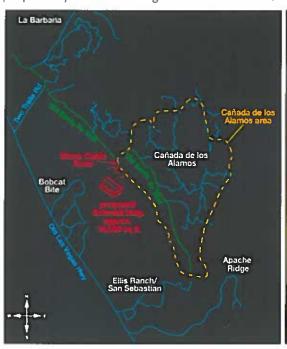
We wanted to make sure that you knew, that we would like to help you in your battle with the Schmidts, and welcome your letter to the Committee. Let us know what we might do to help you. It was good to see you this evening speaking out at the meeting at Camp Stoney!

David & Terri

NEIGHBORHOOD ALERT!!!

THE **PRESERVE THE TRAIL ASSOCIATION** WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU ABOUT A FRIGHTENING POTENTIAL FIRE DANGER AND A RADICAL CHANGE TO ONE OF OUR HISTORICAL, MULTI-GENERATIONAL COMMUNITIES.

Currently, there is a proposal before Santa Fe County to erect an almost 16,000 square foot, 27 foot high building on Stone Cabin Road in historical Cañada de los Alamos. The building will be convention-sized with expansive parking lots to accommodate a large volume of automobiles and buses. In addition, Stone Cabin Road will have to be widened to 20 feet. The developers expect an attendance of 2000 people a day to attend during a week each summer, but there is no prohibition against having multiple events throughout the year.





- This intensive use significantly threatens our rural, residential community.
- There will be a substantial increase in traffic and noise, as well as a strain on our water supply.
- FIRE, however, is the most terrifying possibility. Forest fires are so easy to start and spread quickly. It's something we've all witnessed these past few summers. We are now experiencing the worst fire danger in history and one that is not expected to end soon. The evacuation for the community of Cañada de los Alamos is a potential disaster. The Old Santa Fe Trail area has 2000 folks, 1500 or so who would, in the event of fire, be trapped on the dozens of dead-end roads east of Two Trails. The large attendance numbers outlined in Steve and Cathi Schmidt's building proposal for their Amma Center increases these severe evacuation problems. Imagine 2000 cars (1000 household and 1000 visitors) trying to get through that intersection with emergency vehicles flooding in the other way.

PLEASE JOIN US IN OPPOSING THEIR PLAN!!! WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Donations are needed! These funds will be used for legal fees and educating the community with informational literature.

The Preserve the Trail Association is a group of concerned Santa Feans, New Mexicans and other concerned citizens whose objective is to conserve and protect the fragile and historical Santa Fe Trail.

Please visit our website for updates and to learn about other ways you can help!

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FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Annie Sahlin: anniesahlin@yahoo.com David Birnbaum: burnbridge727@aol.com Thorese Martinez: 505 984,5071

AMMA CENTER ACTIVITIES: SAMPLES 2012 – 2015 WEEKLY AND SPECIAL EVENTS

The following pages show examples of the large amount of both weekly and special events hosted by the Amma Center of New Mexico. In 2012 they were listed on a website. Announcements have since been moved to a site on Facebook.

pages 1-10 show current activities which occur several days a week and other days that host special events. These were found on Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/ammacenternewmexico?fref=ts

pages 11-14 a 2012 list of typical weekly events found on website: http://amma.org/groups/north-america/amma-center-new-mexico-0



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Amma New Mexico

Amma Center of NM LATEST NEWS! 10/28/2015

Coming Up - Santa Fe

Sat Oct 31st - WINTER Satsang starting time begins: 6 PM. Come chant to chase away the ghosts, goblins & zombies hiding in our egos. Prizes for costumes!

Sun Nov 1 Garden Devas (note - clocks move back one hour as of Nov 1)

Retreat Registration for Amma's Winter Programs is now Open!

San Ramon, CA Nov 14-18

Detroit, MI Nov 20-24

For info and registration to go Amma .org website

Join our Garden Devas!!!

Sunday, November 1st from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

and life becomes a festival... Every day of the year should be joyful - all of life "When we offer ourselves to the Divine, our minds are purified, sorrows end, a festival!" ~ Amma

Join the festival by helping maintain Amma's truly blessed gardens at the ashram. Seva is proven to help us touch our inner joy and devotion No experience necessary. Tools, gloves and instruction provided, as well as a delicious vegetarian lunch

This seva will continue on the first Sunday of each month from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm throughout the fall months: resuming in early spring. Come and immerse yourself in inner joy, peace, service and devotion to Amma.

or 207-522-5464 for more information and/or questions. Please contact Vandana at ammachidas@gmail.com

"Don't be disheartened if you don't see any results in spite of all your effort. Each repetition of the mantra has an effect, you are just not aware of it."

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Satsang



Southwest Satsangs

The Amma Center of New Mexico hosts the Santa Fe Satsang every Saturday and is the regional center for the Southwest. Please follow the links below for details about other regional satsangs.

SANTA FE

The Santa Fe Satsang meets every Saturday at 6:30pm, in the main temple at Amma Center of New Mexico. Arrive by 5:30pm if you would like to also chant the 1000 Names of Sri Lalita. Click here for directions.

