

# Memorandum

Date:

June 25, 2015

To:

SOUTHERN NEVADA DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH

From:

Daniel LaRubio, Jr., P.E., Environmental Health Engineer/Supervisor

Paul L. Klouse, REHS, Environmental Health Manager

Jacqueline L. Reszetar, M.S., REHS, Director of Environmental Health

Joseph P. Iser, M.D., DrPH, MSc, Chief Health Officer

Petitioner:

Renae L. Julson and Linda M. Wheeler, Joint Owners

Subject:

Variance Request to Permit and Install a New Individual Sewage Disposal System (ISDS) on an Undersized Lot Served by an Off-Site Public Water Supply with a Deep Absorption Trench within Twenty (20) Feet of a Structure and Ten (10) Feet of the Property Lines (APN 129-36-111-034)

#### **BACKGROUND**

Renae L. Julson and Linda M. Wheeler, Joint Owners, are requesting a variance to permit and install an individual sewage disposal system (ISDS) on an undersized lot served by municipal water. The lot is approximately 0.07 acre gross, which includes one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the adjoining Silver Tip Trail located in Mt. Charleston, Nevada where one quarter (1/4) or 0.25 acre gross is required for installation of an ISDS on a lot served by municipal water supply. The lot is located at 4796 Silver Tip Trail legally description is Lot (1) Block Three (3) of Cathedral Rock View as shown by Map Thereof on file in Book 5 of Plats, Page 5 in the office of the County Recorder, Clark County, Nevada APN 129-36-111-034, Clark County, Nevada (see attached SNHD Public Notice signed by Jacqueline Reszetar on May 21,2015 and Land Assessor's Map).

The owners of the property, Renae L. Julson and Linda M. Wheeler, obtained the property in April 20 (see attached Clark County Assessor's Ownership History) and now wish to have a septic system permitted to be installed on their lot to be in compliance (See attached justification letter dated May 21, 2015). Ms. Renae L. Julson and Ms. Linda M. Wheeler will be permitting an ISDS (See attached Plot Plan). Their letter further states that the new ISDS will be five ft. from any structure or property line and the septic tank is no closer than 5 ft. from any structure or property line. (See attached DL Consulting Cone of Influence Letter dated May 17, 2015).

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#### **DISCUSSION**

Section 5.1 of the District Board of Health Regulations Governing Individual Sewage Disposal Systems and Liquid Waste Management requires that a septic tank or soil absorption system not be located within ten (10) feet of any property line.

Section 5.2 of the District Board of Health Regulations Governing Individual Sewage Disposal Systems and Liquid Waste Management requires that the horizontal separation from ... the foundation of a building or structure ... shall be twenty feet (20') from a deep absorption system, unless a Cone of Influence letter is submitted by State of Nevada registered professional engineer".

Section 11.20.2 of the District Board of Health Regulations Governing Individual Sewage Disposal Systems and Liquid Waste Management requires a minimum of one quarter (1/4) acre (10,900 sq. ft. including public streets or easements) for the installation of an ISDS on a lot served by municipal water supply.

Section 19.5 of the District Board of Health Regulations Governing Individual Sewage Disposal Systems and Liquid Waste Management requires the Board to consider the relative interests of first, the public; second, other property owners likely to be affected; third, the applicant; in that order. No variance shall be granted in the absence of showing that:

- (1) The variance would not endanger or tend to endanger human health or safety.
- (2) Compliance with regulations from which the variance is sought would produce serious hardship without equal or greater benefit to the public.

Staff is of the opinion that the granting of this variance will not endanger or tend to endanger human health provided the applicant agrees to and complies with the four (4) conditions recommended by staff and subject to Board of Health approval.

