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# TMWA Lightning W Tank #2 Special Use Permit and Director's Modification of Standards



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# Lightning W Tank #2

## **SPECIAL USE PERMIT AND**

## **DIRECTOR'S MODIFICATION OF STANDARDS**

**Prepared for:** 

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#### Introduction

This application includes the following requests:

- A Special Use Permit to allow the construction of a 250,000-gallon water tank in the General Rural (GR) zoning district, and to vary standards in accordance w 110.810.20
- A Director's Modification of Standards to allow for graded 2:1 slopes in lieu of 3:1 slopes, and to allow for a native seed mix without irrigation in lieu of traditional site landscaping.

#### **Project Location**

The Lightning W Tank #2 project site (APN 055-210-21) consists of 2.066<u>+</u> acres located approximately 1,800 feet south of the intersection of Franktown Road and Pine Canyon Road in south Washoe Valley. Figure 1 (below) depicts the project location.



#### Figure 1 – Vicinity Map

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#### **Existing Conditions**

The Lightning W #2 Tank site parcel is the site of an existing 250,000-gallon water tank owned and operated by the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) that was constructed in 1995. Existing site improvements also include 2:1 graded slopes around the south and west side of the tank, a graded dirt access road and chain link fence topped with barbed wire. Surrounding uses include a vacant rural parcel that surrounds the subject property on the west, south and east sides, and a vacant residential parcel on the north side. Figure 2 (below) depicts the existing onsite conditions.



Figure 2 – Existing Conditions (Site Photo Looking South from Access Road)

The project site is designated as Rural in the Washoe County Master Plan, as is the property that surrounds the site on the west, south and east. The property to the north is designated Rural Residential. Zoning for the project site is General Rural (GR), as is the property on the west, south and east sides. The zoning for the property to the north is Medium Density Rural (MDR).

#### **Project Description**

TMWA proposes to construct a 250,000-gallon water tank (Tank #2) on the 2.066± acre site, directly adjacent to the existing 250,000-gallon water tank (Tank #1). The purpose for the additional tank is to allow the original tank to be taken out of service temporarily for much needed rehabilitation. Tank #2 is proposed to be constructed of welded steel 43 feet in diameter with a wall height of 24 feet and a total height of approximately 26 feet at the center of the cone roof. A center-mounted vent will sit on top of the tank adding a maximum of an additional three feet to the total height. This size and shape is the same as existing Tank #1. The new tank will be painted an earthtone color (Sherwin Williams Olivine #4023), which has been used on new TMWA tanks in other parts of Washoe County to blend with the surrounding landscape. Tank #1 will also be painted the Olivine color upon completion of the rehabilitation.

Figure 3 (below) shows the overall site plan for the tanks and Figure 4 (below) is a photo simulation of what both tanks will look like on the site after the project is completed.



Figure 3 – Overall Site Plan



Figure 4 – Photo Simulation of Completed Project with Matching Tanks

Site improvements associated with the construction of Tank #2 consist of grading a building pad including cuts into the existing slope to the south and west, placement of rip rap along drainage channels, new aggregate base placement on approximately 700 feet of the access road leading to the tank site, new piping underground to connect the tank to the existing water line, expansion of the chain link fencing with barbed wire top and placement of hydroseed with a blend of native seed types on the disturbed slopes. Contact with the Washoe Storey Conservation District was attempted prior to this submittal to obtain direction on an appropriate seed mix, but as of the submittal date for this project (April 15, 2019) the applicant's representative had not yet received a return phone call.

During initial discussions with staff, it was noted that the drainage on site is proposed to be slightly modified as a part of the site improvements for Tank #2, and that a drainage study would be required for construction. A drainage study has been initiated but has not yet been completed. The report will be provided as soon as it is available. Approximately 85 linear feet of the existing meandering drainageway on the west side of the tank will be straightened, cleaned up, and channelized. This will protect the proposed tank site from future erosion during heavy runoff events, remove intrusive vegetation that has established in the channel, and improve flow through this section. The proposed cut slopes are 2:1, and the disturbed section of channel will be protected with rounded riprap of varying sizes to closely match the existing landscape.

An estimated timeline of activities has been provided below. When the project is completed, both 250,000-gallon tanks will be put into service, and the addition of the second tank will provide double the water storage capacity that currently exists.

KI	EY AC		<u>TIMEFRAME</u>
•	Pe	rmitting and Design	March – May 2019
	0	SUP, Building, Air Quality, Health, etc.	
	0	Geotechnical Report	
	0	Grading Plan	
	0	Site Piping	
	0	Tank and Appurtenances	
	0	Erosion Control/Revegetation	
•	Со	nstruction of Tank #2	May – November 2019
	0	NRS 338 Bidding	
	0	Grading and Site Drainage	
	0	Foundation and Piping	
	0	Steel Erection	
	0	Interior and Exterior Blast/Coat	
	0	Disinfect, Fill and Perform Water Quality Analysis	
	0	Perimeter Road Surfacing	
	0	Reseeding	
•	Re	habilitation of Tank #1	November 2019 – April 2020
	0	NRS 338 Bidding	
	0	Make Any Necessary Steel Repairs	
	0	Interior and Exterior Blast/Coat	

Disinfect, Fill and Perform Water Quality Analysis

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In addition to the Special Use Permit required for this project, TMWA is requesting a Director's Modification of Standards for two requirements in the Washoe County Development Code. The first is a request to utilize 2:1 slopes for the areas around the site instead of 3:1 slopes. The second is a request to hydroseed the disturbed slope areas with a native seed mix at the end of construction in lieu of traditional landscaping with irrigation. The preliminary grading plan is provided as Figure 5 (below) and shows the proposed slopes and hydroseed areas.