Schedule

Chanting of the 108 Names of Mata Amritanandamayi

A talk by a devotee

Bhajans (devotional singing)

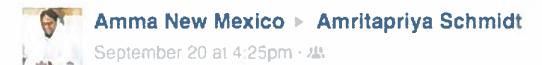
A short silent meditation

Arati

Closing prayers

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The library (in the ashram) is open following the satsang program. Ongoing programs will vary, so please call 505-982-9801 or check this website for more information. The majority of our events are held at the Amma Center of New Mexico.



The Burrito Project crew at the Amma Center in Santa Fe ~ Every Sunday morning these volunteers (and more) pack delicious Burrito lunches and then distribute them to an average of 108 homeless individuals. With Amma's divine grace, this wonderful seva has been going on since 1996 ~ that's almost 20 years! Jai Ma! 💙



Amma New Mexico

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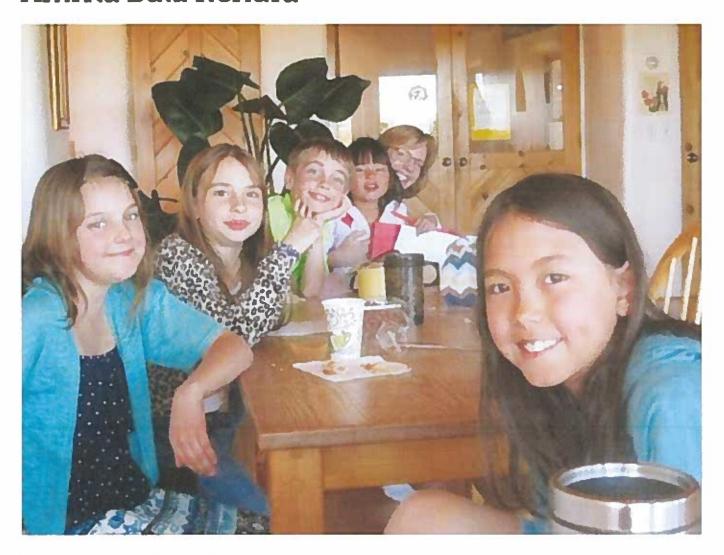




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Amrita Bala Kendra



May 23, 2015 2:00pm-3:30pm

There will be a make up Amrita Bala Kendra (ABK) class at the Amma Center of New Mexico this Saturday, May 9th, from 2pm - 3:30 pm.

ABK is structured to teach spiritual values to children through the application of Amma's teachings. Classes will include fun and engaging educational activities such as stories, games, music, and arts and crafts. ABK is open to children ages 4 through 17 and is designed to help deepen a child's understanding of spiritual principles and to teach ways to incorporate those principles into children's daily lives.

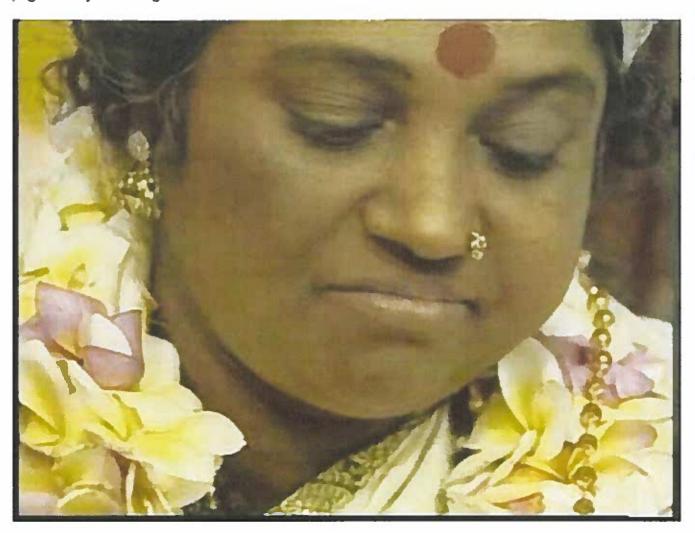
Saturday, May 23rd from 2 - 3:30 pm

For more information, email Faith or call her at 505-780-5472.



TODAY ~ SPECIAL EVENTS!! AMMA CENTER NEW MEXICO ~ Krishna Jayanthi Satsang ~ Sat, Sept 5th at 7:00pm (note different time) A special talk on Krishna by Chandra Pillai, bhajan singing, and prasad. Dinner served befoe Satsang from 5:45 pm. ALL ARE WELCOME!!

TODAY ~ IAM Meditation Refresher Course ~ Sat, Sept 5th ~ 4:00 - 5:00 pm. A great chance to deepen your practice of this profound meditation that Amma has given to us. Everyone is welcome who has learned the IAM 35. For more info contact: Jaganmayi 505-982-9801 ext.12 at the Ashram or email jaganmayi108@gmail.com







Guru Purnima Celebration at the Amma Center New Mexico in Santa Fe. Join us on the full moon, Thursday, July 30th, for a delicious dinner at 5:45 pm and Guru Purnima Satsang at 7:00 pm. All are warmly invited 💛 "Dedication is the most essential aspect. The more dedicated you are, the more open you remain. The more open you are, the more love you experience. The more love you have, the more grace you experience." --Amma

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Amma Center of New Mexico

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Amma's Birthday Satsang with Br. Shantamrita Chaitanya

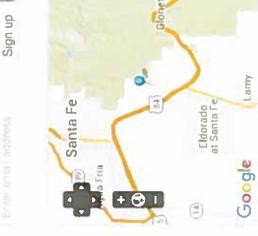


Sep 25, 2015 6,00pm-9,00pm

Amma's Birthday Satsang with Br. Shantamrita Chaitanya

in honor of Amma's Birthday this year, we will have a special Satsang with one of Amma's senior disciples, Br. Shantamila Chaitanya. Br. Shantamrita will enlighten us with an uplifting spiritual discourse followed by devotional music and meditation. Everyone is welcome to this free event at the Amma Center of NM

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CONTACT US

Email us or call 505-982-9801

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Amma New Mexico ► Amritapriya Schmidt

September 20 at 4:35pm - 24.

