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September 28, 2017

TO:

Santa Fe County Hearing Officer

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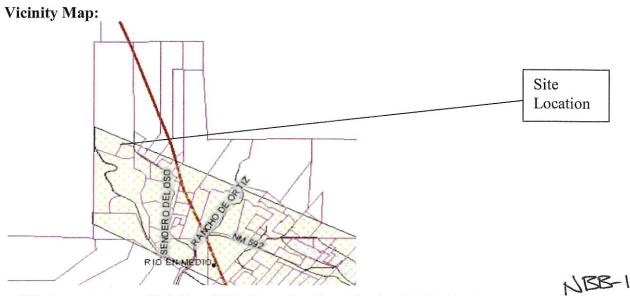
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CASE # V17-5210 Ross Bee Variance

## **ISSUE:**

Ross Bee, Applicant, JenkinsGavin Inc. Collen Gavin Agent, request a variance to the requirements set forth in the Sustainable Land Development Code (SLDC) of Chapter 7, Table 7-13: Rural Road Classification and Design Standards (SDA-2 and SDA-3) to allow an existing roadway to exceed 9% grade and a variance of Chapter 7, Section 7.17.9.2.4 to allow disturbance of 30% slopes in six separate areas.

The property is located at 40A River Valley Rd. and is zoned Rural Residential (RUR-R) and Traditional Community (TC) within Section 32, Township 19 North, Range 10 East, (Commission District 1).



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# **SUMMARY:**

The Applicant, Ross Bee, is the owner of the property at 40A River Valley Road as indicated by the warranty deed recorded in the records of the Santa Fe County Clerk on January 9, 2017, as Instrument No. 1814386.

The Applicant's intention is to construct a 2,500 sq. ft. accessory structure on his property. But, a portion of River Valley Road, (northern section of roundabout to residence) doesn't meet the offsite road requirements per Chapter 7, Table 7-13: Rural Road Classification and Design Standards (SDA-2 and SDA-3) (Cul-de-Sac). Therefore, the Applicant is requesting a variance to allow approximately 215 feet of the existing road to remain at a grade of up to 15%, which exceeds the required 9% grade as indicated in Table 7-13. The applicant is also requesting a variance of Chapter 7, Section 7.17.9.2.4 to allow disturbance of 30% slopes in six separate areas in order to meet the minimum two ten foot driving lanes, a (20) foot driving surface. The current SLDC allows for three separate disturbances with a maximum area of 1,000 square feet per disturbance. The Applicant's engineer has provided a Plan and Profile (Exhibit 4) for the 830 foot section of road grade and indicates the proposed areas to be disturbed along River Valley Road.

The property at 40A River Valley Rd. consists of 15.95 acres that lies within the Rural Residential and Traditional Community Zoning Districts. The property is accessed off S.R 592 onto River Valley Rd., which is identified as a private road with a (38) ft. right-of-way (ROW) that serves (4) lots.

The Applicant's agent states River Valley Road was permitted and built under the previous Santa Fe County Land Use Code and with the adoption of the SLDC, off-site roadway standards changed per Table 7-13, thus deeming River Valley Road non-complaint. Staff has determined that River Valley Rd. has never been permitted but has been in existence since November 20, 1963 (plat book 197 page 9.) The portion of River Valley Rd. from the roundabout to the Applicant's property line wasn't illustrated as a road until the recordation of an Amended Boundary Survey Plat in July, 2001 (plat book 429 page 020). In 2006 (permit# 06-807) the portion of River Valley Rd. from S.R. 592 to the roundabout was improved and built per plan by widening the road to (20) ft. adding base course and providing adequate drainage. The Applicant's engineer (Design Enginuity), along with Santa Fe County staff have confirmed that the portion of River Valley Rd. from the existing roundabout to the Applicant's driveway ranges from 10-15% grades with road widths of 12-15 ft. The Applicant's agent and engineer have asserted that the portion of River Valley Rd. from S.R 592 to the existing roundabout does meet the requirements of Table 7-13., with a (20) ft. all-weather driving surface and a (38) ft. ROW.

The Applicant's agent and engineer state maintaining the existing grades that range from 8.2% to 13.8% with a very small section at 15% will allow the rural roadway to be preserved, as well as the existing Rio en Medio crossing to the north. The Applicant's agent and engineer further state if the required 9% grade were implemented, the crossing would require (20) feet of fill and a major bridge structure. The existing terrain and limited horizontal length of the road from the roundabout to the Rio en Medio would not allow the road to be re-engineered to lower the grades to 9%. The applicant intends to improve approximately (830) ft. of River Valley Road by widening the road to (20) ft. from the existing roundabout to the Applicant's driveway (Exhibit 4).

The remaining portion of River Valley Rd. (1,230 feet) does meet the (20) ft. wide requirement as indicated in Table 7-13. However, in order to bring the steeper portion of River Valley Rd. into compliance, disturbance of 30% slopes is necessary. The Applicant's engineer has stated that the project will result in a total of 3,117 sq. ft. disturbance of slopes in excess of 30% and that most of these slopes are manmade as indicated in the Plan and Profile (Exhibit 4). The total amount of natural 30% slopes to be disturbed is 1,180 sq. ft., which will occur in (6) locations ranging in size form 22 sq. ft. to 468 sq. ft. (Exhibit 4). Chapter 7, Section 7.17.9.2.4: Utilities, drainage structures, slope retention structures, and access roads and driveways may be located on a natural slope in excess of thirty percent (30%) so long as they disturb no more than three separate areas not exceeding 1,000 square feet each. The disturbance of manmade slopes is not regulated by the SLDC.

## **Staff Response:**

River Valley Road is required to meet Santa Fe County Rural Road Classification and Design Standards with regard to Cul-de-Sac requirements which would require two driving lanes, each lane must be a minimum of 10 ft. in width, a max grade of 9%, with a 38 ft. easement, and 3 in. of base course as stated in chapter 7 table 7-13 Rural Road Classification and Design Standards (SDA-2 and SDA-3). The Applicant is only asking for a variance of the max 9% grade, not the minimum ROW. Staff has confirmed that the portion of River Valley Rd. from S.R. 592 to the existing roundabout does meet width, grade, (38) foot ROW, base course and adequate drainage, subject to Table 7-13. River Valley Rd. is a gated community with an electric gate that measures (14) ft. wide. Santa Fe County Fire Prevention has conducted an inspection of the road and is aware of the gate width of (14) ft. The Applicant will be required to provide a knox lock per Santa Fe County Fire Prevention.

