

Colorado Springs East Airport
Fire Suppression Pond Compliance

June 23, 2026

ATTN:

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Site Information

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Zoning: PUD

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Roland,

Thank you for meeting with Debbie, Cory, Norma, and I at the Colorado Springs East Airport on June 5, 2026 to review the existing fire suppression pond. As discussed, the existing fire pond was installed under the direction of the previous fire marshal, and the airport leadership was unaware of any issues prior to your comments on the Minor PUD submittal.

We understand that the following items are to be addressed:

- The existing PVC fittings are insufficient to withstand approximately 175 psi pressure from the fire department's hoses and are to be redesigned.
- Documentation of fire hydrant testing per IFC 507.5.2 is to be provided. We understand that the fire department can perform this test if the issue with fittings is addressed.
- Documentation of water rights for the pond is to be provided.
- Calculations per NFPA 1142 to verify adequate water volume based on the largest building at the airport is to be provided.

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Addressing these issues will require significant cost and time investment by the airport leadership. They propose to research all feasible options and develop a reasonable solution in coordination with the fire department within 4 months. This solution may involve a phased approach with the initial step being to replace fittings and make the existing pond usable within the next year. The next step may be a more permanent solution for a fire pond that would benefit the surrounding community as well as the airport.

Since addressing each of these items will require time, and in consideration of the schedule for current hangar project, we request that the submitted Minor PUD Amendment be approved with the understanding that these items must be addressed.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Austin', written in a cursive style.

Robby Austin, AIA
President of R. Austin Architect, LLC