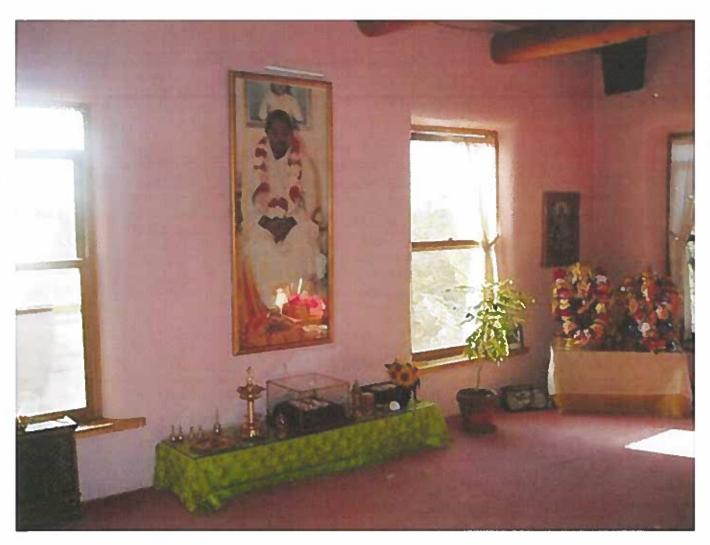
Amma Center in Santa Fe ~ Special Events this week!

Friday, Sept 25 for Amma's 62nd Birthday, there will be a special Satsang with Br. Shantamrita Chaitanya at 6:00 pm

Families & All are welcome. Stay tuned for Children's announcement.

Sunday, Sept 27 In honor of Amma's Birthday ~ A Harmonium Workshop at the Amma Center Santa Fe - 1:00 PM. Beginners welcome! Not necessary to have your own harmonium. Private lessons also available.

If interested please reply to: amaritapriya108@gmail.com



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Our Events

The Amma Center of NM offers a variety of throughout the year. Please email us or call classes and community service projects 505-982-9801 to find out more.

SPECIAL EVENTS

DAILY PROGRAMS

Names of the Divine Mother), meditation, seva (volunteering or service) and bhajans (devotional The daily ashram routine includes archana (chanting of the 108 Names of Amma and the 1000

The Santa Fe Satsang meets on Saturday nights, from at 6:30pm-8:30pm in the temple. Arrive by 5:30pm if you would like to chant the 1000 names of Sri Lalita before Satsang begins.

There are many ways to volunteer through the Amma Center of NM. Please email or call us at 505-982-9801 to learn how,

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Our Events

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EMAIL MAILTO ASHRAMMAMMACENTER ORGI OR CALL 505-982-9801 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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Tuesday

2012 Navaratri (/groups/nonh-america/amma-center-newmexico-0/events/2012-navaratri)

Navaratri Celebrations are Tuesday October 16th through Tuesday October 23rd

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O & A with Steve Schmidt (/groups/northamerica/amma-center-new-mexico-0/events/q-steveschmidt)

Amma has instructed Steve Schmidt to be the moderator for a weekly Q & A session at the ashram Example question: How does one perform seva selflessly? Read Steve's answer here.

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Thursday



Albuquerque IAM Refresher Course (/groups/northamerica/amma-center-new-mexico-0/events/iam-refreshercourse-albuquerque)

IAM Refreshers (http://amma.org/groups/north.amenca/amma-center-new-mexico-O/projects/integrated-amnta-meditalion-technique) in ALBUQUERQUE are offered the last Thursday of every month from January through October. Please call Benjamin at 505-235-6917 to confirm your attendance and to... more : (http://amma.org/groups/north.amenca/amma-center-new-mexico-D/events/jam-refresher-pourse-a/burnetque)

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Saturday



Santa Fe - Integrated Amrita Meditation Technique (/groups/north-america/amma-center-new-mexico-0/events/santa-fe-integrated-amrita-meditation-technique)

Saturday



Santa Fe Satsang at the Amma Center

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The Santa Fe Satsang meets every Saturday at 6 30pm, in the main temple at Amma Center of New Mexico. Arrive by 5 00pm if you would like to also chant the 1000 Names of Sri Lalita. Click here for directions (http://amma.org/groups/north-america/amma-center-new-mexico-0/contact). Our ... More > (http://amma.org/groups/north-america/amma-center-new-mexico-0/contact)

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CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