Tank #1 was constructed in 1995 with graded slopes of 2:1. Although the requirements are minimum 3:1 slopes, TMWA believes maintaining the 2:1 slope for this project will better serve the project site and any that may be able to view it. Transitioning from an existing 2:1 slope to a 3:1 slope would be awkward on this relatively small site, would result in potential retaining walls, and more scarring of the hillside because the slope would be laid back farther with the 3:1 slope. Allowing a 2:1 slope would maintain stability while also being less visually obtrusive by minimizing slope cut areas. The geotechnical investigation provided as a part of this application supports the proposal of 2:1 slopes as indicated in Section 4.2.6 (Permanent Slopes) of the investigation. The geotechnical investigation is provided as an appendix to this report.



Figure 5 – Preliminary Grading Plan

The TMWA tank is located in a relatively remote area of south Washoe County and although the site has a water tank, it is for storage and service to other properties in the vicinity. As such, no irrigation capability exists onsite. For that reason, TMWA requests to be allowed to hydroseed the disturbed slopes with a native seed mix as shown on the grading plan on Page 5, rather than place traditional landscaping in the form of trees, shrubs and ground cover. Not only would this landscaping not be seen by the general public due to the location of the tank, but it would be impossible to maintain without onsite irrigation.

#### **Potential Impacts**

Negative impacts for this site are not expected due to the proposed expansion of an existing public utility use. The site is located in an area surrounded by hills on the east, west and south sides and it behind the tree line in Washoe Valley so is not visible from public roadways. There will be noise during the construction and rehabilitation processes, but this will be temporary only. Light intrusion on surrounding properties is not expected as no lighting is proposed for Tank #1, only a small solar panel to operate the tank systems. Traffic will not increase except during the construction and rehabilitation process as only TMWA staff will access the site on a continual basis, as they do now. To demonstrate lack of visibility of the tank from various locations in south Washoe Valley, a sight line study with photographs is included in this application. Figure 6 (below) depicts the locations from where photos were taken, followed by Figure 7 (Pages 7 and 8) which show three photographs indicating where the tank site is located. These photographs along with referenced exhibits are included in the appendix of this report.



Figure 6 – Sight Line Study Photograph Locations



Figure 7 – Photo 3 (Approximate Tank Location)

#### **Special Use Permit Findings**

The Washoe County Development Code establishes findings that must be made by the Board of Adjustment to approve a Special Use Permit request. These findings are listed below in *italic* type and are addressed in **bold** type.

a. <u>Consistency</u>. The proposed use is consistent with the action programs, policies, standards and maps of the Master Plan and the applicable area plan;

The proposed addition of a second water tank at this location is consistent with the action programs, policies, standards and maps of the Master Plan and the South Valleys Area Plan. The project site is located in the Rural land use area, which allows for public and semi-public facilities. A water tank already exists on the site. In addition, the proposed tank is consistent with policies from the Washoe County Master Plan listed on the following page.

# Appendices



#### Washoe County Development Application

Your entire application is a public record. If you have a concern about releasing personal information, please contact Planning and Building staff at 775.328.6100.

Project Information Staff Assigned Case No.:					
Project Name: Light	ning W	Water Tan	k #2		
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Project Area (acres or square fe	eet): 2.066 acres			-AL	
Project Location (with point of r	eference to major cross	s streets AND area locator):	C		
Approximately 1800 feet south	of the Franktown Rd/	Pine Canyon Rd intersection in S	South Washoe Valley	5104	
Assessor's Parcel No.(s):	Parcel Acreage:	Assessor's Parcel No.(s):	Parcel Acreage:		
055-210-21	2.066 acres				
Indicate any previous Wash Case No.(s). N/A	oe County approva	s associated with this applica	tion:		
Applicant In	formation (attach	additional sheets if neces	sary)		
Property Owner:		Professional Consultant:			
Name: Truckee Meadows	Water Authority	V			
Address: P.O. Box 3001	3	Address: 1610 Montclair	Ave., Suite B		
Reno, NV	Zip: 89520	Reno, NV	Zip: 89509		
Phone: (775) 834-8047	Fax:	Phone: (775) 425-4800	Fax:		
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Cell:	Other:	Cell: (775) 250-7981	Other:		
Contact Person: Chris Stru	Iffert	Contact Person: Susan Pa	insky, AICP		
Applicant/Developer:		Other Persons to be Contac	ted:		
Name: Same as Proper	ty Owner	Name:			
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Date Received:	Initial:	Planning Area:			
County Commission District:		Master Plan Designation(s):			
CAB(s):		Regulatory Zoning(s):			

#### Special Use Permit Application Supplemental Information

(All required information may be separately attached)

1. What is the project being requested?

Please see the attached application report.

2. Provide a site plan with all existing and proposed structures (e.g. new structures, roadway improvements, utilities, sanitation, water supply, drainage, parking, signs, etc.)

Please see the site plan included with the application report.