The ISDS density map also shows 140 Lots with a traceable permit for a septic system within a square mile of APN 129-36-111-034. The offsite water quality will not be affected by the proposed septic system. The closest neighboring building to the proposed ISDS is a distance of fifteen (15) feet, which is less than the normal twenty (20) feet minimum required separation, but acceptable per attached Cone of Influence Letter dated May 17, 2015 by Landon Christopherson, P.E. of DL Consulting. The closest property line is five (5) feet from the ISDS where ten (10) feet minimum separation is normally required.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Therefore, staff recommends approval with the following conditions:

1. The petitioners agree to install an ISDS limited to the proposed 1,000 gallon septic tank with a proposed deep absorption trench.

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- 2. The petitioners agree that the ISDS will not be located in an area subject to vehicular traffic, any area to be paved or within ten (10) feet of any tree.
- 3. The petitioners agree to permit the ISDS within one (1) year of the date hereof. If the permitting has not been commenced within that period of time, this variance shall automatically expire and be of no further force and effect, unless application is made and approved for an extension of time prior to the expiration date by the applicant or the applicant's successor(s) in interest.
- 4. The petitioners and their successor(s) in interest shall abide by all local governmental regulations requiring connection to community sewage systems. Use of the ISDS shall be discontinued and the structure it serves shall be connected to any community sewage system constructed in the future to within four hundred (400) feet of the applicant's property line when connection can be made by gravity flow and the owner(s) are notified and legally required to do so by the public entity owning and operating the community sewage system

#### Attachments:

- A. SNHD Public Notice
- B. Assessor's Map
- C. Clark County Assessor's Ownership History
- D. Justification Letter by Renae L. Julson and Linda M. Wheeler dated May 21, 2015.
- E. DL Consulting Cone of Influence Letter
- F. ISDS Density Map
- G. Plot Plan
- H. Deep Absorption Trench Detail

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#### Attachment A: SNHD Public Notice



#### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Southern Nevada District Board of Health will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on Thursday, June 25, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. during its regular monthly meeting in the Conference Room #2 at the Southern Nevada Health District, Las Vegas, Nevada, to approve or deny a Variance Request filed by Renae L Julson and Linda M Wheeler, Owners, to construct an individual sewage disposal system on the property 4796 Silver Tip Trail, Mt. Charleston, Clark County, Nevada, legally described as Lot One (1) of Block Three (3) of Cathedral Rock View as shown by Map Thereof on file in Book 5 of Plats, Page 5 in the office of the County Recorder, Clark County Nevada, Assessor Parcel Number 129-36-111-034.

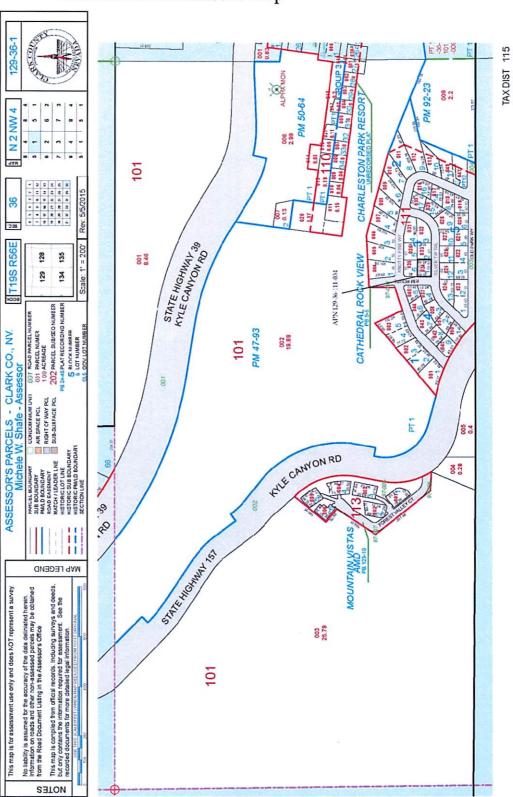
The District Board of Health Regulations Governing Individual Sewage Disposal Systems and Liquid Waste Management Section 9.1.2 requiring that no septic tank or deep absorption field be located within twenty (20) feet of any building and that no septic tank or deep absorption field shall be located within ten (10) feet of any property line; AND Section 11.20.2 requires a minimum of one quarter (1/4) acre (10,900 sq.ft. including public streets or easements) for the installation of an ISDS on a lot served by municipal water supply. Section 19.5 requires the Board to consider the relative interest of first, the public; second, other property owners likely to be affected; third, the applicant; in that order. No variance shall be granted in the absence of showing that: (1) The variance would not endanger or tend to endanger human health or safety. (2) Compliance with regulations from which the variance is sought would produce serious hardship without equal or greater benefit to the public.

