# SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

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Subject:

Zoning Case Z2014006 (Hardy Oak Residential)

**Date:** March 27,2014

#### **SUMMARY**

A request for a change in zoning has been made for an approximate 4.49-acre tract located on the city's north side. A change in zoning from C-2 NA S ERZD to R-6 ERZD PUD is being requested by the applicant, Mosaic Development. The change in zoning has been requested to allow for construction of a single family residential development. The subject site is currently a Category 1 property.

Based on the site evaluation of the property, and the information submitted by the applicant, SAWS staff recommends **approval** of the proposed land use. Should the City Council rezone the property that is the subject of this report, the San Antonio Water System recommends that any development on that property after the zoning classification has been changed should be restricted as stated in the environmental recommendations section of this report.

## LOCATION

The subject property is located in City Council District 9, north of the intersection of Hardy Oak Boulevard and Stone Oak Parkway. The property lies within the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone (Figures 1 and 2).

## SITE EVALUATION

## 1. Development Description:

The proposed change is from C-2 NA S ERZD to R-6 ERZD PUD and will allow for the construction of a single family residential development. Currently the site is an undeveloped Category 1 property.

# 2. Surrounding Land Uses:

Undeveloped property with single family residential properties beyond lie to the north, northeast and east, retail property consisting of a gym and daycare facility with Hardy Oak Boulevard beyond lies to the south and southwest.

## 1. Water Pollution Abatement Plan:

The Water Pollution Abatement Plan has not been submitted for the subject site. A WPAP for the proposed single family development will be required prior to approval of the building permit.

# 2. Geologic Conditions:

The Aquifer Protection and Evaluation Section of the San Antonio Water System conducted a site evaluation on October 9, 2013, of the referenced property to assess the geologic conditions and evaluate any environmental concerns present at the site. SAWS Environmental Geologist, Mr. Bruce Keels, P.G., was present during the site evaluation.

The subject site was observed to be a single parcel, currently undeveloped, approximately 4.49 acres in area. The site was observed to be bounded on the north, northwest and east undeveloped property with single family residential properties beyond; on the south and southwest by gym and daycare facility with Hardy Oak Boulevard beyond. Imported fill material was noted throughout the subject site. None of these features were considered to be sensitive.

Little to moderate exposure of bedrock was observed throughout the subject site. The site was observed to be moderately vegetated.

The site appeared to slope significantly to the northeast and southeast. Stormwater occurring on the subject site would drain to the northeast and southeast toward an unnamed tributary to Mud Creek.

Using U.S. Geological Survey Water-Resources Investigations Report 95-4030 it was determined that the subject site is underlain by the Dolomitic Member of the Kainer Formation throughout the majority of the site, and the Kirschberg Evaporite Member of the Kainer Formation in the southwestern most tip of the site.

The Dolomitic Member of the Kainer Formation is characterized by the presence of massively bedded mudstone, grainstone, and recrystallized limestone with abundant chert nodules. The full section thickness of this member is approximately 110 to 130 feet thick.

The Kirschberg Evaporite Member of the Kainer Formation is characterized by the presence of altered crystalline limestone, chalky or decomposed mudstone, and abundant chert nodules, with fabric and structure related porosity. The full section thickness of this member is approximately 50 to 60 feet thick.

The subject site was observed to be undeveloped. No sensitive geologic features, such as sinkholes, caves, creeks, or faults were observed on the subject site.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

The environmental concerns associated with this development being constructed on the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone are:

#### General Concerns

- 1. The improper use of pesticides, herbicides, or fertilizers needed for landscape maintenance that may be carried off in the first flush of stormwater run-off.
- 2. The build-up of hydrocarbons and other pollutants on streets, parking lots and other paved areas that are then carried off in the first flush of stormwater run-off.

# ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations address the environmental concerns raised by the construction of this development on the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone:

## Site Specific Recommendations

- 1. The impervious cover shall not exceed 40% on the site.
- 2. Land uses within the zoned areas shall be in conformance with the table of permitted uses at the time the re-zoning is approved. Should a proposed use be listed as requiring City Council approval, the owner/operator shall apply for re-zoning for that particular use at that site. If the land use is listed as special use, a special permit must be obtained for that use. If the land use is listed as prohibited, that land use will not be permitted on that site.