3. What is the intended phasing schedule for the construction and completion of the project?

Tank #2 will be constructed in one phase estimated to be completed in November 2019. Once Tank #2 is operational, existing Tank #1 will be taken out of service for rehabilitation, estimated to be completed in April 2020.

4. What physical characteristics of your location and/or premises are especially suited to deal with the impacts and the intensity of your proposed use?

The tank site is located in a remote hillside area in South Washoe Valley and is the site of an existing 250,000 water tank. The size of the parcel is adequate to accommodate two water tanks at the proposed size.

5. What are the anticipated beneficial aspects or affects your project will have on adjacent properties and the community?

The existing water tank is nearly 25 years old and in need of rehabilitation. The proposed project will allow necessary repairs and maintenance to occur on the existing tank, and will provide an additional 250,000 gallon water storage facility once both tanks are operational.

6. What are the anticipated negative impacts or affect your project will have on adjacent properties? How will you mitigate these impacts?

Negative impacts as a result of this project are not anticipated.

7. Provide specific information on landscaping, parking, type of signs and lighting, and all other code requirements pertinent to the type of use being purposed. Show and indicate these requirements on submitted drawings with the application.

# 421.77 cubic yards

Washoe County Planning and Building SPECIAL USE PERMITS APPLICATION SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION 8. Can the disturbed area be seen from off-site? If yes, from which directions and which properties or roadways?

Very few properties can see the disturbed area due to the limited number of homes constructed in this area and the lot sizes. The disturbed site is not visible from nearby roadways.

9. Could neighboring properties also be served by the proposed access/grading requested (i.e. if you are creating a driveway, would it be used for access to additional neighboring properties)?

No. The proposed grading is on the project site only and will not serve any surrounding properties.

10. What is the slope (horizontal/vertical) of the cut and fill areas proposed to be? What methods will be used to prevent erosion until the revegetation is established?

The proposed slope for the project is 2:1 to maintain consistency with the existing 2:1 slope around the existing Tank #1 that was constructed in 1995.

11. Are you planning any berms?

Yes	NoXX	If yes, how tall is the berm at its highest?	
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12. If your property slopes and you are leveling a pad for a building, are retaining walls going to be required? If so, how high will the walls be and what is their construction (i.e. rockery, concrete, timber, manufactured block)?

No. As a part of this application we have requested to utilize 2:1 slopes.

13. What are you proposing for visual mitigation of the work?



14. Will the grading proposed require removal of any trees? If so, what species, how many and of what size?

No

15. What type of revegetation seed mix are you planning to use and how many pounds per acre do you intend to broadcast? Will you use mulch and, if so, what type?

We will work with the Washoe Storey Conservation District to determine an appropriate seed mix for revegetation.

16. How are you providing temporary irrigation to the disturbed area?

Temporary irrigation will be provided with water used for construction.

17. Have you reviewed the revegetation plan with the Washoe Storey Conservation District? If yes, have you incorporated their suggestions?

We will work with the Washoe Storey Conservation District to determine an appropriate seed mix for revegetation.

18. Are there any restrictive covenants, recorded conditions, or deed restrictions (CC&Rs) that may prohibit the requested grading?

Yes No XX If yes, please attach a copy.		7
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055-210-21	2.066 acres					
Indicate any previous Wash Case No.(s).	noe County approval	s associated with this applica	tion:			
	formation (attach	additional sheets if necess	sary)			
Property Owner:		Professional Consultant:				
Name: Truckee Meadows	s Water Authority	Name: Rubicon Design Group				
Address: P.O. Box 3001	3	Address: 1610 Montclair Ave., Suite B				
Reno, NV	Zip: 89520	Reno, NV	Zip: 89509			
Phone: (775) 834-8047	Fax:	Phone: (775) 425-4800	Fax:			
Email: cstruffert@tmwa	.com	Email: spansky@rubicond	lesigngroup.com			
Cell:	Other:	Cell: (775) 250-7981	Other:			
Contact Person: Chris Str	uffert, PE	Contact Person: Susan Pa	nsky, AICP			
Applicant/Developer:		Other Persons to be Contact	ted:			
Name: Same as Proper	ty Owner	Name:				
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CAB(s):		Regulatory Zoning(s):				

RTF = Regional Technology Fee. Adopted by the BCC on June 28, 2016 and is effective when the Regional License Platform (/ included as a component of the Health fee.

#### **Director's Modification of Standards** Supplemental Information

(All required information may be separately attached)

1. What modification or deviation are you requesting? Be specific.

Modification from required 3:1 slopes to allow for 2:1 slopes consistent with existing, previously graded slopes on site; and modification from required landscaping and irrigation to allow instead for post grading re-vegetation with a native seed mix. See report for additional info.

2. Why is the modification or deviation necessary to the success of the project/development? Be specific. Are there any extenuating circumstances or physical conditions on the proposed project/development site?

Deviation from 3:1 graded slopes is necessary to provide a seamless transition from existing 2:1 graded slopes to new graded slopes. Deviation from the minimum landscape and irrigation standards in favor of revegetation through native seed mix due to remote location of site and lack of on-site irrigation. See report for additional info.

3. Are you proposing to mitigate the effect of the modification or reduction? To help stabilize the proposed 2:1 slopes and in lieu of the minimum landscape regurements requirements, a native seed mix is proposed to be applied following completion of the grading on site. See report for additional info.

