EPC STORMWATER REVIEW COMMENTS
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EL PASO COUNTY
PCM APPLICABILITY FORM

EPC Project Number: ~~CON2554~~ CDR2614

This form is to be used by the Engineer of Record to determine if the proposed construction activities are eligible for an exclusion to stormwater quality permanent control measure (PCM) requirements. All "applicable construction activity" within El Paso County (EPC) must comply with the post-construction stormwater management criteria. Reference ECM Appendix I for information about PCMs.

Note that this form only addresses stormwater quality for the site. Even if the site is fully excluded from needing a stormwater quality PCM, the site may still need to address stormwater detention (per DCMv1 Chap 1.5 and ECM Chap 3.2.8.B). However, if the site requires stormwater detention, then it must also address stormwater quality (per DCMv2 Chap 4.1 and ECM Appendix I.7.3). Refer to the Reference Information pages below for more guidance.

Part I. Project Summary			
Project Name:	CSU Southern Transmission Line Replacement (Nixon to Fountain Subs)		
Is Stormwater Detention Required?	☐ Yes ☒ No	**Is Water Quality Treatment Required? (i.e.: non-excluded disturbance >1ac)**	☐ Yes ☒ No
Is an ESQCP Required? If "No," Check Applicable Reason	☒ Yes ☐ No	☐ Not an Applicable Construction Activity ☐ Oil & Gas ☐ R-Factor	
Engineer of Record Email Address:	MarshallTyler@stanleygroup.com		

Part II. PCM Exclusions

Note: Questions A through K directly correlate to Part I.E.4.a.i (A) to (K) on page 27 of the 2016 CDPS Statewide Standard MS4 General Permit COR090000 (i.e.: the MS4 Permit), as amended. Document exclusions that apply to the whole project or parts of it.

Questions	Excluded Acreage	Yes	No	Notes
A. Is this project a "Pavement Management Site?"			X	This exclusion applies to the maintenance, rehabilitation, and reconstruction of pavement on existing roads, bridges, bike lanes, and parking along roads. Areas used primarily for parking (i.e.: separate lots not along roadway) or access to parking are not included. No increase in impervious area is allowable.
B. Review two options below to see if project is an "Excluded Roadway Development."				Does not include sidewalks. Does include curb & gutter.
• Does the project include improvements to an existing roadway that adds < 1 acre of paved or gravel area per mile of roadway?			X	If selected, list the proposed additional acreage per mile in Part IV Notes below.
• Does the project include improvements to an existing roadway that adds ≤ 8.25 ft of paved width at any location?			X	If selected, list the proposed additional width in Part IV Notes below.

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This covers the entire project area - only the disturbance area needs to be accounted for. Also only one exclusion needs to be used for the disturbance area.

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Part II. PCM Exclusions (continued)				
Questions	**Excluded Acreage**	**Yes**	**No**	**Notes**
C. Does the project include "Excluded Existing Roadway Areas?"			X	For redevelopment of existing roadways. This exclusion only excludes the original roadway area, it does NOT apply to the entire project. This exclusion applies only when the proposed project will expand the existing roadway width by <2x on average. If selected, list the proposed expanded width in Part IV Notes below.
D. Is the project considered an Aboveground or Underground Utilities activity?	63.84	X		Activity can not permanently alter the terrain, ground cover, or drainage patterns from existing conditions.
E. Is the project considered a "Large Lot Single-Family Site"? *This exclusion only pertains to the lots and does not include roadways.*			X	Must be a single-family residential lot or agricultural zoned land with ≥ 2.5 acres per dwelling and total lot impervious area < 10%. If "Yes," notate the percent impervious below in Part IV: Notes.
F. Do Non-Residential or Non-Commercial Infiltration Conditions exist? *Post-development surface conditions do not result in concentrated stormwater flow or surface water discharge during an 80th percentile stormwater runoff event, and the 80th percentile event must be infiltrated.*			X	Exclusion does not apply to residential or commercial sites for buildings. A site-specific study is required and must show rainfall and soil conditions, allowable slopes, surface conditions, and ratios of imperviousness area to pervious area.
G. Is the project land disturbance to Undeveloped Land where undeveloped land remains undeveloped following the activity?	33.76	X		Project must be on land with no human made structures such as buildings or pavement. The proposed development must return the disturbed area to its historical condition. See CDPHE's "Standard MS4 Permit FAQ" for more detail on how this exclusion applies.
H. Is the project a Stream Stabilization Site?			X	
I. Is the project a Bike or Pedestrian Trail?			X	Bike lanes for roadways are not included in this exclusion but may qualify if attached to a larger roadway activity that is excluded in A, B or C above. Pedestrian trails (e.g. sidewalks) that are attached to a roadway do not apply.
J. Is the project Oil and Gas Exploration?			X	Activities and facilities associated with oil and gas exploration are excluded.
K. Is the project in a County Growth Area?				El Paso County does not apply this exclusion.