The applicable requirements under the Santa Fe County Sustainable Land Development Code, Ordinance No. 2016-9 (SLDC), which governs this Application are the following:

Chapter 8, Section 8.6.4.1 Rural Residential (RUR-R) Purpose:

The purpose of the Rural Residential (RUR-R) district are to provide for the development of single-family homes on large lots, either individually or as part of rural subdivisions; to preserve the scenic and rural character of the County; to provide consolidated open space and agriculture lands; and to recognize the desirability of carrying on compatible agriculture operations and home development in areas near the fringes of urban development while avoiding unreasonable restrictions on farming or ranching operations. Uses that support rural character of the broader area shall be allowed including agriculture productions, small-scale renewable energy production, home-based businesses, bed and breakfasts, agrotourism, equestrian and boarding facilities, farmers markets and produce stands. Density transfers and clustered development shall be allowed in order to support continued farming and/or ranching activities, conserve open space or protect scenic features and environmentally sensitive areas.

Chapter 8, Section 8.6.8.1 Traditional Community (TC) Purpose:

The purpose of the Traditional Community (TC) district is to designate areas suitable for residential, small-scale commercial and traditional agriculture uses consistent with the 102 Grant Avenue · P.O. Box 276 · Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0276 · 505-986-6200 · FAX:

existing development patterns of traditional communities. The TC district accommodates traditional community patterns, preserves historic and cultural landscapes, and protects agriculture uses, including agriculture found in traditional communities with acequia systems, from encroachment by development. Density bonuses and transfers of development rights may be utilized to achieve the purposes of the district. Density transfers and clustered development shall be allowed in order to support continued farming and/or ranching activities, conserve open space or protect scenic features and environmentally sensitive areas.

# Chapter 4, Section 4.9.7.1, Variances, Purpose, states:

The purpose of this Section is to provide a mechanism in the form of a variance that grants a landowner relief from certain standards in this code where, due to extraordinary and exceptional situations or conditions of the property, the strict application of the code would result in peculiar and exceptional practical difficulties or exceptional and undue hardship on the owner. The granting of an area variance shall allow a deviation from the dimensional requirements and standards of the Code, but in no way shall it authorize a use of land that is otherwise prohibited in the relevant zoning district.

# Chapter 4, Section 4.9.7.4, Variance Review criteria states:

A variance may be granted by only a majority of all the members of the Planning Commission (or the Board, on appeal from the Planning Commission) based upon the following criteria:

- 1. where the request is not contrary to public interest;
- 2. where due to extraordinary and exceptional situations or conditions of the property, the strict application of the code would result in peculiar and exceptional practical difficulties or exceptional and undue hardship on the owner; and
- 3. so that the spirit of the SLDC is observed and substantial justice is done.

# Chapter 4, Section 4.9.7.5 Conditions of approval.

- 1. The Planning Commission may impose conditions on a variance request necessary to accomplish the purposes and intent of the SLDC and the SGMP and to prevent or minimize adverse impacts on the general health, safety and welfare of property owners and area residents.
- 2. All approved variances run with the land, unless conditions of approval imposed by the Planning Commission specify otherwise.
- 3. All approved variances automatically expire within one year of the date of approval, unless the applicant files a plat implementing the variance or substantial construction of the building or structure authorized by the variance occurs within that time.

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The Applicant has addressed the variance criteria, for the road grade, as follows:

1. Where the request is not contrary to the public interest;

Applicant's Statement: According to the Applicant's engineer (Design Enginuity), the request to allow the section of River Valley Road from the existing roundabout to the Applicant's property at 40A River Valley Road is not contrary to the public interest in that it will allow safe and improved access to the subject's properties as well as the neighboring two properties to the east of the road. The existing road ranges in width from 12 to 15 feet, which creates a challenging passing condition. The proposed widening of the road to the required 20 feet is in the interest of the public. Furthermore, maintaining the existing grades that range from 8.2% to 13.8% with a very small section at 15% will allow the rural roadway to be preserved, as well as the existing Rio en Medio crossing to the north. If the required 9% grade were implemented, the crossing would require a 20 foot high fill with a major bridge structure as indicated in the engineer's Plan and Profile.

Staff Response: Chapter 7, Section 7.11.11.5 states: Residential development may reduce the road easement width for off-site and on-site roads to no less than 20 ft. if adequate drainage control is provided and may allow the surface to be hard packed dirt with compaction of 95% of the maximum density. Staff has conducted a site visit and reviewed the Plan and Profile submitted by the Applicant's agent. Staff has determined that portions of River Valley road as indicated in Exhibit 4 will require widening to meet the (20) ft. driving surface. Staff considered the requirement of road grade expectation of 9%. Staff acknowledges that the rural roadway and Rio en Medio would be impacted if the Applicant were required to meet the 9% road grade requirement.

2. Where due to extraordinary and exceptional situations or conditions of the property, the strict application of the code would result in peculiar and exceptional practical difficulties and undue hardship to the owner;

Applicant's Statement: The Applicant bought the property, which is accessed via River Valley Road, a roadway that was permitted and built under the previous Santa Fe County Land Use Code. With the adoption of the SLDC, off-site roadway standards changed per Table 7-13, thus deeming River Valley Road non-complaint. The only means to access the subject property is from this road. Furthermore, the existing terrain and limited horizontal length of the road from the roundabout to the Rio en Medio does not allow the road to be re-engineered to lower the grades to the requisite 9%.

Staff Response: Staff has confirmed that the portion of River Valley Rd. from the existing roundabout to the applicant's driveway doesn't meet the (20) foot driving surface and 9% grade. Staff acknowledges that River Valley Rd. has been in existence since November 20, 1963 (plat book 197 page 9.) Staff reviewed the Plan and Profile (Exhibit 4) submitted by applicant's engineer and determined that the applicant would need to use approximately (20) ft. of fill to alter the current road

grades to meet the requisite 9% of the SLDC. Staff agrees that (20) ft. of fill is excessive.

3. So that the spirit of the SLDC is observed and substantial justice is done.

## **Applicant's Statement:**

- 1.) The variance request observes the spirit of SLDC § 7.11, Road Design Standards, as outlined below.
- §7.11.1 Ensure that the design of roads conforms to the policies of the SGMP;

The requested variance from the local roadway standards would sustain the intent and spirit of the SLDC by minimizing the scarring and disturbance of the natural terrain as well as maintaining the character and physical location of a rural road consistent with the intent of a rural residential road.

§7.11.2 Provide for the safety for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic;

The proposed widening of the road will allow for vehicles, local and emergency, to pass safely and is within the spirit of the SLDC. The proposed roadway was laid out and designed to conform to the policies of the SGMP.