The variance application request is available for review at the Southern Nevada Health District, 330 South Valley View Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada. Please contact Heather Hanoff at (702) 759-0660 to schedule an appointment to review the application request during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All interested persons may appear at the hearing and state their positions. Written comments will be considered by the District Board of Health and must be forwarded by June 3, 2015 to:

Daniel LaRubio, Jr., Environmental Health Engineer/Supervisor Southern Nevada Health District P.O. Box 3902 Las Vegas, Nevada 89127

470	SIGNED:	-S-		
	SIGNED.	Jacqueline L. Reszetar, MS, REHS Environmental Health Director		
	DATED:	5-21-15		

Attachment B: Assessor's Map



## Attachment C: Clark County Assessor's Ownership History

## Michele W. Shafe, Assessor

#### PARCEL OWNERSHIP HISTORY

WHEELER LINDA M

	Assessor	Map	Aerial View	Comment Cod	es Cur	rent Ow	nership	New Search
SESSOR DESCRI	TION							
THEORAL ROCK VI	EW PLAT PLAT BOOK 5 PAGE	5 LOT	1 BLOCK 3					
CURRENT PARCEL NO.	CURRENT OWNER	9/6	RECORDED DOCUMENT NO.	RECORDED DATE	VESTING	TAX DIST	EST SIZE	COMMENTS

PARCEL NO.	PRIOR OWNER(S)	9/0	RECORDED DOCUMENT NO.	RECORDED DATE	VESTING	TAX DIST	EST SIZE	COMMENTS
129-36-111-034	B M V PROPERTIES L L C		20131030:04255	10/30/2013	NS	115	SUBDIVIDED LOT	
129-36-111-034	WERNER ROBERT G & DEANNA FAM TR		19950414:01715	04/14/1995	NS	115	SUBDIVIDED LOT	SF 139-97
	WERNER ROBERT G & DEANNA K TRS			100				
460-602-006	RUDIN RONALD 3 1979 PPTY TR FTAL		19950201:00869	02/01/1995	NS	115	SUBDIVIDED LOT	C-950131:2281
	COOPER SHARON CO-TRS ETAL							32000
460-602-006	HOLLY CHARLES ETAL		19950119:00858	01/19/1995	NS	115	SUBDIVIDED LOT	
460-602-006	HOLLY CHARLES ETAL		19941227:01057	12/27/1994	NS	115	SUBDIVIDED	
460-602-006	HOLLY CHARLES ETAL		19941012:00554	10/12/1994	NS	115	SUBDIVIDED LOT	
460-602-006	BROWN MARJORIE JUNE		19880428:00288	04/28/1988	NS	115	SUBDIVIDED	
	ALBRECHT SUSANN	50%					SUBDIVIDED	
460-602-006	KOSIBA RONALD J & LINDA	50%	2002:1961766	10/05/1984	NJ	115	LOT	
460-602-006	BROWN JUNE M		0773:0732869	08/09/1977	NS	115	SUBDIVIDED LOT	
460-602-006	BROWN RONALD B & JUNE M		0567:0526049	11/03/1975		115	SUBDIVIDED LOT	
460-602-006	HAYNES LEONARD L & M M		0055:0043631	08/14/1970		115	SUBDIVIDED LOT	
460-602-006	HAYNES LEONARD L & M M					110	SUBDIVIDED	INITIAL

Note: Only documents from September 15, 1999 through present are available for viewing.