I herby certify that the public notice posting regarding Land Development

Case # MP/POP/IDP /3-55 PV was posted for 21 days on the property beginning

The 29 day of October, 2015.**
Signature
*Photo of posting must be provided with certification
**PLEASE NOTE: Public notice is to be posted on the most visible part of the property. Improper legal notice will result in re-posting for an additional 21 days. It is the Applicant's responsibility to ensure that the notice is on the property for the full 21 days.
STATE OF NEW MEXICO } COUNTY OF SANTA FE }
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 24 day of
October , 2015. By
My Commission Expires: OFFICIAL SEAL Sharon Gallegos NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF, NEW MEXICO My Commission Expires:



LEGAL # 80301

CDRC CASE # MP/PDP/DP 13-5000 Amma Center

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that public hearing will be held to consider a request by the Amma Center of New Mexico for Master Plan, Preliminary and Final Development Plan approval to allow existing structures to be utilized as a religious institution on a 40+acre site. The property is located at 48 Stone Cabin Road, via Old Santa Fe Trail, within Section 27, Township 16 North, Range 10 East, (Commission District 4).

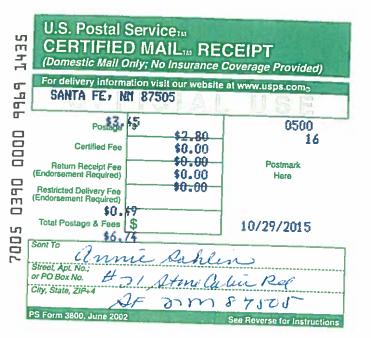
A public hearing will be held in the County Commission Chambers of the Santa Fe County Courthouse, corner of Grant and Palace Avenues, Santa Fe, New Mexico on the 19th day of November 2015, at 4 p.m. on a petition to the County Development Review Committee.

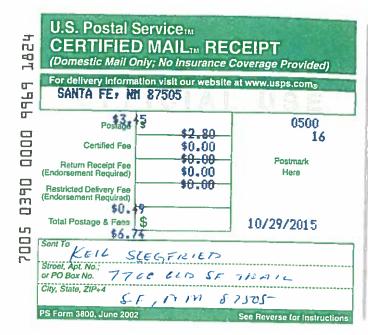
Please forward all comments and questions to the County Land Use Administration Office 986-6225.

All interested parties will be heard at the Public Hearing prior to the Commission taking action.

All comments, questions and objections to the proposal may be submitted to the County Land Use Administrator in writing to P.O. Box 276, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0276; or presented in person at the hearing.

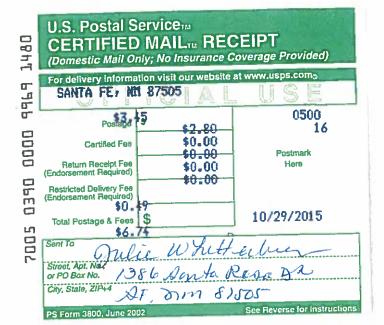
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Water Budget for Amma Center of New Mexico

Residence

The anticipated occupancy of the residence is 6 people. Using The City of Santa Fe water conservation web page reported estimate of average per capita indoor water use (City of Santa Fe, 2013), water use per person per day is assumed to be 58 gallons. This use includes all indoor sanitary, drinking and cooking uses plus evaporative cooling and water filtration and softening. Therefore, indoor use is calculated as follows:

58 gpd/person x 6 people

348	gpd
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Outdoor/Greenhouse

The outdoor water use is a combination of rain catchment, gray water and well water. The water is used on xeric landscaping, fruit trees and vegetable garden with the following areas:

Type	Area ft²	Water Requirement Irr. (drip)(gal/ft² per	gal/yr	AFY
		уг.)		
turfgrass	0		0	0
trees and shrubs	1200	9.49	11388	0.035
herb and vegetable gardens	1200	8.89	10668	0.033
xeric (assume tree req.)	1200	9.49	11388	0.035
Greenhouse	900	8.89	8001	0.025
TOTAL			41445	0.13

The building is equipped with rain catchment systems that fill cisterns for outdoor water use. The roof size is approximately 5,256 square feet, which is calculated to be capable of capturing a total of 44,819 gallons over the course of a year. The cistern storage volume total for the property is currently 10,800 gallons. Amma Center calculates that the rain catchment will be sufficient for the outdoor and greenhouse water use. For the purpose of calculating a water budget for well water, 65% of the landscaping and garden is counted as well water use at **0.085 acre-feet per year**.

Meditation Meetings - Weekly

The Amma Center hosts weekly meditation meetings that last approximately 2 hours and are attended by an average of 40 people. The meetings are held at the meditation hall, which does not have water facilities. It is estimated that each of the meditation attendees will require toilet use at the residence once during their time at the Amma Center. A water conserving toilet has a flush volume of 1.6 gallons. A water conserving aerator on a faucet has a rate of 2.2 gal /minute. Hand washing is assumed to take



15 second, and water may also be consumed. Therefore, a miscellaneous water use per meditation meeting attendee is assumed to be 1 gallon.