§7.11.3 Provide for livable residential. mixed-use commercial environments:

The variance request to allow for grades beyond the allowable 9% preserves the rural nature of the existing road that serves four residential lots. The proposed grades are drivable, safe and within the range allowable by the Fire Marshal with a variance request.

§7.11.4 Provide for economy of land use, construction, and maintenance; and

The proposed roadway will allow for future use, development and continuation of maintenance of the four residential properties accessed. Currently, no development is allowed with the existing conditions of River Valley Road.

§7.11.5 Provide safe and efficient access to property.

The proposed improvements to the road, which include grades that exceed the required 9% will allow for vehicles, local and emergency, to pass safely and is within the spirit of the SLDC. The proposed roadway was laid out and designed to conform to the policies of the SGMP. The proposed grades are drivable, safe and within the range allowable by the Fire Marshal with a variance request.

**Staff Response**: The Applicant is proposing to bring a portion of River Valley Rd. into compliance by widening the road to (20) ft. However, the Applicant is requesting a variance to allow existing grades of up to 15% in one location. By widening River Valley Road to (20) ft., the road will increase safety for vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Staff reviewed the Plan and Profile (Exhibit 4) submitted by Applicant's engineer and determined that the Applicant would need to use approximately (20) ft. of fill to alter the current road grades to meet the requisite 9% SLDC. Staff agrees that (20) ft. of fill is excessive and does not meet the spirit of the SLDC.

The Applicant has addressed the variance criteria, for the disturbance of 30% slopes, as follows:

1. Where the request is not contrary to the public interest:

Applicant's Response: A Variance is requested from SLDC §7.17.9.2.4, Utilities, drainage structures, slope retention structures, and access roads and driveways may be located on a natural slope in excess of thirty percent (30%) so long as they disturb no more than three separate areas not exceeding 1,000 square feet each. The Variance is necessary to allow for disturbance of 30% slopes caused by the widening of the road. The project will result in a total of 3,117 s.f. disturbance of slopes in excess of 30%. However, most of these slopes are manmade. The total of natural 30% slopes to be disturbed is 1,180 s.f., which will occur in six locations ranging in size from 22 s.f. to 468 s.f. The variance request to allow disturbance of 1,180 s.f. of 30% slopes in order to widen the road to the required 20 foot width is in the public's interest as it will provide a safe and sustainable access for property owners and emergency services to the four lots accessed from the roundabout north.

Staff Response: The Applicant's engineer has stated that the project will result in a total of 3,117 sq. ft. disturbance of slopes in excess of 30% and that most of these slopes are manmade as indicated in the Plan and Profile (Exhibit 4). The total amount of natural 30% slopes to be disturbed is 1,180 sq. ft., which will occur in (6) locations ranging in size form 22 sq. ft. to 468 sq. ft. (Exhibit 4). Chapter 7, Section 7.17.9.2.4: Utilities, drainage structures, slope retention structures, and access roads and driveways may be located on a natural slope in excess of thirty percent (30%) so long as they disturb no more than three separate areas not exceeding 1,000 square feet each. Staff acknowledges that the SLDC states three allotted disturbances of 1000 square feet per disturbance (3000 square feet total.) However, staff agrees that the total square footage of the six disturbances falls under 3000 square feet.

2. Where due to extraordinary and exceptional situations or conditions of the property, the strict application of the code would result in peculiar and exceptional practical difficulties or exceptional and undue hardship on the owner; and

Applicant's Response: River Valley Road was permitted and built under the previous Santa Fe County Land Use Code. With the adoption of the SLDC, off-site roadway standards changed per Table 7-13, thus deeming River Valley Rd. noncompliant. The only means to access the subject properties is from this road. Furthermore, the required widening to (20) foot width results in disturbance of the

existing terrain which has naturally occurring (30%) slopes. The road is within a (38) foot easement and therefore, cannot be relocated to areas of lesser slopes.

Staff Response: Staff acknowledges that River Valley Rd. has been in existence since November 20, 1963 (plat book 197 page 9.) Staff conducted a site visit and reviewed the Plan and Profile submitted by applicant and has confirmed that a portion of River Valley Road would need to be widened to (20) ft. in order to meet SLDC requirements. In order for the applicant to meet the (20) ft. driving surface, the applicant would need to disturb the exiting terrain, which has existing (30%) slopes. The applicant's engineer has stated that the project will result in a total of 3,117 sq. ft. disturbance of slopes in excess of 30%. Ten of these slopes are manmade as indicated in the Plan and Profile (Exhibit 4). The total amount of natural 30% slopes to be disturbed is 1,180 sq. ft., which will occur in (6) locations ranging in size form 22 sq. ft. to 468 sq. ft. (Exhibit 4). Plat book 672 page 45-46 indicates River Valley Rd. has a (38) ft. access, which meets current SLDC requirements.

3. So that the spirit of the SLDC is observed and substantial justice is done.

Applicant's Statement: The Variance request observes the spirit of SLDC §7.11, Road Design Standards, as outlined below.

§7.11.1 Ensure that the design of roads conforms to the policies of the SGMP;

The requested variance from the Cul-de-Sac standards would sustain the intent and spirit of the SLDC by minimizing the scarring and disturbance of the natural terrain by keeping the road within the existing 38 foot easement as well as maintaining the character and physical location of a rural road consistent with the intent a rural residential road.

§7.11.2 Provide for the safety for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic;

The 20 foot width provides for safe vehicular as well as pedestrian traffic as it allows vehicles, pedestrians as well as emergency vehicles to pass safely and within the requirements of SLDC Table 7-13.

*§7.11.3* Provide for livable residential, mixed-use and commercial environments;

The variance request to allow for the disturbance of 30% slopes in order to provide the required 20 foot width preserves the rural nature of the existing road that serves four residential lots. The livability of the residential neighborhood would be seriously hindered if the road is not allowed to be widened, which requires the 30% disturbance.

§7.11.4 Provide for economy of land use, construction, and maintenance; and

The proposed roadway will allow for future use, development and continuation of maintenance of the four residential properties accessed. Currently, no development is allowed with the existing conditions of River Valley Road.

§7.11.5 Provide safe and efficient access to property.

The proposed widening of the road which creates the 30% disturbance will allow for vehicles, local and emergency, to pass safely and within the spirit of the SLDC. The proposed roadway was laid out and designed to conform to the policies of the SGMP.

Staff Response: Chapter 7, Section 7.17.9.2.4: Utilities, drainage structures, slope retention structures, and access roads and driveways may be located on a natural slope in excess of thirty percent (30%) so long as they disturb no more than three separate areas not exceeding 1,000 square feet each. The SLDC requires two (10) ft. driving lanes with a (38) ft. ROW with a max grade of (9%). After review of Applicant's Plan and Profile, the number of disturbances exceeds the SLDC requirements. However, the total square footage of natural 30% slope disturbed areas is less than the total square footage of 3,000 square feet as defined in the SLDC.