NOTE: THIS RECORD IS FOR ASSESSMENT USE ONLY. NO LIABILITY IS ASSUMED AS TO THE ACCURACY OF THE DATA DELINEATED HEREON.

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### Attachment D: Justification Letter from Owners

## Justification/Hardship Letter

May 21, 2015

To: Southern Nevada Health District 330 S Valley View Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89107

From: Renae LJulson

RE: Parcel # 129-36-111-034

To whom it may concern:

I hereby make application and petition the Southern Nevada District Board of Health for a variance to the Regulations Governing Individual Sewage Disposal and Liquid Waste Management Sections 11.20.2, requiring a minimum of one fourth (1/4) acre (10,900 sq. ft.) for the installation of an individual sewage disposal system (ISDS) on a lot served by an off-site water supply; and Section 5.2, requiring that no septic tank be within 8' of a building or a deep absorption field be located within 20' of a building without a Cone of Influence letter submitted by a State of Nevada registered professional engineer; and Section 5.1, requiring that no septic tank or leach field be within 10' of a property line.

This variance request is made to permit construction of an ISDS on a lot 3,049.20 sq. ft. The septic tank is to be located 5 ft. from the proposed structure and no closer than 5 ft. from the nearest property line.

The legal description of said property is APN# 129-36-111-034, further described as Cathedral Rock View Plat, Plat book 5, Page 5, Lot 1, Block 3.

Benae Spulson

I have owned the property since April 21, 2015 and wish to apply for this variance.

Thank you for your consideration,

#### Attachment E: Cone of Influence Letter

# **DLC Consulting**

May 17, 2015

Hardin Excavating 2010 Cheyenne Avenue Las Vegas, Nevada

Attention:

Dale Martin

RE:

Cone of Influence Review for Single Family Residence, 4796 Silver Tip Trail,

Mount Charleston, Nevada

Mr. Martin:

The site will be occupied by a single-story residential structure constructed on soils that are free-draining gravelly sands. No cemented materials were encountered in the septic field/tank area.

Based on this review, assessment of the building's structural envelope, and septic system data for the subject site, DLC Consulting believes that placement of the septic tank and field at approximately 4 feet from the structure does not impact the structural envelope of the site structure, nor does the structural envelope of the site structure affect the operation of the septic tank and field.

DLC is grateful for the opportunity to provide this report and welcomes any questions or comments regarding this report that may arise.