4. What section of code are you requesting to modify or deviate? Be specific. List the code section and if there are specific requirements for the modification, provide detailed information. For deviation, provide the percentage of the deviation.

Grading: 110.438.45 (Grading of Slopes) Landscaping: 110.412.40 (Civic and Commercial Uses), 110.412.60 (Planting Standards), 110.410.65 (Irrigation Standards)

5. For Minor Deviation request; list what properties/parcels are affected by the deviation? Explain if there will be any impacts to the affected neighboring properties. (At a minimum, affected property owners are those owners of parcels that immediately abut the location of the proposed minor deviation.)

N/A

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Washoe County Planning and Building DIRECTOR'S MODIFICATION REQUEST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION December 2018

#### Applicant Name: Truckee Meadows Water Authority

The receipt of this application at the time of submittal does not guarantee the application complies with all requirements of the Washoe County Development Code, the Washoe County Master Plan or the applicable area plan, the applicable regulatory zoning, or that the application is deemed complete and will be processed.

STATE OF NEVADA

COUNTY OF WASHOE

ANNY ROTTER

(please print name)

being duly sworn, depose and say that I am the owner\* of the property or properties involved in this application as listed below and that the foregoing statements and answers herein contained and the information herewith submitted are in all respects complete, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that no assurance or guarantee can be given by members of Planning and Building.

(A separate Affidavit must be provided by each property owner named in the title report.)

Assessor Parcel Number(s): 055-210-21

	Printed Name DANNY ROTTER - TMWA
	Signed
	Address 1355 CAPITAL BLVD,
	Rano, NV 89502
Subscribed and sworn to before me this <u>26th</u> day of <u>March</u> , <u>2019</u> .	(Notary Stamp)
Notary Public in and for said county and state	DAVID NELSON Notary Public - State of Nevada Appointment Recorded in Washoe County
My commission expires: 9-23-2021	No: 13-11710-2 - Expires September 23, 2021
*Owner refers to the following: (Please mark appr	ropriate box.)
Owner Owner	

- Corporate Officer/Partner (Provide copy of record document indicating authority to sign.)
- Dever of Attorney (Provide copy of Power of Attorney.)
- Owner Agent (Provide notarized letter from property owner giving legal authority to agent.)
- Property Agent (Provide copy of record document indicating authority to sign.)
- Letter from Government Agency with Stewardship

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Figure 7 – Photo 1 (Approximate Tank Location)



Figure 7 – Photo 2 (Approximate Tank Location)

PSF.1.13 – Ensure that a safe and dependable water supply is provided.

PSF.1.20 – Ensure water quality standards are maintained consistent with the Safe Drinking Water Act and in Compliance with the Nevada Water Pollution Control Law and underground injection control regulations.

The addition of Tank #2 will allow the existing Tank #1 to be taken out of service for rehabilitation. This will ensure that a safe, dependable and quality water supply is maintained during rehabilitation, and perpetuated through additional storage capabilities that will exist once both tanks are operating side by side.

b. <u>Improvements</u>. Adequate utilities, roadway improvements, sanitation, water supply, drainage, and other necessary facilities have been provided, the proposed improvements are properly related to existing and proposed roadways, and an adequate public facilities determination has been made in accordance with Division Seven;

The proposed water tank will be an addition to the public facilities already located in the project site area. It will allow for the rehabilitation of the existing water tank and provide additional water storage. Adequate utilities, roadway improvements, sanitation, water supply and other necessary facilities are not applicable to the type of development contemplated with this application. Drainage improvements include minimal channel realignment on site to improve drainage flows, and the addition of rip rap in drainage areas where necessary.

c. <u>Site Suitability</u>. The site is physically suitable for the type of development and for the intensity of development;

The project site is the location of an existing 250,000-gallon water tank and has proven to be suitable for this type of development. The site is large enough to accommodate an additional 250,000 gallon water tank with little to no impact to the surrounding area.

d. <u>Issuance Not Detrimental</u>. Issuance of the permit will not be significantly detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare; injurious to the property or improvements of adjacent properties; or detrimental to the character of the surrounding area; and

The issuance of a Special Use Permit for a water tank at this location will not be detrimental to the public health, etc., injurious to property or improvements of adjacent properties, or detrimental to the area's character. The project site is located on a relatively remote parcel that is surrounding by vacant land, is screened from view from nearly all existing development in the vicinity and will serve to ensure that water quality and quantity in the area is maintained. The proposal of 2:1 graded slopes instead of 3:1 slopes will allow a smaller area of land to be disturbed and is supported by the soil types on site.

e. <u>Effect on a Military Installation</u>. Issuance of the permit will not have a detrimental effect on the location, purpose or mission of the military installation.

The project site is not located near a military installation.



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#### **GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION**

### Lighting W Tank 2 Washoe County, Nevada

April 4, 2019

Prepared for:



1355 Capital Boulevard Reno, Nevada 89502



ESE Project No. 19114

Prepared by:



4515 Towne Drive \* Reno \* NV \* 89521 \* 775-828-7220

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#### **1.0 INTRODUCTION AND SCOPE**

This Report presents the results of Eastern Sierra Engineering's (ESE's) geotechnical investigation for the proposed Lighting W Tank 2 project in Washoe County, Nevada. The project location is approximately 2,800 feet southwest of the intersection of Franktown Road and Franktown Court. We understand that the site of the proposed tank is southwest of the existing tank and that the finish grade for new tank will be the same as the existing tank. Maximum cuts and fills will be 12 feet and 8 feet respectively. The limits of the project are shown on Figure 1.