As required by the SLDC, the Applicants presented the Application to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on July 20, 2017, at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting, which satisfied the requirements set forth in Chapter 4, Section 4.4.4.3, Pre-application TAC Meeting.

Notice requirements were met as per Chapter 4, Section 4.6.3., General Notice of Application Requiring a Public Hearing, of the SLDC. In advance of a hearing on the Application, the Applicants provided an affidavit of posting of notice of the hearing, confirming that public notice posting regarding the Application was made for fifteen days on the property, beginning on September 13, 2017. Additionally, notice of hearing was published in the legal notice section of the Santa Fe New Mexican on September 13, 2017, as evidenced by a copy of that legal notice contained in the record. Notice of the hearing was sent to owners of land within 500' of the subject property and a list of persons sent a mailing is contained in the record.

This Application was submitted on July 17, 2017.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

The Applicant did provide responses to the variance review criteria. Staff recommends approval of a variance from Ordinance No. 2016-9 the Sustainable Land Development Code (SLDC) of Chapter 7, Table 7-13, Rural Road Classification and Design Standards (SDA-2 and SDA-3) to allow an existing roadway to exceed 9% grade and Chapter 7, Section 7.17.9.2.4 to allow disturbance of 30% slopes in six separate areas.

Staff confirms that a (20) foot driving surface is required for vehicle and pedestrian safety. This allows for safe and efficient access to existing properties. Staff supports the minimal 102 Grant Avenue · P.O. Box 276 · Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0276 · 505-986-6200 · FAX: 505-995-2740 www.santafecountynm.gov

easing of the slope disturbance in order to achieve the (20) foot wide driving surface as total disturbance is less than is allowed by Code. Staff supports the minimal easing of the slope standards. If the Applicant were to adhere to the 9% road grade, it would require the applicant to add (20) feet of fill, which is more intrusive and does not support the spirit of the SLDC.

Staff requests the Hearing Officer memorialize findings of fact and conclusion of law in a written order. The Santa Fe County Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing on this matter on November 16, 2017.

### **EXHIBITS:**

- 1. Applicants Request
- 2. Recorded Survey Plat
- 3. Aerial of Site and Surrounding Area
- 4. Plan and Profile
- 5. Chapter 7, Table 7-13 Rural Road Classification and Design Standards (SDA-2 & SDA-3)
- 6. Chapter 7, Section 7.17.9.2.4 Standards.
- 7. Noticing



July 28, 2017

Penny Ellis-Green Land Use Administrator Growth Management Division Santa Fe County 102 Grant Avenue, Suite 101 Santa Fe, NM 87501

RE: 38 and 40 River Valley Road Variance Application

Dear Penny:

This letter is respectfully submitted on behalf of Ross Bee in application for a Variance to be heard by the Hearing Officer on September 28, 2017 and by the Planning Commission on November 16, 2017. The ± 0.75-acre and 15.95-acre subject property is located at 38 and 40 River Valley Road, is zoned Rural Residential (RUR-R), and is in SDA-2. This variance request is for the section of River Valley Road from the existing roundabout north to the referenced properties. River Valley Road from County Road 592 to the roundabout meets the SLDC Roadway Standards for easement, driveable surface and width (ranging from 20' - 22' wide), drainage, and grade.

# Variance Requests

 A Variance is requested from SLDC Table 7-13, Rural Road Classification and Design Standards (SDA-2 and SDA-3), with regard to the Cul-de-Sac required maximum slope of 9% for the River Valley Road, a private drive which runs from County Road 592 to the subject property.

Our responses to the Variance Review Criteria in SLDC §14.9.7.4 are outlined below.

A variance may be granted only by a majority of all the members of the Planning Commission (or the Board, on appeal from the Planning Commission based on the following criteria:

1. where the request is not contrary to the public interest;

Applicant's Response:

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The request to allow the section of River Valley Road from the existing roundabout to the Applicant's property at 38 and 40 River Valley Road is not contrary to the public interest in that it will allow safe and improved access to the subject properties as well as the neighboring two properties to the east of the road. The existing road ranges in width from 12 to 15 feet, which creates a challenging passing condition. The proposed widening of the road to the required 20 feet is in the interest of the public. Furthermore, maintaining the existing grades that range from 8.2% to 13.8% with a very small section at 15% will allow the rural roadway to be preserved, as well as the existing Rio en Medio crossing to the north. If the required 9% grade were implemented, the crossing would require a 20 foot high fill with a major bridge structure.

2. where due to extraordinary and exceptional situations or conditions of the property, the strict application of the code would result in peculiar and exceptional practical difficulties or exceptional and undue hardship on the owner; and

# Applicant's Response:

The Applicant bought the property, which is accessed via River Valley Road, a roadway that was permitted and built under the previous Santa Fe County Land Use Code. With the adoption of the SLDC, off-site roadway standards changed per Table 7-13, thus deeming River Valley Road non-compliant. The only means to access the subject properties is from this road. Furthermore, the existing terrain and limited horizontal length of the road from the roundabout to the Rio en Medio does not allow the road to be re-engineered to lower the grades to the requisite 9%.

3. So that the spirit of the SLDC is observed and substantial justice is done.

# Applicant's Response:

The Variance request observes the spirit of SLDC §7.11, Road Design Standards, as outlined below.

§7.11.1 Ensure that the design of roads conforms to the policies of the SGMP;

The requested variance from the Cul-de-Sac standards would sustain the intent and spirit of the SLDC by minimizing the scarring and disturbance of the natural terrain as well as maintaining the character and physical location of a rural road consistent with the intent a rural residential road.

§7.11.2 Provide for the safety for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic;

The proposed widening of the road will allow for vehicles, local and emergency, to pass safely and within the spirit of the SLDC. The proposed roadway was laid out and designed to conform to the policies of the SGMP.

§7.11.3 Provide for livable residential, mixed-use and commercial environments;

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The variance request to allow for grades beyond the allowable 9% preserves the rural nature of the existing road that serves four residential lots. The proposed grades are drivable, safe and within the range allowable by the Fire Marshal with a variance request.

§7.11.4 Provide for economy of land use, construction, and maintenance; and

The proposed roadway will allow for future use, development and continuation of maintenance of the four residential properties accessed. Currently, no development is allowed with the existing conditions of River Valley Road.

