Defunct Easement Abandonment

Steve Wolgast, 5220 Cedarwood Drive Tom O'Donnell, 5210 Cedarwood Drive Harry Shepherd, 5235 Goldenrod Drive

Overview

The Wolgast property sits at the foot of the Steamboat Hills on the western slope. The home faces West looking toward Montreux and Mount Rose.

The lot is 1.27 acres of which about 1 acre is level. The majority of the lot is not landscaped.

The home is conventional construction including 5 bedrooms with 2700 sqft. It was permitted in 1994 and finished in 1995(?). Wolgast purchased the home in 2016.

The Wolgast property is the last one on a shared driveway with two neighbors off Cedarwood Drive.

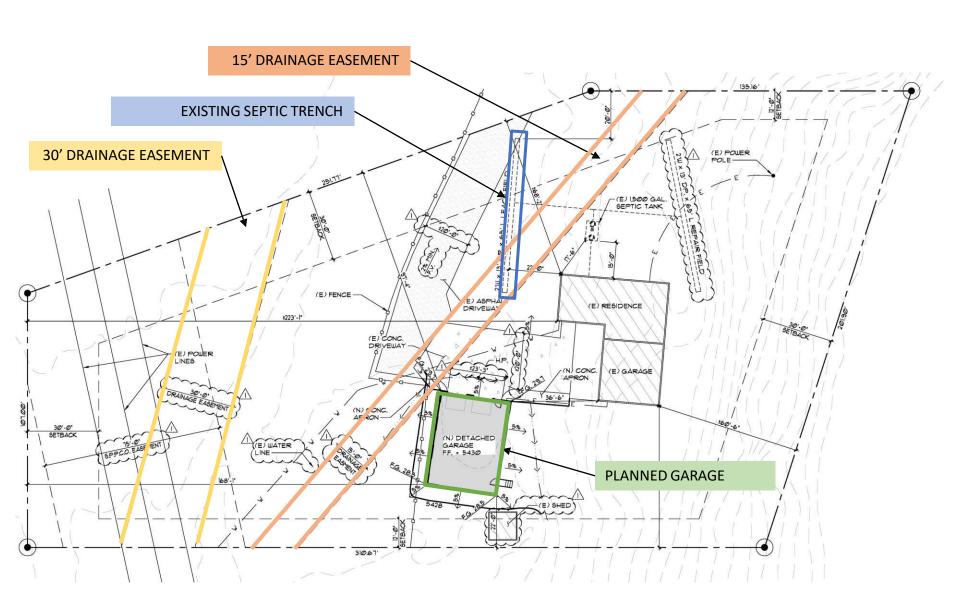
The previous owner built a generous RV pad. Wolgast would like to build a stand-alone garage on this pad.

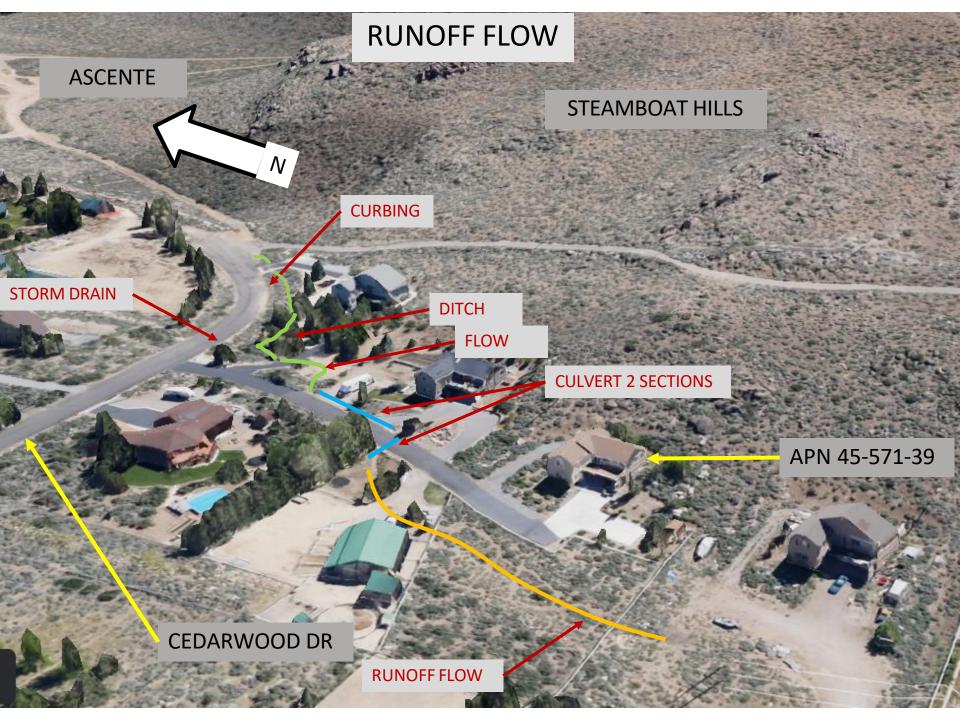
The Issue

The three properties have two, nearly parallel drainage easements. One carries no flow: it is defunct.