The following scope of services was provided:

- Located and marked two (2) test pits and contacted Underground Service Alert (USA) to notify them of our intent to excavate at the site;
- Excavated, logged, and sampled two (2) test pits ranging in depth from 9 feet to 13 feet;
- Performed laboratory testing that included particle size analysis, Atterberg limits, moisture content, and corrosivity (pH, sulfate, chloride, resistivity, sulfides and redox potential) testing;
- Prepared conclusions and recommendations addressing foundation design criteria, site grading, temporary and permanent slopes, and 1997 UBC seismic soil coefficients;
- Prepared this report that summarizes field activities, subsurface soil conditions and laboratory testing. Also included is a site plan with approximate boring locations, boring logs, particle size distribution charts, plasticity charts, and construction recommendations.

This report was prepared for the sole use of the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA), the only intended beneficiary of ESE's work. No other party should rely on the information contained herein without prior written consent of TMWA and ESE.



#### 2.0 FIELD INVESTIGATION AND LABORATORY TESTING

#### 2.1 Field Investigation

ESE explored subsurface conditions by excavating two (2) test pits (TP-1 and TP-2) on March 19, 2019. Test pits were excavated to depths ranging from 9 to 13 feet below the existing grade using a Komatsu PC 158 excavator. The approximate locations of test pits are presented on Figure 1. During excavating activities, ESE's geologist logged the test pits and obtained representative loose bulk samples at various depths. At the completion of logging and sampling, the test pits were backfilled in lifts and compacted using the excavator bucket. Groundwater, if encountered, was measured prior to backfilling test pits. Summary logs of test pits TP-1 and 2 are presented on Figures 2 through 4.

Soil samples were classified in accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System (ASTM D2487-00) presented on Figure 5.

#### 2.2 Laboratory Testing

Soil samples were taken to ESE's American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) certified materials testing laboratory for further examination and selected laboratory testing. Laboratory testing included particle size analysis, Atterberg limits (plasticity), moisture content; additionally select samples were sent to WETLAB for corrosivity (pH, sulfate, sulfides chloride, resistivity and redox potential) testing. Results of laboratory testing are presented in Figures 7 through 10. Results are also summarized in Table 1 and on the logs of the borings, Figures 2 through 4.

Test Pit No.	Sample Depth (ft.)	Moisture Content (%)	Percent Passing No. 200 Sieve Size (%)	Atterberg Limits (%)	Soil Type
TP-1	0.5 – 4.0	9.6	13.3	LL = PI = NP	Silty Sand WITH Gravel (SM)

#### **TABLE 1 - Laboratory Test Results**


Test Pit No.	Sample Depth (in.)	Moisture Content (%)	Percent Passing No. 200 Sieve Size %	Atterberg Limits (%)	Soil Type
TP-1	4.0-8.0	9.8	12.9	LL = PI = NP	Silty Sand with Gravel (SM)
TP-2	0.5 – 4.5	7.9	9.3	LL = PI = NP	Poorly Graded Sand with Silt and Gravel (SP-SM)

#### **TABLE 1 - Laboratory Test Results (cont.)**

## 3.0 SURFACE AND SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

#### 3.1 Surface Conditions

The ground surface is moderately to densely covered with sage brush and other shrubs. Surface soils generally consisted of loose to medium dense silty, clayey sand with cobbles and boulders spread across the site. A natural drainage channel runs down to the northwest of the proposed tank. The existing water tank is located to the northeast of proposed tank. The ground surface slopes down to the northwest with an elevation drop of approximately twenty (20) feet in the area of the proposed water tank.

#### 3.2 Subsurface Conditions

The tank site is located within an area mapped by the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology (NBMG) in the Carson City Folio Geologic Map, Carson City Area, Nevada (Dennis T. Trexler, 1977) as: **"Kdg" – Hornblende-biotite granodiorite** – "Grayish white to gray and greenish gray, medium to coarse-grained, equigranular to porphyritic, and locally foliated and lineated. Locally grades into quartz monzonite or quartz diorite". **"Tlt" – Lenihan Canyon Tuff** – "Pale-lavender to purplish-tan, moderately to densely welded, devitrified, fine-grained hornblende quartz latite crystal-vitric tuff. 0-300 m thick". "**QTg" – Pediment gravel** – "Yellowish-gray to light-brown boulder sandy cobble gravel. Most clasts subrounded and consist of all bedrock lithologies".

Based on ESE's field investigation and laboratory testing, subsurface soils underlying the clayey sand (0-.5') surface soils generally consist of medium dense to dense, silty sand with gravel, cobble and boulders, poorly graded sand with silt, gravel, cobble and boulders to a depth of 8.5 feet in TP-1 and 5.5' in TP-2. Underlying the soils is a



granodiorite bedrock that is massive, little to occasionally fractured, low hardness to moderately hard, weak to moderately strong, moderately to deeply weathered. The excavator met refusal at 13.0 feet in TP-1 and at 9.0' in TP-2. Physical Properties Criteria For Rock Descriptions is presented on Figure 6.

