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When replying, please refer to:
WDID: 0803914 / DAM ID: 080491
Non-Jurisdictional
Water Division 1, Water District 8

Subject: Notice of Intent to Construct Non-Jurisdictional Water Impoundment Structure (NOI)

Dear Mr. Cannella,

Our office received a Notice of Intent (NOI) regarding a proposed storm drainage pond, "Beacon Lite Road Stockpile South" near Monument, Colorado. This structure is located immediately west of the I-25 onramp for southbound traffic from the County Line Road overpass. Thank you for contacting our office for a determination on the regulatory status of the storm drainage detention pond pursuant to the State Engineer's regulation of water impoundment structures under CRS 37-87-125. We understand this proposed pond will be utilized as a normally dry stormwater detention structure to attenuate rainfall runoff and accomplish on-site water quality requirements (not under the jurisdiction of DWR).

According to the Notice of Intent To Construct a Non-Jurisdictional Water Impoundment Structure (NOI) submitted to our office by email on August 21, 2026, the impoundment structure is proposed to be located in Section 2, Township 11 South, Range 67 West of the 6th P.M. and will drain by stormwater infrastructure to Greenland Ranch Creek, tributary to Carpenter Creek, tributary to East Plum Creek, tributary to Plum Creek, and tributary to the South Platte River. This normally dry flood control pond will have an 18-inch RCP outlet for complete drainage of the pond. Our Dam Safety review determined that the hazard posed by the impoundment is Low Hazard, in accordance with 2-CCR 402-1 Rule 4.15. Additionally, our Dam Safety review determined that the impoundment pond is a Non-Jurisdictional Impoundment Structure (NJIS).

We would like to draw your attention to state statute CRS 37-92-602(8) which specifies conditions that must be met in order to assure that proposed stormwater detention structures do not injure downstream water rights. Please review this memo for additional information and to ensure that this structure complies with this statute:

https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/dwr/0/edoc/3576581/DWR_3576581.pdf?searchid=978a5a31-ddf9-4e09-b58c-a96f372c943d

In the event groundwater is encountered during construction of the pond, the pond must be backfilled so as not to expose groundwater until such time as: 1) a well permit has been obtained for the groundwater pond pursuant to CRS §37-90-137, or 2) the pond is lined in accordance with the document, "State Engineer Guidelines for Lining Criteria for Gravel Pits," dated August 1999.

Please be aware of any other permitting or regulatory requirements associated with the construction of a water impoundment structure, including but not limited to county and/or municipal regulations, and wetland permitting through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (see www.usace.army.mil for regional contact information).



The plans reviewed in this determination are submitted as part of the Developmental Approval process. Prior to the operation of this structure, please provide notice of completion of construction and as-constructed plans in PDF form including as constructed Stormwater Detention and Infiltration Data Sheets. Additionally, prior to the operation of this structure, notice must be provided pursuant to 37-92-602(8)(d) to the substitute water supply plan notification list maintained by the state engineer pursuant to section 37-92-308(6) for the water division in which the facility is located.

Finally, the requirements and recommendations provided herein are based on our review of the safety and water administration aspects of the proposed dam and the information provided in the submitted NOI. These requirements and recommendations create no liability for the State of Colorado should either of the dams fail for any reason. Please be aware that it is in the owner's best interest to construct, operate, and maintain the structure in a safe manner, as he or she may be held liable in civil court for any downstream damages resulting from failure of the dam. A copy of the [Specifications for Construction of Non-Jurisdictional Dams](#) can be found on our website to assist you in the construction of a sound structure.

We sincerely appreciate that you contacted this office for a ruling on the status of this project. Please keep this office up-to-date if the proposed pond configuration changes substantially as you proceed to final design. Feel free to contact our office at (970) 352-8712 if you have any questions or comments regarding the information presented herein or any dam safety related topics. Please contact the water commissioner prior to any water being impounded in these structures.

Sincerely,



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Encl: Signed Notice of Intent to Construct a Non-Jurisdictional Water Impoundment Structure