40 people x 1 toilet flush (1.6 gal) and 1 gal misc. water use = 104 gal x 52 weeks per year = 5408 gal/yr. = 0.02 acre-feet per year

Large Gatherings - 2 per year

The Amma Center hosts 2 larger gatherings per year that are attended by an average of 100 people. The gatherings are held at the meditation hall, which does not have water facilities. These gatherings last approximately 4 hours. It is estimated that each of the attendees will require toilet use at the residence twice during their time at the Amma Center. A water conserving toilet has a flush volume of 1.6 gallons. A water conserving aerator on a faucet has a rate of 2.2 gal /minute. Hand washing is assumed to take 15 second, and water may also be consumed. Therefore, a miscellaneous water use per event attendee is assumed to be 1.5 gallons per event.

100 people x 2 toilet flushes (1.6 gallons each) and 1.5 gal misc. water use = 470 gal x 2 events = 940 gal/yr. = 0.003 acre-feet per year

Occasionally some of the guests will stay at the residence overnight. Therefore, additional water use for toilet, personal hygiene, shower and food preparation are included for 6 people.

6 people overnight stay (58 gpd) = 348 gal x 2 events = 696 gal/yr. = 0.002 acre-feet per year

Total water use = 0.39 + 0.085 + 0.02 + 0.003 + 0.002 = 0.5 acre-feet per year

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The Amma Center's revised water budget is within 0.50 acre-foot per year and is acceptable. They revised their water use by:

- Reducing the number of full-time residents from 7 to 6 and
- Reducing the amount of well water for outdoor/greenhouse use from 75% to 65%.

Let me know if you need a more formal memo for the CDRC.

Jerry

Jose Larranaga

From: Lily Schlien <encalmada@q.com>

Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 11:03 AM

To: Jose Larranaga

Subject: Re: Amma Center asking for religious zoning

Hello Jose Larra and colleagues, I have been riding by the sign that requests the rezoning for the Amma Center for some days now. I must speak out. I live past Stone Cabin Road. As you folks in the county know....there is only one road, one exit down the hill into town. Under normal circumstances with normal population living here that is not a problem. However a huge concern all of us who live here have us "what if there is a fire?" I believe with the number of us who live here we could effect an orderly escape should that ever be a necessity.

Should the Amma a center be allowed to invite innumerable folks to their events I can easily see chaos ensuing. Those of us that live beyond them could easily be trapped as car after car of disoriented visitors to the center tried to leave. This rural area cannot handle such a population increase such as this would bring about. Fire danger is very real in this neighborhood. Getting fire trucks up here is difficult under the best of circumstances.

And where will the increased usage of water that this population would need come from? I already hear of neighbors whose well water level is going down A center like this we all know will bring in MANY people to their events....I do not believe they have a wellspring on their land.

It would be a travesty to allow this to happenthere are plenty of other venues that already exist that they could use. This section of Santa Fe Trail cannot support this idea: increased fire hazard, increased water usage, increased traffic....we have the chance to preserve this rural characterful historical northern New Mexican village....PLEASE DO NOR ALLOW THIS DEVELOPMENT TO GO FORWARD.

lily schlien www.lilyschlien.com

Things are not difficult to make; that what is difficult is putting ourselves in the state of mind to make them. Brancusi



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Jose Larranaga Land Use Department P. O. Box 276 Santa Fe, NM 87504-0276

November 9, 2015

Dear Mr. Larranaga:

Once again, I am writing in regard to the Amma Center. I understand they are requesting a religious zoning, in order for them to hold meetings. I do not believe that such a zoning would change the essential problem of meetings with the large numbers of people attracted by their activities. Worthy though their attempts may be, in order to fulfill their religious purposes, it doesn't change the problems created. My concern, not living in the village but below it, is fire hazard; my house would lie very directly in any fire that might start, given normal wind directions.

The village has other concerns, one of which is the problem of traffic on their small roads. It seems to me that there would be a problem of access for emergency services which might be required to render help of any kind, a necessary concern with large numbers of people. This is of course a concern for the community to raise.

Please understand that my concerns are with hazards and problems endemic to the hilly terrain and dry conditions in which I and the community live.

Yours sincerely

Willow Roberts Powers

Jose Larranaga

From:

Maria Martinez <attymay@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Monday, November 09, 2015 9:39 PM

To:

Jose Larranaga

Subject:

Rezoning request at La Cruz del Pértigo

Muy buenas tardes, Señor José y saludos muchos.

I take the initiative of addressing you, Sir, in reference to the proposed Amma Center at La Cruz del Pértigo, where, in the period of (our) ancestry, that of Generational Local Native Peoples, IE Indo Iberian as many of us reference, a man recalled in present time as El Difunto Ventura, traveled, with his team of oxen pulling a wood wagon, with a heavy load.

At the crest of La Subida, los bueyes se amacharon. Don Ventura stepped out of the wagon and endeavored to coax them to continue. He was gored by an ox and expired.

Su ánima aparece y sigue en pena in the area of the proposed Center.

Ventura means Fortune, Luck.

In this vignette of Myth History, there is merely one narrow passage to La Floresta, La Escondida, El Cañón del Apache, El Poñal, La Posta, El Ojito, the former La Cañada de los Álamos, La Cuchilla, a previous Pony Express stop overseen by an African couple, the Sacred Places, the period of Brujería, y tanto más.

To permit a single perspective which would court hundreds and possibly 1000s of guests and residents, followers to curious individuals via, essentially a narrow, one way dead end trail, is dangerous and wrong.