*§7.11.5 Provide safe and efficient access to property.* 

The proposed improvements to the road, which include grades that exceed the required 9%, will allow for vehicles, local and emergency, to pass safely and within the spirit of the SLDC. The proposed roadway was laid out and designed to conform to the policies of the SGMP. The proposed grades are drivable, safe and within the range allowable by the Fire Marshal with a variance request.

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Our responses to the Variance Review Criteria in SLDC §14.9.7.4 are outlined below.

A variance may be granted only by a majority of all the members of the Planning Commission (or the Board, on appeal from the Planning Commission based on the following criteria:

1. where the request is not contrary to the public interest;

Applicant's Response:

The variance request to allow disturbance of 1,180 s.f. of 30% slopes in order to widen the road to the required 20 foot width is in the public's interest as it will provide a safe and sustainable access for property owners and emergency services to the four lots accessed from the roundabout north.

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# Applicant's Response:

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3. So that the spirit of the SLDC is observed and substantial justice is done.

# Applicant's Response:

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The 20 foot width provides for safe vehicular as well as pedestrian traffic as it allows vehicles, pedestrians as well as emergency vehicles to pass safely and within the requirements of SLDC Table 7-13.

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The variance request to allow for the disturbance of 30% slopes in order to provide the required 20 foot width preserves the rural nature of the existing road that serves four residential lots. The livability of the residential neighborhood would be seriously hindered if the road is not allowed to be widened, which requires the 30% disturbance.

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The proposed roadway will allow for future use, development and continuation of maintenance of the four residential properties accessed. Currently, no development is allowed with the existing conditions of River Valley Road.

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The proposed widening of the road which creates the 30% disturbance will allow for vehicles, local and emergency, to pass safely and within the spirit of the SLDC. The proposed roadway was laid out and designed to conform to the policies of the SGMP.

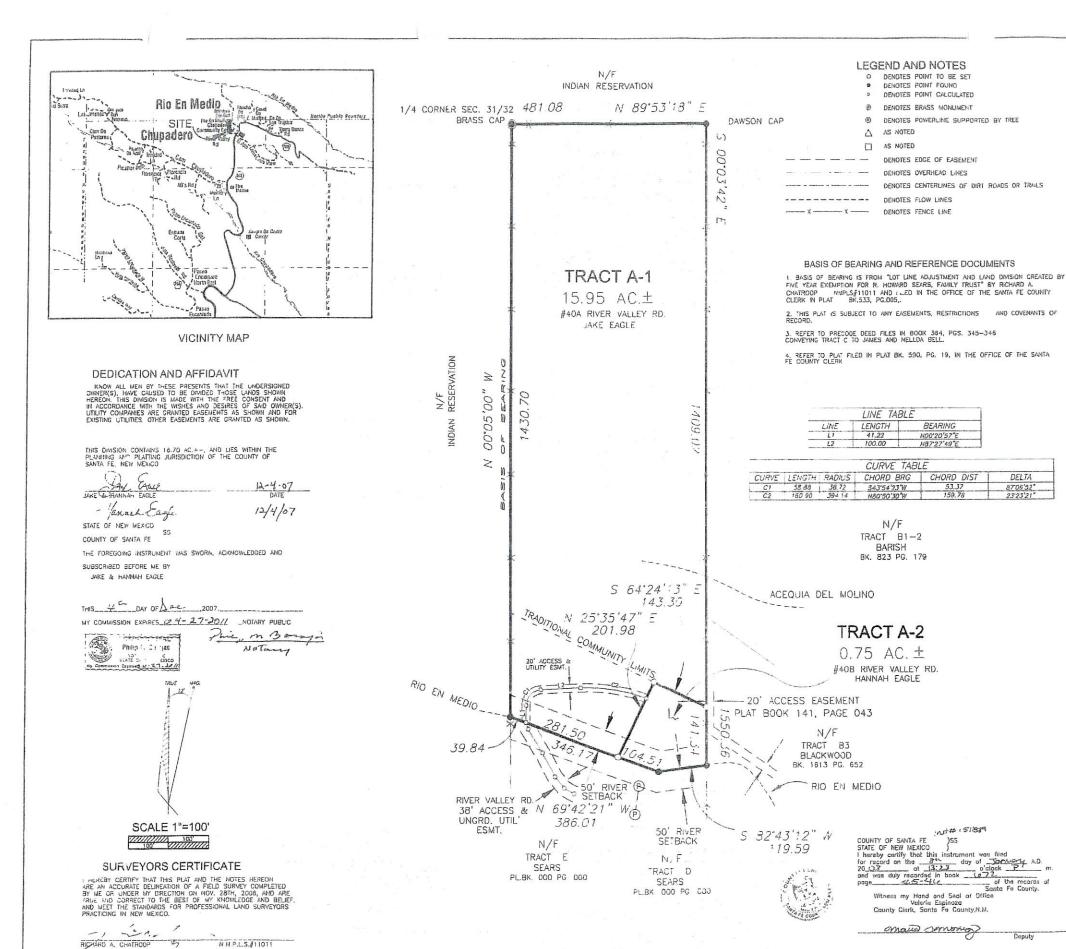
The following documentation is submitted in support of this request:

- Development Review Application
- Letter of Owner Authorization
- Approved Emergency 911 Assigned Address Form
- Roadway Plan & Profile
- Warranty Deed & Legal Lot of Record Verification
- Proof of Taxes Paid
- Fees in the amount of \$600.00 \$300.00 for each Variance Fee

Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated. Please do not hesitate to call with any questions.

Sincerely,

Colleen C. Gavin, AIA JenkinsGavin, Inc.



SANTA FE COUNTY APPROVAL, NOTES AND CONDITIONS:

IN South Color Administration 1-8-08 06-3252 DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. Mark Garland 12-5-07 DATE