Groundwater was encountered in both test pits at the top of bedrock, 8.5 feet in TP-1 and 5.5 feet in TP-2. Groundwater elevations should be expected to seasonally fluctuate due to precipitation and snowmelt.

## 4.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 4.1 General

Based on ESE's field investigation, laboratory testing, and engineering analysis there are no geotechnical engineering constraints to prevent the construction of the proposed tank. ESE understands the proposed new water tank finish grade elevation will match the grade of the existing tank of approximately 5392 feet with cuts on the order of 12 feet and fills on the order of 8 feet.

Based on the field exploration, native silty sand with gravel, cobble and boulders were encountered to depths of 8.5 feet in TP-1 and to a depth of 5.5 feet in TP-2 below existing grade. Beneath the silty sand was granodiorite bedrock. The Komatsu PC 158 excavator was able to advance the excavations through bedrock to 13.0 feet in TP-1 and to 9.0 feet in TP-2 which was below the proposed site grading elevation for the tank. Groundwater was observed flowing through soil, on top of the bedrock in both test pits.

#### 4.2 Site Grading

#### 4.2.1 Site Preparation

Proposed structural areas shall be stripped of any surface vegetation and underlying roots and organics. Clearing and stripping limits should extend 5 feet laterally beyond structural areas. The estimated stripping depth is on the order of 12 inches. The stripped material is unsuitable for use as engineered select fill, may be used as growth medium to reclaim areas disturbed beyond the structural areas.

ESE recommends that existing soil beneath the proposed water tank be removed 2 feet below bottom of footings and replaced with compacted engineered select fill.



#### 4.2.2 Engineered Select Fill Criteria

Import or onsite soils used as engineered select fill shall be non-expansive, reasonably well-graded soil and be free of organics, other perishable material and construction debris. In addition, they shall meet the following criteria:

Sieve Size	Percent Passing (by dry weight		
3"	100		
No. 4	70-100		
No. 200	0-25		
Liquid Limit	35		
Plasticity Index	12		

#### 4.2.3 Engineered Select Fill Placement

Before engineered select fill or aggregate base (AB) is placed, exposed soil surfaces shall be proofrolled until nonyielding as determined by ESE. Engineered select fill and AB shall be placed in lifts not exceeding 8 inches (loose thickness), moisture conditioned to near optimum moisture content, and compacted to at least 95 percent relative compaction below foundations and minimum 90 percent relative compaction below proposed access road.

During fill placement, the work surface shall be graded to direct runoff away from engineered select fill areas to prevent saturation of the exposed surface of fill material during a precipitation event. The Contractor shall also provide positive drainage away from all excavations. No frozen fill shall be placed and no fill shall be placed on frozen ground, upon standing water, or on yielding soil.

The compaction of engineered select fill shall be accomplished under continuous engineering inspection and testing.

#### 4.2.4 Unstable Subgrade

If areas of soft, wet, unstable subgrade are encountered or created, it may require the Contractor to overexcavate and stabilize the subgrade by placing Engineer approved 8inch to 12-inch diameter, clean, crushed, angular rock, and/or combine the crushed rock with Mirafi HP570 woven geofabric (or acceptable equivalent) to create a working platform. **NOTE:** A test area is recommended to determine the most suitable method of creating a working platform. Relatively light, nonvibratory compaction equipment shall be used during this operation to minimize further softening and pumping of the exposed subgrade.



#### 4.2.5 **Temporary Excavations**

The Contractor is responsible for the selection, design, construction and maintenance of the shoring method and temporary slopes. Safety requirements established by OSHA or other regulatory agencies shall be followed during excavation and construction by the Contractor. Heavy construction equipment, construction materials, or soil stockpiles shall not be located near the top of any excavation. Sloughing of excavation sidewalls should be anticipated during construction excavation due to cohesionless granular soils.

#### 4.2.6 Permanent Slopes

TMWA's conceptual plan indicates 2 to 1 Horizontal to Vertical cut and fill slopes for the new tank which would match the existing cut slopes adjacent to the existing tank. The existing slopes were observed to be stable by ESE with no evidence of excessive erosion. These slopes had mature vegetation on them preventing excessive erosion. Therefore it is ESE's opinion that 2 to 1 cut slopes are acceptable provided that the slope construction include an import growth medium and seed and then place a mulch/heavyduty tackifier application to minimize erosion while the new vegetation is established, and 2 to 1 fill slopes are acceptable provided the slope is protected with an angular fractured stone 8-12" in diameter.

#### 4.3 Foundations

ESE recommends that the base of the steel water tank bear on a minimum of 12 inches of Type 2, Class B aggregate base (AB) compacted to at least 95 percent relative compaction. The steel water tank ring footing should bear entirely on a minimum of 24 inches of engineered select fill compacted to at least 95 percent relative compaction. The water tank bottom founded on a minimum of 12 inches of AB may be designed for a maximum allowable soil bearing pressure of 2,500 pounds per square foot for dead plus live loads. This value may be increased one-third for total loads including wind and seismic loads.

Foundations shall be founded at least 2 feet below the lowest adjacent finished ground surface for confinement and frost protection. The maximum estimated total settlement for the water tank foundation designed as presented above is on the order of 1-inch. Maximum differential settlement is estimated to be on the order of 1/2 inch from center to edge of tank.