If any exclusions above apply (via a "Yes" for any row), runoff from those areas is excluded from stormwater quality treatment requirements. All runoff from remaining non-excluded disturbed areas will need to be treated by a stormwater quality PCM, unless remaining area is <1ac. If remaining area is >1ac, select at least one Design Standard on the next page.

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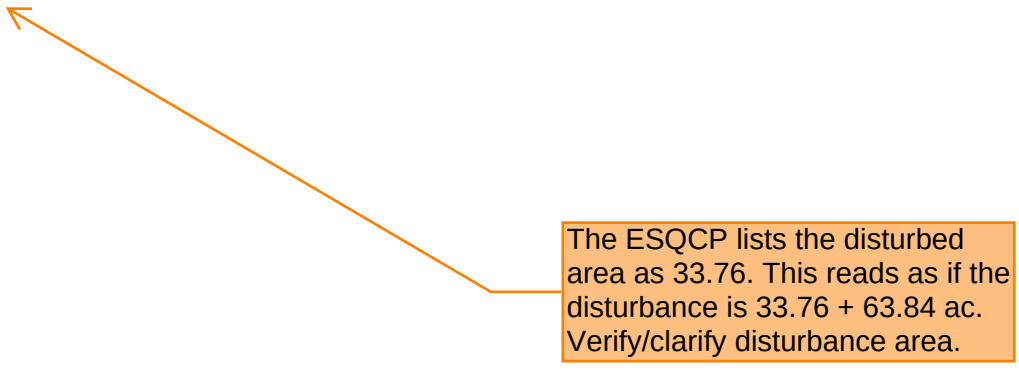
Part III: PCM Information		
Questions	**Yes**	**No**
1. Which of the following Design Standard(s) will the project utilize? *(If a PCM is required, you must select at least one. See Control Measure Requirements identified in MS4 Permit Part I.E.4.a.iv on page 29.)*		
A. Water Quality Capture Volume (WQCV) Standard		X
B. Pollutant Removal Standard - 80% Total Suspended Solids Removal (TSS) *(must treat runoff to <30mg/L of TSS)*		X
C. Runoff Reduction Standard		X
D. Applicable Development Site Draining to a Regional WQCV Control Measure *(no conveyance via "Waters of the State")*		X
E. Applicable Development Site Draining to a Regional WQCV Facility *(conveyance allowable via "Waters of the State," if the 8 conditions in the MS4 permit are met and documented in the drainage report)*		X
F. Constrained Redevelopment Sites Standard *(must be pre-approved by ECM Administrator)*		X
G. Previous Permit Term Standard		X
2. Will any of the PCMs be located within any other jurisdiction besides EPC?		X

Part IV: Notes

Provide info regarding all applicable PCM(s) and PCM Exclusion(s) including location, PCM name(s)/number(s), and additional relevant filings or reports or maintenance agreements, etc. Attach an additional sheet if you need more space. Attaching a detailed summary table would replace the need for any notes here.

The stabilized staging area (SSA) is excluded under item G and accounts for 33.76 acres of disturbance because the land disturbance to undeveloped land will remain undeveloped after the project is complete. The remaining disturbance area of 63.84 acres is excluded under item D because aboveground utility.



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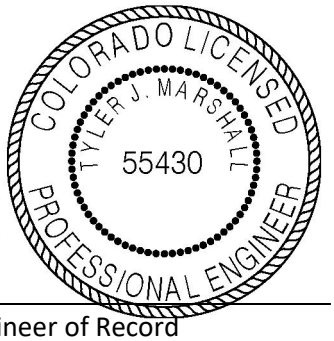
Part V: Signatures

Applicant: This PCM Applicability Form was prepared under my direction and supervision and is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. It was prepared along with the project design, construction plans, drainage report, specifications, and maintenance and access agreements as required. And it has been reviewed for compliance with the Post Construction Stormwater Management criteria and MS4 Permit requirements.



Signature and Stamp of Engineer of Record

Sept. 24, 2026
Date

(If the project is not an Applicable Construction Activity, this line can be signed by the Applicant or their rep, they do not have to be an engineer)

El Paso County: This PCM Applicability Form has been reviewed and the project design, construction plans, drainage report, specifications, and maintenance and access agreements as required, have been reviewed for compliance with the Post Construction Stormwater Management process and MS4 Permit requirements.