- I MAINTENANCE OF PRIVATE ACCESS ROADS AND UTILITY EASEMENTS TO BE RESPONSIBILITY OF LAND OWNERS/USERS UNLESS CURREILY MAINTAINED BY THE SANTA FE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OR N.M. STATE HWY. DEPT.
- WATER USE ON THESE LOTS RESTRICTED BY COVENANTS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NO. 1511.590
- 3. SOILS RATING: PURSUANT TO THE SANTA FE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, THE SOILS RATING ON THIS PROPERTY IS DESIGNATED AS BEING SEVERE REGARDING LIMITATIONS TO SEPTIC. TAMES, POIENTIAL BUYERS/SELLERS OF THIS PROPERTY SHOULD INQUIRE WITH THE NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT WHETHER THESE SOILS ARE SUITABLE FOR CONVENTIONAL. SEPTIC SYSTEM OR IF AN ALTERNATIVE SYSTEM IS REQUIRED.
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  4. SANTA FE COUNTY'S APPROVAL OF THIS SURVEY PLAT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PRIVATE EASEMENTS OR ROADS AS SHOWN. PRIOR TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF SAID PRIVATE EASEMENTS OR ROADS, IT IS REQUIRED THAT AN ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT BE APPLIED FOR AND THEN APPROVED BY THE SANTA FE COUNTY LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR.
- 5. THE APPROVAL OF THIS PLAT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE THE APPROVAL OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING BUILDING PERMITS.
- 8 EXISTING NATURAL DRAINAGEWAYS WILL NOT BE VODIFIED OR IMPEDED WITHOUT THE WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR OR COUNTY HYDROLOGIST. DEVELOPHENT SHALL NOT IMPEDE HISTORIC FLOW RATES OR PATTERNS TO OR FROM THESE LOTS.
- THE PARCELS AS PLATTED HEREON ARE SUBJECT TO ARTICLE VII, SECTION 3 OF THE SANTA FE COUNTY TERRAIN MANAGEMENT REQUILATIONS AT THE TIME OF ANY DEVELOPMENT.
- 8 THE LANDS SHOWN HEREON LIE WITHIN THE PLANNING AND PLATTING JURISDICTION OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA FE.
- THESE LOTS ARE SUBJECT TO SANTA FE COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE IMPACT FEES AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT.
- 10 TRACTS A-1 AND A-2 BUILDABLE AREAS OR ROADWAYS HAVE NATURAL SLOPES OF 15% OR GREATER ALL DEVELOPMENT ON THESE TRACTS MUST BE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE APPROVED TERRAIN HAMAGEMENT PLAN FOR THESE TRACTS. DEPENDING ON THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PLANS, LANDSCAPING PLANS AND PURITHER STE PLANS MAY BE NECESSARY TO NEET TERRAIN MANAGEMENT AND LANDSCAPING REGUIREMENTS OF THE SANTA FE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT OF THE SANTA FE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT
- 11 FLOOD PLAIN DATA IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR THESE TRACTS ACCORDING TO THE FEDERAL FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP PANEL NO. 350069 01008.
- 12 RECIPIENT(S) OF TRACT(S) SHOWN HEREON MUST RETAIN THEIR TRACT(S) A MINIMUM OF THREE YEARS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE III, 2.4.28, 3., (C) OF THE SANTA FE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE
- 13. THESE TRACTS ARE SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FIRE MARSHAL AFFIDIANT FILED IN THE CIFFCE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDED AS INSTRIBUTATION OF STATEMENT
- 14 THESE TRACTS CREATED BY FAMILY TRANSFER.

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#### SPECIAL BUILDING PERMIT CONDITIONS

BUILDINGS ON THESE LOTS ARE SUBJECT TO THE URBAN WILDLAND INTERFACE CODE DEVELOPMENT PERMITS FOR BUILDING CONSTRUCTION WILL NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS FOR ROADS, FIRE PROTECTION, AND DRAINAGE ARE COMPLETED AS APPROVED BY STAFF.

> FAMILY TRANSFER LAND DIVISION FOR JAKE and HANNAH EAGLE OF TRACT A

PURPOSE: TO CREATE TWO RESIDENTIAL LOTS

LYING WITHIN SECTION 32 T.19.N, R.10.E, N.M.P.M., SANTA FE COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