Traffic generally travels at a velocity well beyond the designated mileage per hour posted, tailgating those of us respecting the signs. Drivers pass at 60 MPH on blind turns. There have been crashes on to boulders, utility poles and into canyons. In Winter, there are ever accidents and vehicles in arroyos and many unable to travel the road.

To allow additionally such an extreme amount of vehicles and individuals in to an area where even in non emergency travel there is only one way of ingress and egress is ignorant and irresponsible. A fire, a flood, illness and any other unexpected disaster at this proposed Center cannot be properly resolved with the topography and road. In the event of a fire, which, is ever possible, the numbers of persons attempting to leave to safety, to escape with animals and livestock and elderly and children and pets, would be impossible. Fire engines, ambulances, sheriffs and police along with cars and trucks and trailers, would create chaos and exacerbate the disaster.

A fire there, would travel a natural corridor from that Center to San Sebastián across from El Dorado. The damage will be unparalleled at every measure should we not investigate the repercussion of such a rezoning.

I would beseech you, then, that we fully research the reality of such a decision prior to a serious and suffering situation which would arise from incomplete consideration of the effects of such an allowance.

It is lacking in regard of community, of peoples and of the environment to create a place unable to manifest responsibility for the potential fiasco of a particular focus incomplete in its blindness toward others.

I thank you for your time and for your attention to this matter.

Mr. Jose Larranaga County Land Use Department P.O. Box 276 Santa Fe, NM 87504-0276

Email: joselarra@c.santa-fe.nm.us November 9, 2015

Mr. Larranaga:

In regard to Development permit #13-5000, requesting existing structures to be used as a religious institution on Stone Cabin Road off the Old Santa Fe Trail:

This year's Amma gathering at Buffalo Thunder Resort was attended by "hundreds" of people according to their Retreat personnel based in California. My concern is that if this type of gathering is planned on the property at 49 Stone Cabin Road, how are the owners going to accommodate that number? And it appears that this may very well happen since the above property's phone number and location is listed on the Amma international website as the only Center in New Mexico.

I do not think their proposal for a religious institution fits well within the neighborhood. In researching this issue there is NO definition according to the Santa Fe County Planning staff for a "religious institution"; which makes a person think then how does the County gauge what is an acceptable and what is an unacceptable religious institutional use of the property in question? Do any of their activities require an Environmental Impact Assessment in regard to the surrounding community and area?

One would think a religious institution would gather its followers from a nearby catchment area-not internationally. It appears that this institution has been repeatedly trying to squeeze itself to "fit" through a number of means. They've tried rezoning to commercial, taking advantage of the new SLDC and tried to build a facility almost 18,000 square feet under the guise of a "community center". Now we are seeing an "existing use" trying to be used to gain the same thing. A non-conforming use being passed off as a religious institution, commercial facility, or community center, is still a non-conforming use. And the existing structures are not the primary structures. What used to be a tent structure has grown to multiple buildings. If care is not taken in considering this proposal, it will quickly grow into a large hotel and convention center type facility. The last 2 years Amma has been hosted at Buffalo Thunder Resort. Their facility covers 585 acres. I do not see how a small volunteer fire department, a limited amount of natural resources in terms of water and sewage disposal, access and egress, air quality, traffic, parking, noise and lighting disturbances, emergency evacuation of a forested area, etc. can be handled adequately by our neighborhood or community.

The owners of the property have said they want to continue what they have had previously. That is not possible. Their numbers have grown immensely. They are a part of a very large international organization that attracts hundreds upon hundreds of people. I do not think our small secluded community can accommodate them any longer; nor can

the finite resources they would be using. They have outgrown our area and the County government should be able to see that this is not a few people meeting every weekend but the very real possibility of crowds of people. It is a huge organization transplanting themselves in a rural residential neighborhood and trying out labels to see which one will fit well enough to be approved. The existing community and its residents are already in a precarious situation because of the mountainous terrain, the limited resources-natural and otherwise, and the single exit route leading out of the area in an emergency just for starters. Add several hundred more people into the mix and it is a catastrophe waiting to happen. I do not think this use should be allowed to continue at 49 Stone Cabin Road, and I hope you are in agreement.

Thank you.

Therese Martinez
Little Island Road resident

3305 Helena Dr. Missoula, MT 59803

November 9, 2015

Jose Larranaga, Development Review Specialist Building and Development Services Division 102 Grant Ave Santa Fe, NM 87501-2061

Dear Mr. Larranaga,

I write in regard to item of business scheduled to come before the Santa Fe County Development Review Committee on November 19, announced as "Master plan, preliminary and final development plan approval to allow existing structures to be utilized as a religious institution on a 40+ acres site." I am against any such approval and would appreciate your seeing to it that my letter comes to the attention of the Committee in advance of its meeting.

I own property close by the site mentioned. A lot owned by my sister, Anne Sahlin, lies between my own property and a lot bought by the Schmidts. These parcels, together with another lot owned by Tony Georges, once made up a unified 70-acre lot homesteaded during the early 1930s by my grandfather, Walter S. Campbell. Campbell is better known as Stanley Vestal, the name under which he authored various books on the old west, including Sitting Bull. Champion of the Sioux, Kit Carson, and The Old Santa Fe Trail. He was proud to own land beside the trail.