Sincerely,

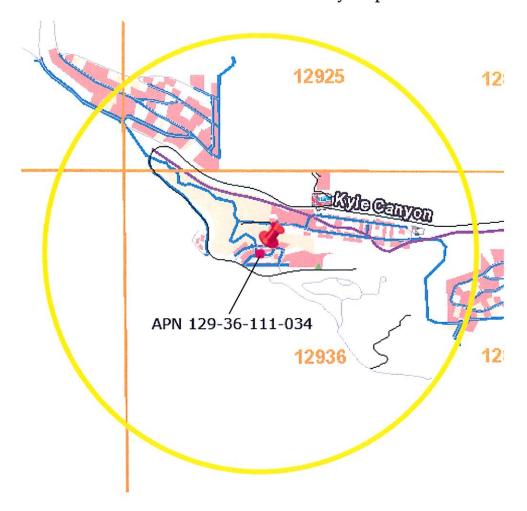
DLC Consulting,

Michael W. Payne, C.E.M. Principal Scientist

LandonChristopherson, P.E. Principal Engineer

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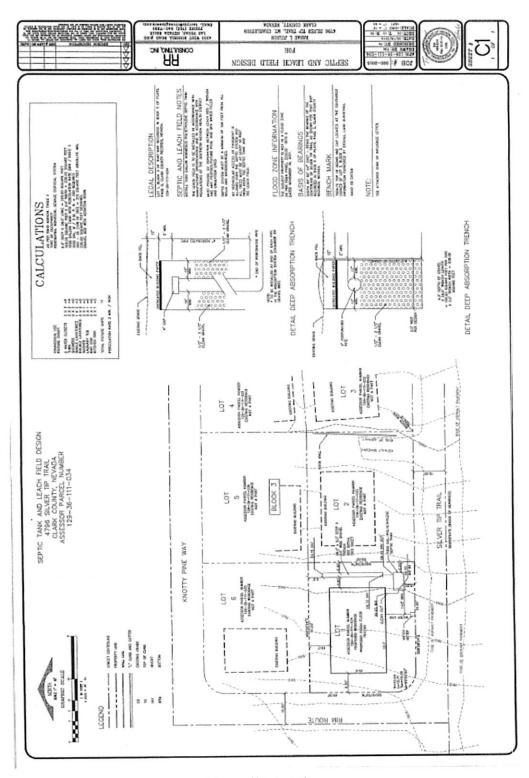
## Attachment F: ISDS Density Map



Aerial View of Parcel (APN 129-36-111-034)

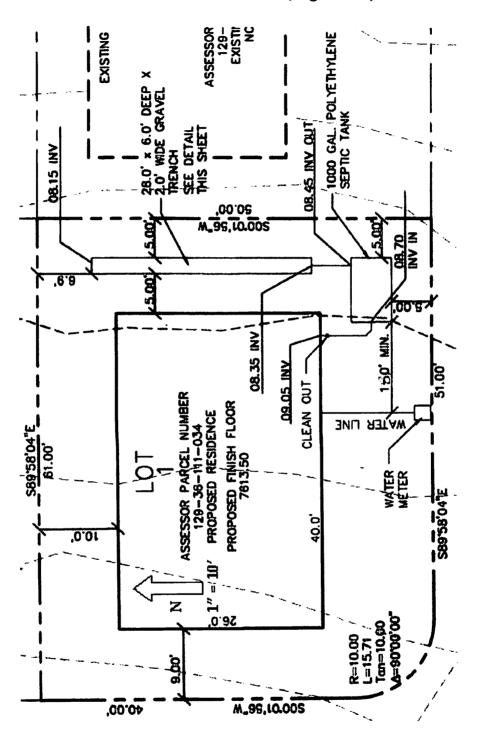
140 Parcels permitted for a septic system within 1 circular square mile of the parcel 129- 36-111-034

## Attachment G: Plot Plan (Page 1 of 2)



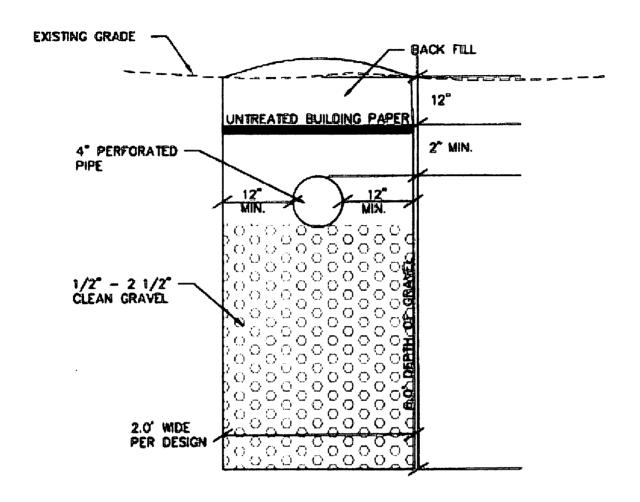
Overall Site Plan

## Attachment G: Plot Plan (Page 2 of 2)



Enlarged Plot Plan

## Attachment H: Deep Absorption Trench Detail



6.0' DEPTH OF GRAVEL
X 28.0' TRENCH LENGTH
- 168.00 SQUARE FEET PER SIDE
X 2.0' TRENCH WIDTH - 336.00
SQUARE FEET

DETAIL DEEP ABSORPTION TRENCH