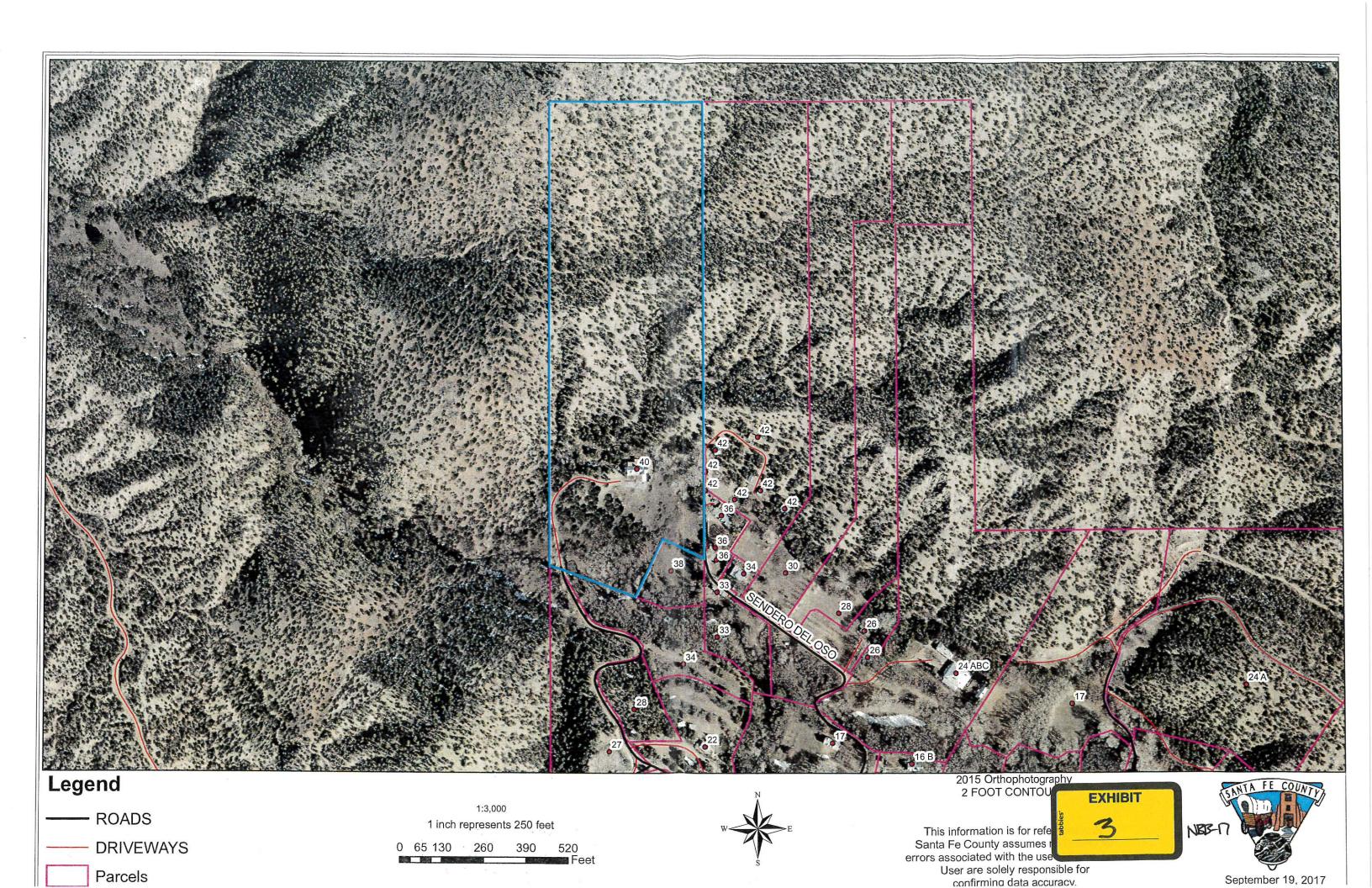


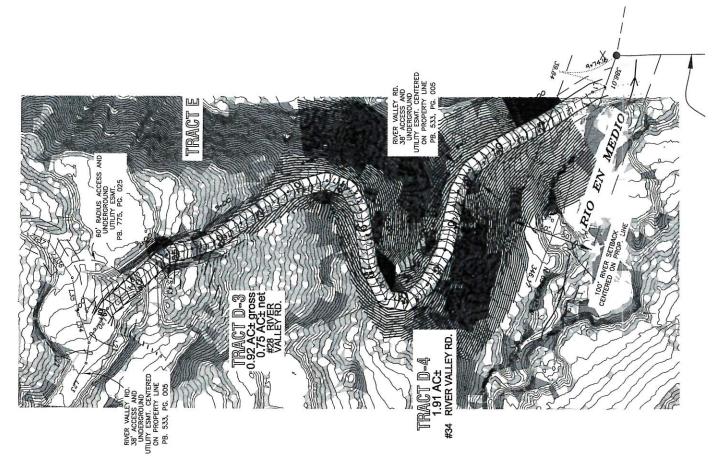
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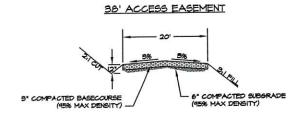


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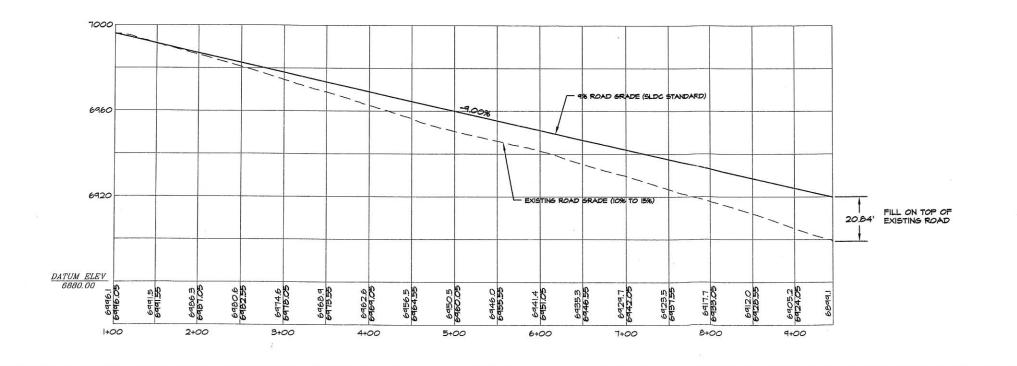
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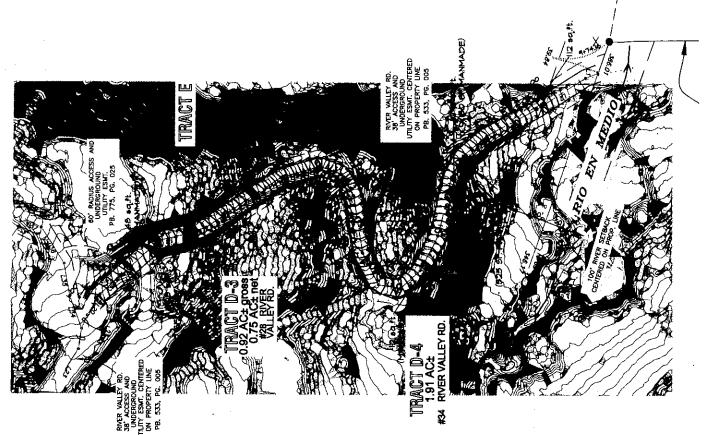
ROAD SECTION

NOTE: GRADING EXTENDS BEYOND WHAT IS SHOWN.



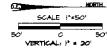






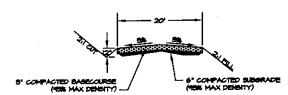
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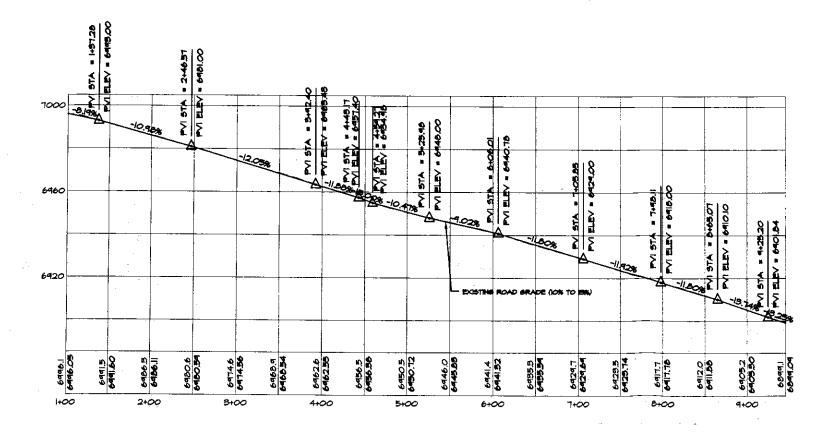
MIDENING OF THE ROAD WILL RESULT IN A TOTAL OF SITT SF OF SLOPE IN EXCESS OF SO'S DISTURBANCE. MOST OF THESE SLOPES ARE MANMADE, A TOTAL OF 1180 SF OF NATURAL STEEP SLOPES MILL BE DISTURBED. THIS OCCURS IN 6 LOCATIONS RANGING IN SIZE FROM 468 SF TO 22 SF.

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# ROAD SECTION

NOTE: EXISTING 2:1 FILL SLOPES ARE CURRENTLY STABLE. A PORTION OF THE ROAD WILL, REQUIRE 15:1 CUT SLOPES TO CONTAIN GRADING WITHIN EASEMENTS. THESE SLOPES MAY REQUIRE ROCK PLATING OR RETAINING MALLS TO BE STABILIZED. ALL ALTRED SLOPES SHALL BE STABILIZED TO THE ENGINEER'S SATISFACTION PRIOR TO PROJECT COMPLETION.