Having bought half of this homestead from my late Aunt, the Schmidts later acquired some extensive adjoining properties, but the piece on which they still live was originally a 35-acre parcel divisible at most into four residential lots to be serviced by the road he and we three alone were to use in common. That it should have by default (as it would seem, without county permission) become an access to what threatens to become a mega-church in a quiet suburb constitutes a clear departure from the character of the residential neighborhood into which the Schmidts voluntarily moved. One expects such things in California, but this is New Mexico.

My sister and I have over a number of years seen and heard their ceremonial practices (along with the related traffic and general clamor) grow like a slow but sure cancer. The most invasive problem has been an annual jamboree with thousands in attendance, but there is also a constant flow of activity year-round that is equally inconsistent with the residential character of the environs. A history of requests and complaints has been met with one or more of the following: simple disregard, sly evasiveness, attempted buy-offs, whining complaints, petty vindictiveness, and outright threats. It is a sad record.

I take it that the County has seen, quite aside from general zoning considerations, that specific conditions for operating on the currently proposed scale cannot realistically be met by the applicants. For instance, a memorandum on water conditions (dated 9/28/2015) implies that officials might wait until some future date for actual compliance. Anyone who cares to visit the site will also readily see the problems posed by the possibility of a fire -- something rather more likely when some hundreds of people have gathered for a lively party. It would appear the county has no stomach for imposing reasonable and routine requirements. Why would the County shy away from the clear implications of such factors in this case?

Well, I have grounds for believing that the County understands all the above, but (or perhaps therefore) worries lest applicants practiced in legal disputes file nuisance suits against it until they have their way. I gather there is an apparent precedent of some kind for claiming that gathering hundreds of enthusiasts constitutes an exercise of the freedom of religion under the US Constitution. One can appreciate the County's disinclination to invite expensive lawsuits. But any such contention is palpably nonsense here. One might as well hold that an extreme interpretation of our right to free speech permits me to erect on my own piece of land a noisy, flashy club featuring exotic dancers. I suppose I could even call it "The Art Center" and claim it was integral to my faith.

But enough of such red herrings: no one begrudges the Schmidts a free exercise of their spiritual enthusiasms, provided it is on a scale compatible with the residential character of our common neighborhood. That they should wish to gather with a few friends periodically to pray -- or hug, or whatever they may care to do -- is fine with me. I expect only what we all usually do of good neighbors, namely that they do so in a fashion and on a scale that does not turn our common access into a busy, dusty road, and our common hillside into a deadly fire-trap, in addition to periodically treating the whole neighborhood to a week-long uproar.

I hope that the County will be able to find a way to enforce this entirely reasonable expectation, since a preemptive surrender will not end the matter. Long experience shows that no representations about present activities or future plans bearing on the Amma Center can be relied upon. To permit utilization at some supposedly "existing" level is merely to establish a baseline from which future excesses will take their departure -- leading, in turn, to more complaints and the accompanying headaches. To paraphrase the late Yogi Berra, it will not end until it is ended.

I therefore urge members of the Committee to lend the County their support here and now for its discharge of its duties, which surely include helping preserve the peaceful, residential character of our neighborhood. I recommend <u>not</u> to approve.

Yours Sincerely,

Hayden W. Ausland
Hayden W. Ausland

BLAKE HINES 53 Ellis Ranch Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 505 954-1370 blake@blakehines.com

Jose Larranaga Land Use Department P. O. Box 276 Santa Fe, NM 87504-0276

November 9, 2015

Dear Mr. Larranaga:

I am writing in regard to the Amma Center. I understand they are requesting zoning for religious purposes. However, the dangers involved with attracting a large crowd still exists no matter what the zoning. Cañada de los Alamos has small streets and there is only one entrance into and out of the area.

The thousands of attendees that the Amma Center attracts poses a huge risk should a fire occur. Both the community and the Amma Center attendees would be trapped if the fire were severe. Consider this scenario, the Amma Center brings people in from out of town who are not familiar with the dry climate and a fire breaks out from a hot cigarette that was tossed into the dry terrain or how about they park their hot tail pipe against some dry grass. In the past, the Amma group has used fire in their events, and have also unintentionally caused fires. Luckily for the attendees and the community, nobody was injured.

This risk would be the same whether it were the Boy Scouts, AA, or any other large gathering. That neighborhood is not equipped to handle the volume of traffic in and out. Even under the best circumstances, the fire department can only do so much to fight a fire. In difficult terrain, like Cañada de los Alamos, and with limited water supply, the fire department is at a real disadvantage. Even if the Amma Center is equipped with water tanks, there are not ample water supplies in other parts of the neighborhood, which leaves the entire community at risk.

My neighborhood, San Sebastian/Ellis Ranch, neighbors Cañada de los Alamos and we could be greatly be affected if a fire were to occur.

Please consider the major risks involved in allowing this zoning. There are plenty of other areas around Santa Fe that would lend to a large gathering and where the attnedees could safely escape if a disaster were to occur.