Signature of El Paso County Project Engineer

Date

Reference Information:

If a PCM is required, then these additional documents will also need to be submitted:

- PCM Maintenance Agreement
- PCM O&M Manual
- MHFD Detention Basin Design Workbook*
- Proof of Submittal of: Notice of Intent to Construct a Non-Jurisdictional Water Impoundment Structure*

*Not required for all PCMs, check ECM Appendix I for requirements

The following are screenshots of example Water Quality Treatment Summary Tables. The Excel versions can be found at the EPC DPW Stormwater website linked below. These are optional tables that can be used to summarize water quality treatment and applicable exclusions. Select the table that best suits the project based on the number of basins, PCMs, and/or exclusions. A PDF of the selected table(s) can be attached to this form and/or to the Drainage Report. It is helpful to also include a basic overview map with color shading or hatch patterns that shows areas tributary to each type of PCM (pond, runoff reduction, etc.) and those areas that are not captured by a PCM, with the applicable exclusion(s) labeled.

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Water Quality Treatment Summary Table		
Basin ID(s)	**PCM Tributary Area (ac)**	**PCM ID**
A1 - A5	4	Pond 1
B1 - B3	3.25	Pond 2
C, D	5.5	Runoff Reduction
E	10	Excluded*
* Excluded based on ECM App I.7.1.B.5		

Water Quality Treatment Summary Table							
Basin ID	**Total Area (ac)**	**Total Proposed Disturbed Area (ac)**	**Area Trib to Pond A (ac)**	**Disturbed Area Treated via Runoff Reduction (ac)**	**Disturbed Area Excluded from WQ per ECM App I.7.1.C.1 (ac)**	**Disturbed Area Excluded from WQ per ECM App I.7.1.B.# (ac)**	**Applicable WQ Exclusions (App I.7.1.B.#)**
A	4.50	4.50	4.50				
B	1.25	1.25		1.25			
C	6.00	4.00				4.00	ECM App I.7.1.B.5
D	2.50	2.50	1.00		0.50	1.00	ECM App I.7.1.B.7
E	3.00		3.00				
F	8.25						
Total	25.50	12.25	8.50	1.25	0.50	5.00	

Min Required Area to Receive WQ Treatment	**Total Proposed Disturbed Area (ac)**	**Total Proposed Treated Area (ac)**	**Total Proposed Disturbed Area Excluded from WQ (ac)**	**Net Treatment (ac)**
6.75	12.25	9.75	5.50	3.00

Design Standard D, definition of "Waters of the State of Colorado" per MS4 Permit:

> *"Any and all surface waters and subsurface waters which are contained in or flow in or through this state, but does not include waters in sewage systems, waters in treatment works of disposal systems, waters in potable water distribution systems, and all water withdrawn for use until use and treatment have been completed. This definition can include water courses that are usually dry."*
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> The following website shows Waters of the State of Colorado:
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> https://cdphe.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Viewer/index.html?appid=f1541d2f21834642ba1551c674fd4a79

Design Standard E, additional info from the MS4 Permit:

> *Before discharging to a water of the state, at least 20 percent of the upstream imperviousness of the applicable development site must be disconnected from the storm drainage system and drain through a receiving pervious area control measure comprising a footprint of at least 10 percent of the upstream disconnected impervious area of the applicable development site. The control measure must be designed in accordance with a design manual identified by the permittee. In addition, the stream channel between the discharge point of the applicable development site and the regional WQCV facility must be stabilized.*
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> Below are the 8 conditions that must be met:
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> *1) The regional WQCV facility must be implemented, functional, and maintained following good engineering, hydrologic and pollution control practices.*
>
> *2) The regional WQCV facility must be designed and maintained for 100% WQCV for its entire drainage area.*
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> *3) The regional WQCV facility must have capacity to accommodate the drainage from the applicable development site.*
>
> *4) The regional WQCV facility be designed and built to comply with all assumptions for the development activities planned by the permittee within its drainage area, including the imperviousness of its drainage area and the applicable development site.*
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> *5) Evaluation of the minimum drain time shall be based on the pollutant removal mechanism and functionality of the facility. Consideration of drain time shall include maintaining vegetation necessary for operation of the facility (e.g., wetland vegetation).*
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> *6) The permittee shall meet the requirements in Parts I.E.4.a.v. and vii. and Part I.E.4.b. for the regional WQCV facility consistent with requirements and actions for control measures.*
>
> *7) The regional WQCV facility must be subject to the permittee's authority consistent with requirements and actions for a Control Measure in accordance with Part I.E.4.a.iv.*
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> *8) Regional Facilities must be designed and implemented with flood control or water quality as the primary use. Recreational ponds and reservoirs may not be considered Regional Facilities. Water bodies listed by name in surface water quality classifications and standards regulations (5 CCR 1002-32 through 5 CCR 1002-38) may not be considered regional facilities.*