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PROPOSED ROADWAY PLAN AND PROFILE,

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Table 7-13: Rural Road Classification and Design Standards (SDA-2 and SDA-3).

	Avg. daily traffic	# of driving lanes	Lane width (ft)	Non- vehicular side paths	Bike lanes	Minimum ROW (ft)	Design Speeds (mph)	Max % Grade	Min. agg. base course	Min. bit. pavement	Max % Super-
Major arterial or highway	5000 +	2-4	12	n/a	Two 5 ft. on-road	150	Level: 70 Rolling: 70 Mount.: 50- 60	5%	6"	6"	8%
Minor arterial	2000 to 4999	2 - 4	12	n/a	Two 5 ft. on-road	120	Level: 60-75 Rolling: 50- 60 Mount.: 40-50	5%	6"	5"	8%
Collector	401- 1999	2	11	n/a	n/a	80	Level: 40-60 Rolling: 20- 50 Mount.: 20-40	8%	6"	4"	8%
Local	0-400	2	10	n/a	n/a	50	Level: 30-50 Rolling: 20- 40 Mount.: 20-30	9%	3"	n/a	8%
Cul-de-Sac	0 to 300	2	10	n/a	n/a	38	Level: 30-50 Rolling: 20- 40 Mount.: 20-30	9%	63"	n/a	n/a
Residential Driveway	n/a	1	14	n/a	n/a	20	n/a	10 %	n/a	n/a	n/a

**7.11.3.** General Requirements. Adequate roads shall be provided such that the arrangement, character, extent, width and grade of each shall conform to this Section.

**7.11.3.1.** Connectivity. The arrangement of roads in any development shall provide for the continuation or appropriate projection of existing or proposed highway or arterial roads in surrounding areas according to the Official Map, and shall provide reasonable means of ingress and egress to surrounding property. Roads within subdivisions shall not be gated unless the road is a dead end road serving no more than five (5) lots.

**7.11.3.2.** Road Names. Road names or numbers shall not duplicate or be similar to the names or numbers of existing roads; if the proposed road is an extension of an existing road, then the proposed road shall have the name of the existing road. All road names and numbers shall be assigned by the Santa Fe County Rural Addressing Division.

**7.11.3.3. Service Life.** Pavement shall be designed for a 20-year service life, and the design of pavement structures shall conform to the New Mexico Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction. Pavement design documentation shall be prepared and signed by, or standard Specifications of, a professional engineer.

7.11.3.4. Rules of

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with limits of disturbance (LOD) fencing or construction barriers prior to any grading or clearing.

- 7.17.6.5. No grading is permitted within one foot of a property line, except for roads driveways and utilities.
- **7.17.6.6.** Temporary fencing shall be installed to protect natural vegetation.
- 7.17.6.7. Retaining walls shall not exceed ten (10) feet in height.

#### 7.17.7. Restoration of Disturbed Areas.

- 7.17.7.1. Disturbed areas not stabilized by landscaping shall be permanently revegetated to approximate the density and species or vegetation at the site prior to grading.
- **7.17.7.2.** Abrupt angular transitions and linear slopes shall be stabilized.
- 7.17.7.3. All structures except retaining walls or soil stabilization improvements shall be set back from the crest of fills or the base of cuts for a minimum distance equal to the depth of the fill or the height of the cut, unless a structurally sound retaining wall is built for the cut or fill slope. Retaining walls may be part of a building.

### **7.17.8.** [Reserved]

## 7.17.9 Steep Slopes, Ridge tops, Ridgelines, and Shoulders.

- 7.17.9.1 Applicability. This Section applies to development of any structure on a slope whose grade exceeds fifteen percent (15%), areas where slope exceeds thirty percent (30%); and to a ridge, ridge top, ridgeline, or shoulder.
  - 1. Where a ridgetop measures more than five hundred feet (500') from shoulder to shoulder, the ridgetop standards and requirements shall apply within two hundred feet (200') of the shoulder of the ridge.

#### 7.17.9.2 Standards.

- 1. No structure may be constructed on a ridge top, ridgeline, or shoulder unless there is no other buildable area on the property. Only single story structures are allowed on ridges, ridge tops, and shoulders.
- 2. Buildable areas on a ridge top, ridgeline, or shoulder shall be set back 25 (twenty five) feet from the shoulder.
- 3. No structure may be constructed on a natural slope of thirty percent (30%) or greater.
- 4. Utilities, drainage structures, slope retention structures, and access roads and driveways may be located on a natural slope in excess of thirty percent (30%) so long as they disturb no more than three separate areas not exceeding 1,000 square feet each.
- 5. No structure may dope where evidence exists of instability, rock falls, lar **EXHIBIT** man-made hazards.

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CASE # V 17-5210 Ross Bee Variance

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held to consider a request by Ross Bee, Applicant, JenkinsGavin Inc., (Colleen Gavin)
Agent, requesting a variance to the requirements set forth in the Sustainable Land Development Code (SLDC) of Chapter 7, Table 7-13: Rural Road Classification and Design Standards (SDA-2 and SDA-3) to allow an existing roadway to exceed 9% grade and a variance of Chapter 7, Section 7.17.9.2.4 to allow disturbance of 30% slopes in six separate areas. The property is located 40 River Valley Rd. and is zoned Rural Residential (RUR-R) (SDA-2) within Section 32, Township 19 North, Range 10 East, (Commission District 1).

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 28th day of September 2017, at 3:00 p.m. on a petition to the Santa Fe County Hearing Officer and on the 16th day of November 2017, at 4:00 p.m. on a petition to the Santa Fe County Planning Commission.

Please forward all comments and ques-tions to the County Land Use Administra-tion Office at 986-6225.

All interested parties will be heard at the Public Hearing prior to the Hearing Officer/Planning Commission taking

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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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910020415	1056109014188000000	SRES	BEE, ROSS BARNHART	40 RIVER VALLEY RD,

Nambe Pueblo Development Corp.
Owner Mailing Address:
33 B Arroyo Cuyamungue
Santa Fe, Nm 87506

Daniel Black Wood + Johnny Lynn Young 1682 Tierra del Rio Albuquerque, NM 87107 (Owner mailing address)

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99307167	1056108064505000000	VAC	SEARS, R HOWARD TTEE	13 RIVER VALLEY LN, CUYAMUNGUE, NM 87506	
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99307170	1056109023025000000	SRES	SLAWSON, TARYN L & CRAIG A & DENISE W	7 RIVER VALLEY LN, CUYAMUNGUE, NM 87506	

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Jeff-Helena Sears 2715 Hyde St. San Francisco, CA 94109

Lars Strong 157 Nine Mile Rd. Santa Fe, NM 87501