Thank you for your time,

Blake Hines

Jose Larranaga

From:

Missy Gurule <missygurule@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, November 10, 2015 11:59 AM

To:

Jose Larranaga

Cc:

preservethetrail@gmail.com

Subject:

Amma Center

November 10, 2015

Dear Mr. Larranaga,

This letter is to protest the Schmidt's proposal to deem 40 acres of their land and its structures for a religious center. We are opposed to any rezoning of this area as we want to preserve this rural residential community.

The other issues have not changed. As residents of Canada Village we are aware of the danger and limitations of the Old Santa Fe Trail and it's two lanes, blind curves, currently being used by cars, trucks, busses, pedestrians & their dogs, and bicyclists.

Santa Fe Trail curves after coming up the hill and curves just past the Schmidt driveway making it difficult to see vehicles coming out, it is a hazard.

This road serves residents from the Canada de Los Alamos, Camp Stoney, and La Posta it is the only road in or out in case of a fire. Add thousands of additional people on a two lane road and the emergency responders, Hondo Fire, Forest service, SF County Fire & their equipment that need to get into this tinder box area would be a disaster.

We are still in drought conditions. Some residents have to buy and haul water for their use and for their animals. This is not a sustainable endeavor.

If Mr. Schmidt has a 40,000-gallon water storage tank, that would deplete even more the water table and surrounding wells.

This is nothing personal regarding Amma, a great Hindu spiritual leader.

This is about the Schmidt's finding another venue like the Santa Fe Convention Center or another property that has multiple roads that can safely accommodate thousands of devotees without impacting this fragile community.

Sincerely,

Leo & Missy Gurule Canada Village Santa Fe, NM 87505

Jose Larranaga

From:

Loreta Martinez-Cargo <lor410@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, November 11, 2015 7:48 AM

To:

Jose Larranaga

Subject:

Rezoning Request

Dear Sr. Larranaga,

Buen dia!

Rezoning the area on Old Santa Fe Trail to add an influx of traffic as well as people is not in the best interest of the residents as the road only has one entry and exit route limiting the ability for emergency supports to respond to the needs of the residents as well as those that may participate in events should this zoning be approved. Furthermore, there is relatively no shoulder available for traffic or parking overflow and even when events have been held at this location, vehicles flood the road creating dangerous driving conditions for individuals just wanting to arrive home safely. The posted speed limits range from 20 mph to 35 mph and are often ignored adding yet another element of concern to this already complex equation. Additionally, cyclists and joggers also use this area and more attention and caution is warranted to insure safety for all in our community. I would request that all these factors be considered as the proposal is reviewed--the livelihood of our community is dependent on primarily respecting the safety of its residents. Not permitting this rezoning will honor our community and its residents.

Thank you for your time and attention regarding this issue,

Respectfully,

Loreta Martinez-Cargo

Sent from my iPad

Mr. Jose Larranaga County Land Use Department P.O.Box 276 Santa Fe, NM 87504-0276

November 2, 2015

Dear Mr. Larranaga,

Several months ago, I wrote letters to your office expressing my concerns about the proposal to build a 16,000 square foot convention center on the Amma Center Land in the rural, traditional neighborhood in which I live: Cañada de los Alamos. In that letter I voiced my concerns about such a large building being built in our neighborhood: the strain it would put on our already limited water resources, and the congestion it would cause on our one road (the only road in and out in times of emergency or fire). I expressed my concerns that our neighborhood was NOT the place for a convention center and its accompanying traffic, large events and resource use.

Now I am writing to you, again, with my concerns about the proposed religious re-zoning of the privately owned land on which the Amma Center sits--a seemingly back-door approach to reach the same end as the initial convention center proposal. The county halted the proposed 16,000 square foot convention center and exposed that the Amma Center was operating without a proper business license. The neighborhood has spoken up with concerns and objections. This request to re-zone the current rural residential land as a religious area brings along with it the possibility that if the land would be re-zoned, development and activity on the land would be protected by the Religious Land Use Act—an act that I support in it efforts to protect freedom of speech and religion, but that here seems to be potentially used as an angle to get that convention center built. I think this is wrong. If the county and the surrounding residents have pointed out the many ways in which such expansion would devastatingly impact the environment, and the way of life and the privacy of this neighborhood, those reasons are STILL valid behind the guise of religious protection—and the pursuit of the same damaging plans under a different face is still the pursuit of something that is not wanted here in Cañada de los Alamos.

There are currently two other religious organizations with land in our neighborhood: The Church in the heart of the Village and the Bishop's Ridge/Camp Stoney Retreat center towards the end of Old Santa Fe Trail. Neither one of these areas, from what I can discern from the Santa Fe County Proposed Zoning Districts map¹, is on land zoned as "Religious Institution". These two organizations, like the Amma Center, have been in Cañada de Los Alamos for many years without the need to re-zone. So why does the Amma Center want re-zone?

The re-zoning of the Amma Center's 40 acres is an open door for the Schmidts to continue their original plan that the county already halted—a plan that I hope you and your colleagues at the County will continue to see as an irresponsible level of development in an already sensitive and rural area. What good is the "protection" of rural traditional and rural residential zoning if it is allowed to be changed to religious or commercial zoning? Please stand by the residents of this neighborhood, this traditional Village of Cañada de Los Alamos, and keep the zoning rural.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

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