

**ORDER OF
DESIGNATION OF ACTIVITIES
OF STATE INTEREST**

Pursuant to Section 24-65.1-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S., on June 6, 2013, the Board of County Commissioners of El Paso County, Colorado, designated the following as activities of state interest:

Efficient utilization of municipal and industrial water projects;

Site selection and construction of major new domestic water and sewage treatment systems and/or major extension of existing domestic water and sewage treatment systems; and

Site selection and construction of major facilities of a public utility.

The boundary of the activities of state interest so designated is the unincorporated area of El Paso County, Colorado.

The designations of these activities of state interest are necessary in order to minimize significant hazards to public health, safety, welfare, and/or property that will result from uncontrolled conduct of these activities and from and the intensity of current and foreseeable development pressures on and within this County. The advantages of conduct of such activities of state interest in a coordinated manner are articulated in the Purpose and Intent sections of the "Guidelines and Regulations for Areas and Activities of State Interest of El Paso County," specifically Sections 3.102, 4.102, and 5.102 as follows:

3.102 Purpose and Intent (Efficient utilization of municipal and industrial water projects)

- (1) To protect the public health, safety, convenience, order, property and welfare of present and future inhabitants of El Paso County and the State of Colorado.
- (2) To ensure planned, orderly, efficient and economical land use development.
- (3) To provide for the needs of agriculture, existing businesses, residential communities, and recreation now and in the future in El Paso County and adjacent communities which are integral to the economy of El Paso County.
- (4) To ensure that municipal and industrial water projects are located to avoid conflict with County land use plans.
- (5) To regulate municipal and industrial water projects that could cause extensive water and air pollution or that would otherwise degrade or threaten environmental quality within the County or the beauty of its landscape and the integrity of its waterways, rivers and creeks.
- (6) To ensure that municipal and industrial water projects emphasize the most efficient use of water, including to the extent permissible under existing law, and when appropriate, the recycling, reuse, and conservation of water.

- (7) To ensure that new municipal and industrial water be concentrated in areas which would result in the proper utilization of existing treatment plants and the orderly distribution of water and sewage systems of adjacent communities.
- (8) To ensure that major extensions of municipal and industrial water systems be permitted only in areas in which the anticipated growth and development that may occur as a result of such extensions can be accomplished within the financial and environmental capacity of the area to sustain such growth and development.
- (9) To protect lands from development which would cause immediate or foreseeable material danger to significant wildlife habitat or threaten or endanger a wildlife species.
- (10) To preserve areas of historical and archaeological importance.
- (11) To regulate location of activities and developments which may result in significant changes in population density.
- (12) To provide for planned development of services and facilities.
- (13) To regulate use of land and water resources on the basis of impact thereof on the community or surrounding areas, including existing and proposed development.
- (14) To provide planned and orderly use of land and water resources and protection of the environment in a manner consistent with constitutional rights and private property rights.
- (15) To ensure that new development will pay for itself to the maximum extent practicable and to ensure that the present residents of El Paso County will not have to unduly subsidize new development through increased cost of public services or degradation of the quality of life.

4.102 Purpose and Intent (Site selection and construction of major new domestic water and sewage treatment systems and/or major extension of existing domestic water and sewage treatment systems)

- (1) To ensure that new domestic water and sewage treatment systems and/or major extensions of the same are constructed in areas which will result in the proper utilization of existing treatment plants and the orderly development of domestic water and sewage systems of adjacent communities.
- (2) To ensure that site selection and construction of major new domestic water and sewage treatment systems and/or major extensions of the same are conducted in such a manner as to minimize environmental impacts associated with such development.
- (3) To ensure that site selection and construction of major new domestic water and sewage treatment systems and/or major extensions of the same are planned and developed in a manner so as not to impose an undue economic burden on existing or proposed communities.

- (4) To ensure that the impacts to County roads of site selection and construction of major new domestic water and sewage treatment systems and/or major extensions of the same are adequately mitigated.

5.102 Purpose and Intent (Site selection and construction of major facilities of a public utility)

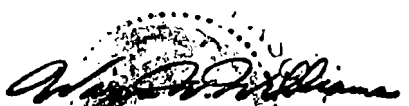
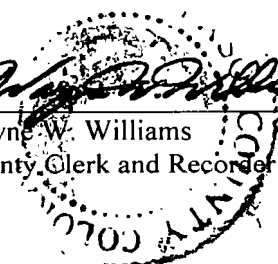
- (1) To regulate the site selection and construction of major facilities of a public utility to prevent significant deterioration or degradation of existing air and water quality in El Paso County;
- (2) To avoid or reduce conflicts with the El Paso County Master Plan;
- (3) To regulate the site selection and construction of major facilities of a public utility to preserve the health and welfare of the citizens of El Paso County; and
- (4) To avoid or reduce incompatible uses adjacent to County roads and County trails and to avoid unreasonable or burdensome expenditure of public resources by minimizing impacts by public utilities to said County roads and County trails.


No one may conduct such designated activities within the unincorporated area of El Paso County without a Permit pursuant to the "Guidelines and Regulations for Areas and Activities of State Interest of El Paso County," which are the guidelines and regulations applicable to these designated activities of state interest. Procedures for obtaining such a Permit are available at the Development Services Department, 2880 International Circle, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80910.

DATED: June 6, 2013.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 6, 2013

ATTEST:


Wayne W. Williams 13-267a
County Clerk and Recorder



Dennis Hisey, Chair
Board of County Commissioners
El Paso County, Colorado

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