Resistance to lateral loads for footings can be obtained from a combination of passive earth pressures acting against the sides of footings and soil friction at the base of the footings. For computing base friction, ESE recommends using an allowable friction coefficient of 0.40. The coefficient of friction shall be applied to vertical dead loads only. ESE recommends a passive pressure of 400 psf/foot of depth. Passive resistance shall be neglected in the upper foot unless confined by slab or pavement.



#### 4.4 Seismic Design

For seismic loadings evaluated using 2015 International Building Code (IBC) method, ESE recommends the following design criteria:

Soil Profile Type = Site Class C  $S_s = 2.227 \text{ g}$   $S_1 = 0.819 \text{ g}$   $S_{MS} = 2.227 \text{ g}$   $S_{M1} = 1.065 \text{ g}$   $S_{DS} = 1.485 \text{ g}$  $S_{D1} = 0.71 \text{ g}$ 

No faults are mapped crossing the project site. Based on a review of the Carson City Quadrangle Earthquake Hazards Map, (Dennis T. Trexler and John W. Bell, 1979) shows one fault south and west of the site trending north to south and east to west, and one north east of the site trending east to west and north to south. These faults have been identified as indeterminate; predominantly bedrock faults with last probable movement of prepleistocene age. Additionally Holocene faults have been identified approximately 2 miles west of the site trending north to south, and 1.5 miles to the east trending north and south. A Pleistocene age fault (11,000 to 2 Million years old) is considered "potentially active". A Holocene age or "active" fault is considered to be any movement in the last 11,000 years.

Based on the above referenced Hazards Map potential for ground shaking at site during a seismic event is variable severity of shaking, includes older fan deposits, granodiorite which ranges in degree and depth of weathering, and Tertiary ash-flow tuffs, which exhibit various degrees of alteration, welding and fracture spacing.

#### 4.5 Corrosion Potential

The results of the corrosion testing on boring soil samples are presented in Table 2.

Boring No.	Sample Depth (ft.)	Chloride (mg/kg)	Sulfate (mg/kg)	Resistivity (ohm-cm)	рН	Sulfides	Redox potential (mV)
TP-1	0.5 – 4.0	ND	ND	77000	6.6	ND	380
TP-1	4.0 - 8.0	ND	ND	61000	6.7	ND	380
TP-2	0.5 – 4.5'	ND	ND	120000	6.7	ND	380

TABLE - 2 Corrosivity Test Results



Based on the results of analytical testing there is negligible potential for sulfate exposure/attack to concrete, therefore a Type II cement is acceptable for use. Also, based on the results of laboratory testing the degree of corrosive potential for metals is also negligible. Corrosion protection of metal pipelines shall be based upon the recommendations found in AWWA C105, Appendix A and the Design Engineers judgment.

#### 5.0 ADDITIONAL SOILS ENGINEERING SERVICES

Prior to and during construction, the following should be performed under ESE observations to ensure conformance with the intent of ESE's recommendations.

- Excavation;
- Suitability of onsite and imported fill materials;
- Bedding and backfill placement and compaction;

Observation of these operations will allow ESE to check that soil conditions are consistent with this geotechnical investigation and to evaluate variations in soils conditions, which may require special consideration or modification of the recommendations.

#### 6.0 LIMITATIONS

Recommendations contained in this report are based on our field explorations, laboratory tests, and our understanding of the proposed construction. The study was a cost-effective method to evaluate some of the potential geotechnical concerns.

The soils data used in the preparation of this report were obtained from test pits located for this investigation. It is possible that variations in soils exist between the points explored. The nature and extent of soil variations may not be evident until construction occurs. If any soil conditions are encountered at this site, which are different from those described in this report, our firm should be immediately notified so that we may make any necessary revisions to our recommendations.

This report may be used only by TMWA and only for the purposes stated within a reasonable time from issuance, but in no event later than three years from the date of the report. Land or facility use, on and off-site conditions, regulations, or other factors may change over time, and additional work may be required with the passage of time.



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# **APPENDIX A - FIGURES**











UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION-ASTM D2487-00 MAJOR DIVISIONS TYPICAL NAMES WELL GRADED GRAVELS WITH OR GW WITHOUT SAND, LITTLE OR NO FINES CLEAN GRAVELS WITH GRAVELS LITTLE OR NO FINES POORLY GRADED GRAVEL WITH OR D SOILS S COARSER SIEVE GP WITHOUT SAND, LITTLE OR NO FINES MORE THAN HALF SILTY GRAVELS, SILTY GRAVELS COARSE FRACTION GM GRAVELS WITH OVER WITH SAND IS LARGER THAN COARSE-GRAINED WORE THAN HALF IS ( THAN No. 200 SI 12% FINES CLAYEY GRAVELS, CLAYEY GRAVELS WITH SAND No. 4 SIEVE SIZE GC WELL GRADED SANDS WITH OR WITHOUT SW GRAVEL, LITTLE OR NO FINES CLEAN SANDS WITH SANDS LITTLE OR NO FINES POORLY GRADED SANDS WITH OR WITHOUT GRAVEL, LITTLE OR NO FINES SP MORE THAN HALF SILTY SANDS WITH OR SM COARSE FRACTION WITHOUT GRAVEL SANDS WITH OVER IS SMALLER THAN 12% FINES CLAYEY SANDS WITH OR No. 4 SIEVE SIZE SC WITHOUT GRAVEL INORGANIC SILTS AND VERY FINE SANDS, ROCK ML SOILS IS FINER SIEVE FLOUR, SILTS WITH SANDS AND GRAVELS SILTS AND CLAYS INORGANIC CLAYS OF LOW TO MEDIUM PLASTICITY, CL CLAYS WITH SANDS AND GRAVELS, LEAN CLAYS LIQUID LIMIT 50% OR LESS FINE-GRAINED S MORE THAN HALF IS THAN No. 200 S ORGANIC SILTS OR CLAYS OL OF LOW PLASTICITY INORGANIC SILTS, MICACEOUS OR DIATOMACIOUS, FINE SANDY OR SILTY SOILS, ELASTIC SILTS MH SILTS AND CLAYS INORGANIC CLAYS OF HIGH CH PLASTICITY, FAT CLAYS LIQUID LIMIT GREATER THAN 50% ORGANIC SILTS OR CLAYS OH OF MEDIUM TO HIGH PLASTICITY PEAT AND OTHER HIGHLY HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS Pt ORGANIC SOILS

