



## COLORADO

Division of Water Resources

Department of Natural Resources

### Response to Reclamation Permit Revision Consideration

DATE: April 30, 2025

TO: Lucas J. West, Environmental Protection Specialist

CC: Division 3 Office; District 24 Lead Water Commissioner

FROM: Katharine Anderson, E.I.T.

RE: West Pit, San Luis Project, File No. M-1988-112  
Operator: Battle Mountain Resources, Inc.  
Contact: Phil Dorenkamp, (719) 846-2931  
Portions of Sec. 16, 17, 20, 21, Twp. 32S, Rng. 71W, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Costilla County

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#### CONDITIONS FOR APPROVAL

- ☒ Other: The applicant obtained either a gravel pit or other type of well permits, as well as a decreed plan for augmentation for this site. The conditions of the active permits and decrees apply before, during, and after the installation of the slurry wall, including providing accounting of water use and augmentation. Discharge of groundwater occurs with pumping wells, evapotranspiration, holding pond evaporation, seeps and springs, lateral flow, and water treatment facilities. Treated water is discharged from the water treatment plant into the Rito Seco, pursuant to CDPS permit no. CO-0045675.

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**COMMENTS:** Monitoring wells and/or dewatering wells that are no longer used or need to be re-drilled after the installation of the slurry wall will need to be properly sealed and abandoned. Any new wells will need to go through the proper well permitting and evaluation process.

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