



Eagle Mountain City

STATEMENT

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Eagle Mountain City continues efforts to conserve wildlife habitat

Construction is currently underway in the Silverlake area of Eagle Mountain near Tickville Wash. This development will see the construction of residential housing, neighborhood amenities and additional safety improvements.

Residents should be aware that this development was approved to proceed under strict agreements and permits that respect Tickville Wash and look after the area's wildlife. These agreements are part of broader City efforts to ensure the safety of residents, provide habitat conservation and promote an open and rural feel in Eagle Mountain.

Recently, it was brought to the City's attention that the construction in the wash was not in full compliance with the State Permit and/or the City's agreement with the developer, prompting the City to put a hold on the work until the issue is resolved and compliance is reached. Residents may notice additional material stockpiles near the wash but should rest assured the City will be monitoring the area to ensure its proper removal when work resumes this week.

Prior to the start of work on this development, Eagle Mountain City met with the developer, wildlife experts and community stakeholders to ensure that, in conjunction with the development of the area, two requirements were met:

- The south slope of Tickville Wash is to be reshaped in several dangerous areas to ensure the safety of residents
- Efforts would take place to promote the conservation of wildlife.

Owl nesting boxes are required for installation in the area this winter until the owls rebuild their nests. Assertions that the owl habitat has been destroyed are a misrepresentation of the City's agreement with wildlife experts, local bird experts and the developer. The City also wants to highlight our efforts to take a proactive approach to enhance state permit scrutiny by indicating there were endangered species on the permit application. This was done to ensure proper oversight before work commenced despite no knowledge of endangered species being present.

Eagle Mountain City prides itself on a great working relationship with the Department of Wildlife Resources and community organizations that work to protect these habitats. We believe the continued conservation of these areas is important and will work to hold developers and ourselves accountable as the growth and development of Eagle Mountain takes place.

If residents have questions or concerns about activity they believe is negatively impacting these efforts, they are encouraged to contact the City's Community Development department.