M(80)		Moisture Content (%)		Shear Strength (psf) Confining Pressure
DD(105)		Dry Density (pcf)	T×UU 3200 (2600)	<ul> <li>Unconsolidated Undrained Triaxial Shear</li> </ul>
Perm	-	Permeability	(FM) or (S)	- (field moisture or saturated)
Consol		Consolidation	TxCU 3200 (2600)	- Consolidated Undrained Triaxial Shear
LL	-	Liquid Limit (%)	(P)	- (with or without pore pressure measurement)
PI	-	Plasticity Index (%)	TxCD 3200 (2600)	- Consolidated Drained Triaxial Shear
Gs	-	Specific Gravity	SSCU 3200 (2600)	- Simple Shear Consolidated Undrained
MA	-	Particle Size Analysis	(P)	- (with or without pore pressure measurement)
OC	-	Organic Content	SSCD 3200 (2600)	- Simple Shear Consolidated Drained
R-Value	-	Resistance Value	DSCD 2700 (2000)	- Consolidated Drained Direct Shear
CBR	540 ·	California Bearing Ratio	UC 470	- Unconfined Compression
	-	"Undisturbed" Sample	LVS 700	- Laboratory Vane Shear
$\boxtimes$	-	Bulk or Classification Sample	DSUU	- Unconsolidated Undrained Direct Shear

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CONSOLIDATION OF SEDIMENTARY ROCKS; usually determined from unweathered samples. Largely dependent on cementation.

- U = unconsolidated
- P = poorly consolidated
- M = moderately consolidated
- W = well consolidated

#### II BEDDING OF SEDIMENTARY ROCKS

- Splitting Property Massive Blocky Slabby Flaggy Shaly or platy Papery
- Thickness Greater than 4.0 ft. 2.0 to 4.0 ft. 0.2 to 2.0 ft. 0.05 to 0.2 ft. 0.01 to 0.05 ft. less than 0.01 ft.
- Stratification very thick bedded thick-bedded thin-bedded very thin-bedded laminated thinly laminated

#### III FRACTURING

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IntensitySize of Pieces in FeetVery little fracturedGreater than 4.0 ft.Occasionally fractured2.0 to 4.0 ft.Moderately fractured0.2 to 2.0 ft.Closely fractured0.05 to 0.2 ft.Intensely fractured0.01 to 0.05 ft.Crushedless than 0.01 ft.

#### IV HARDNESS

- 1. Soft Reserved for plastic material alone.
- 2. Low hardness can be gauged deeply or carved easily with a knife blade.
- 3. Moderately hard can be readily scratched by a knife blade; scratch leaves a heavy trace of dust and is readily visible after the powder has been blown away.
- 4. Hard can be scratched with difficulty; scratch produces little powder and is often faintly visible.
- 5. Very hard cannot be scratched with knife blade; leaves a metallic streak.

#### V STRENGTH

- 1. Plastic or very low strength.
- 2. Friable crumbles easily by rubbing with fingers.
- 3. Weak An unfractured specimen of such material will crumble under light hammer blows.
- 4. Moderately strong Specimen will withstand a few heavy hammer blows before breaking.
- 5. Strong Specimen will withstand a few heavy ringing blows and will yield with difficulty only dust and small flying fragments.
- 6. Very strong Specimen will resist ringing hammer blows and will yield with difficulty only dust and small flying fragments.
- VI WEATHERING The physical and chemical disintegration and decomposition of rocks and minerals by natural processes such as oxidation, reduction, hydration, solution, carbonation and freezing and thawing.
  - D. Deep Moderate to complete mineral decomposition; deep and thorough discoloration; many fractures, all extensively coated or filled with oxides, carbonates and/or clay silt.
  - M. Moderate Slight change or partial decomposition of minerals; little disintegration; cementation little to unaffected. Moderate to occasionally intense discoloration. Moderately coated fractures.
  - L. Little No megascopic decomposition of minerals; little or no effect on normal cementation. Slight and intermittent, or localized discoloration. Few stains on fracture surfaces.
  - F. Fresh Unaffected by weathering agents. No disintegration or discoloration. Fractures usually less numerous than joints.

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# **APPENDIX B - LABORATORY RESULTS**

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