



May 22, 2025

Kent Ricken
Colorado Water Protective and Development Association
205 South Main Street
Fowler, CO 81039

RE: Pueblo West Pit, Permit No. M-1977-573; Technical Revision (TR-7), Adequacy Review

Dear Mr. Ricken,

On May 12, 2025, the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division/DRMS) received the Technical Revision (TR-7) application to address imported fills and emergency bank repairs along the Arkansas River for the Pueblo West Pit, Permit No. M-1977-573, in Pueblo County. A review of the TR-7 application was completed by the Division and there are some items that require additional information/clarification. Please provide a response to the following items in a cover letter along with any supplemental items that may be required.

1. In accordance with Rule 3.1.5(9)(c), provide a signed affidavit certifying that the imported material is clean and inert.
2. The shape file showing the location of the imported material shown in Figure 1 of the TR07 Request Letter does not match the corresponding area of imported fills on the Exhibit Updated Reclamation Map. Make the appropriate revision to the shape file for the imported fill area on Figure 1 so that it correlates with the Exhibit F Update Reclamation Map.
3. The submitted Exhibit F Updated Reclamation Map does not meet the general requirements outlined in Rule 6.2.1(2). Revise the map to include the following items:
 - a. The name of applicant, per Rule 6.2.1(2)(a).
 - b. The name and signature of the preparer of the map, per Rule 6.2.1(2)(b).
 - c. The date the map was prepared, per Rule 6.2.1(2)(c).
 - d. It is unclear if the scale is within the appropriate range prescribed by Rule 6.2.1(2)(e). Clarify the 1-inch ratio of the map; be sure the scale of the map is no smaller than 1 inch = 50 feet and no larger than 1 inch = 660 feet.

This concludes the Division's adequacy review of the TR-7 application for the Pueblo West Pit. The decision date for the TR-7 application is **June 11, 2025**. Please provide a response



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to the Division 5 days prior to the decision date, June 6, 2025, to allow time for a review of the response. If more time is needed to address the items above, a written request to extend the decision date should be submitted to the Division before the decision date.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by email at Jocelyn.carter@state.co.us or by phone at (720) 666-1065.

Sincerely,



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