- 3. The owner of all water pollution abatement structures shall be responsible for properly maintaining the basin and ensure it is kept free of trash and debris. A signed water quality maintenance plan must be submitted to the Resource Protection and Compliance Department of SAWS. If at any time the ownership of the property changes, the seller must disclose to the buyer all the requirements of the water quality maintenance plan. The new owner must submit a signed water quality maintenance plan to SAWS.
- 4. Landscaped areas shall be sensitive to minimizing water needs, i.e., use of native plants. Each purchaser of an individual lot or tenant within this development shall be informed by the seller or lessor in writing about Best Management Practices (BMP) for pesticide and fertilizer application. Preventing Groundwater Pollution, A Practical Guide to Pest Control, available form the Edwards Aquifer Authority (210/222-2204), or equivalent information produced by the U.S. Natural Resource Conservation Service, Texas Department of Agriculture, U.S.D.A, shall be used.
- 5. The applicant shall notify the Construction Compliance Section of the Resource Protection and Compliance Department of SAWS at (210) 233-3537 no later than 48 hours prior to the commencement of construction at the site. If any significant geologic features such as, but not limited to, solution openings, caves, sinkholes, or wells are found during the excavation, construction, or blasting, the developer shall notify the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality at (210) 490-3096 and the Aquifer Protection and Evaluation Section of SAWS at (210) 233-3537.
- 6. If any sensitive geologic features such as, but not limited to, solution openings, caves, sinkholes, or wells are found during the excavation, construction, or blasting, the developer shall notify the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality at (210) 490-3096 and the Aquifer Protection and Evaluation Section of SAWS at (210) 233-3537.

#### **General Recommendations**

- 1. Prior to the release of any building permits the owner/operator of any Category 2 property shall submit an Aquifer Protection Plan to the Aquifer Protection and Evaluation Section of SAWS.
- 2. Prior to the release of any building permits, the following shall be submitted to the SAWS Aquifer Protection & Evaluation Section:
  - A. A copy of the Water Pollution Abatement Plan (WPAP) shall be submitted for each particular development/use within the area being considered for re-zoning,

- B. A set of site specific plans which must have a signed Engineers Seal from Texas,
- C. A WPAP approval letter from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality,
- D. A copy of the approved Water Pollution Abatement Plan.
- 3. The storage, handling, use and disposal of all over the counter hazardous materials within this development shall be consistent with the labeling of those materials. Failure to comply with the label warnings may constitute a violation of Federal law.
- 4. If a water quality basin is constructed on the property, the following is required:
  - A. Below grade basins shall not be allowed to be constructed on the site.
  - B. Prior to the start of basin construction, the owner will notify SAWS at (210) 233-3515 to schedule a site inspection.
  - C. After basin construction is complete and prior to the start of business, the owner will notify the SAWS Resource Protection and Compliance Department at (210) 233-3515 to schedule a site inspection. Additionally, we recommend a maintenance plan and schedule be developed and submitted to the SAWS Aquifer Protection and Evaluation Section.
  - D. If the basin fails to drain properly, the owner will notify the Construction Compliance Section of SAWS at (210) 233-3515 prior to any discharge of water.
  - E. If at any time the ownership of the property changes, the seller must inform the buyer of all requirements for maintenance of the Basin. A signed basin maintenance plan and schedule agreement, from the new owner, must be submitted to the Resource Protection and Compliance Department of SAWS.
- 5. The City of San Antonio shall inspect all future construction of the sewage collection system to include service laterals and sewer mains for proper construction according to State and City Regulations and Code.
- 6. The SAWS Aquifer Protection and Evaluation Section staff shall have the authority to inspect the site to ensure that the approved recommendations are being strictly adhered to during and after construction of the project.

Based on the site evaluation of the property, and the information submitted by the applicant, staff recommends **approval** of the proposed land use. Additionally, SAWS staff recommends that the applicant, or any future owner, comply with the above recommendations in regards to the development of the subject property.

APPROVED:

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