- In 1981 a 15' drainage easement was recorded at the foot of the Steamboat Hills before the homes were built. It no longer carries storm runoff due to the later grading.
- In 1994 the existing drainage easement was superseded by a new 30' easement that reflected the grading for the three homes.
- The original, defunct, easement is still in the Washoe County records.
- The defunct easement is making it impossible for Wolgast to build a free-standing garage on his existing RV pad because the easement takes up space needed for a septic "repair field" which was not required in 1994. In addition, the defunct easement crosses his original septic field making that septic field non-compliant with the county health requirements.
- The defunct easement may make O'Donnell's original septic field noncompliant.
- The defunct easement should have been abandoned when the new easement was defined. O'Donnell and Shepherd agreed to join Wolgast's application for abandonment.

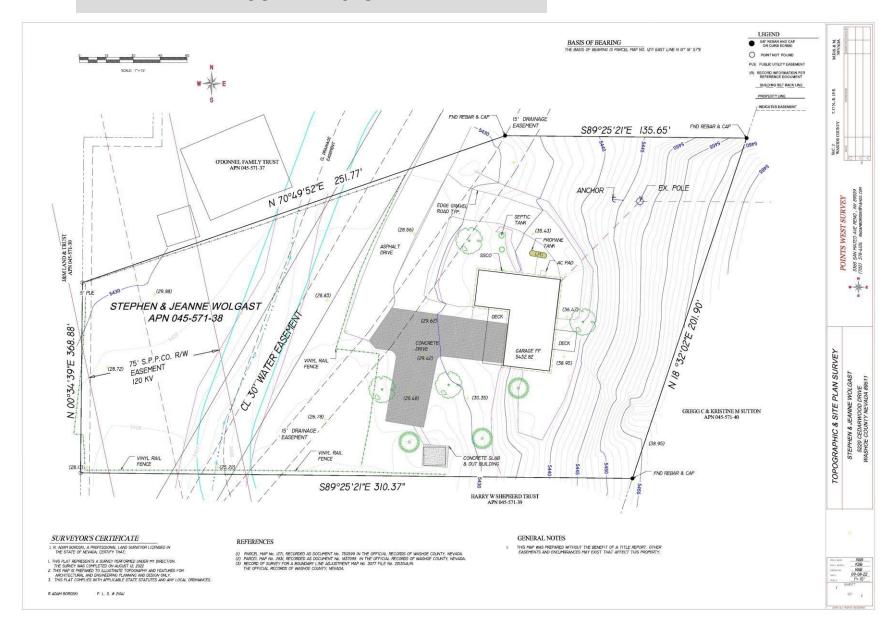
EASEMENT MAP

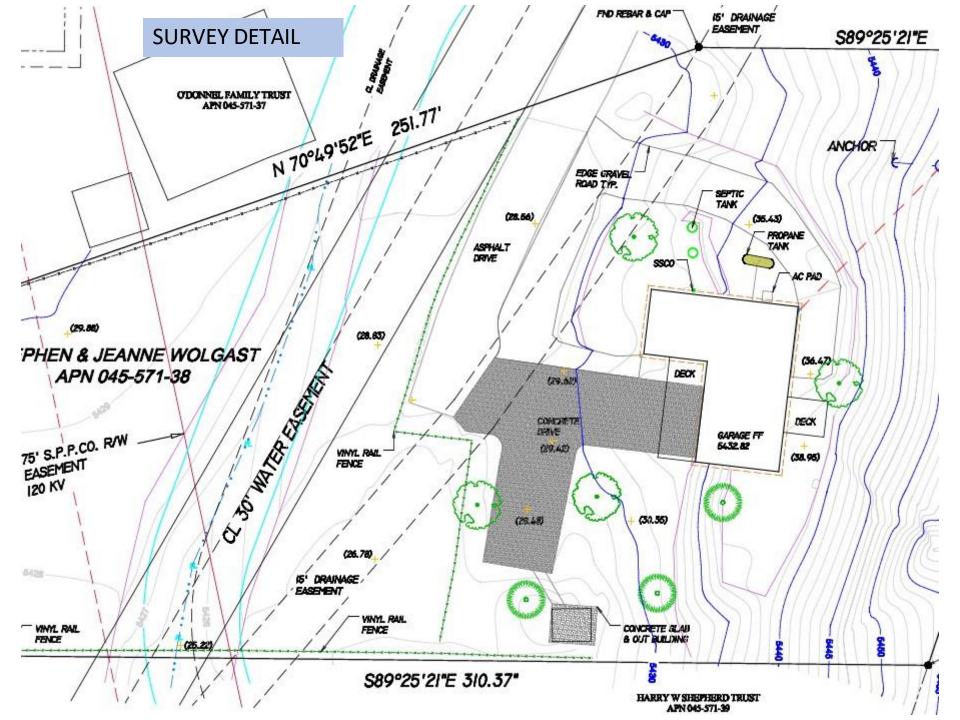






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Closing

The drainage easement recorded in 1981 across the three properties is defunct and serves no purpose.

- The defunct easement is problematic because it makes both the Wolgast and O'Donnell septic fields non-compliant. These septic fields were properly permitted when the homes were built.
- The defunct easement is problematic in that it inhibits the ability of Wolgast to build a free-standing garage on his property.

It is an outdated vestige and should be abandoned by the County.

Thank you for considering my application. I am available to answer questions.