

What does the Authority look for in a Land Use Application?

1 Who is the Authority?

The Cherry Creek Basin Water Quality Authority (Authority) is the planning agency for water quality requirements in the Cherry Creek Reservoir Basin. One of the Authority's tasks is to serve as a referral agency that reviews land development applications within the Cherry Creek Reservoir Basin. This referral is to assist local land use agencies in implementing their stormwater requirements and those of the Authority.

The Authority is a quasi-municipal organization and political subdivision of the State that has primary responsibility for water quality in the Cherry Creek Reservoir Basin. The Authority is specifically empowered to develop and implement plans for water quality controls for the Reservoir and watershed.

2 How does the Authority review applications?

Screening criteria

Land use applications that will receive a substantive water quality review from the Authority meet the following criteria:

- The land disturbance is in the Cherry Creek Reservoir Basin.
- The land disturbance area is greater than 1 acre.
- The land disturbance area is less than 1 acre, and:
 - ◆ Land use is industrial, OR
 - ◆ Land disturbance area is located within a stream preservation area (defined on FS4 and FS5, refer to map on CD for approximate coverage).

best management
B practice = things
M we can do or build
P to maintain or
improve water quality

Review

The Authority evaluates the following in its review:

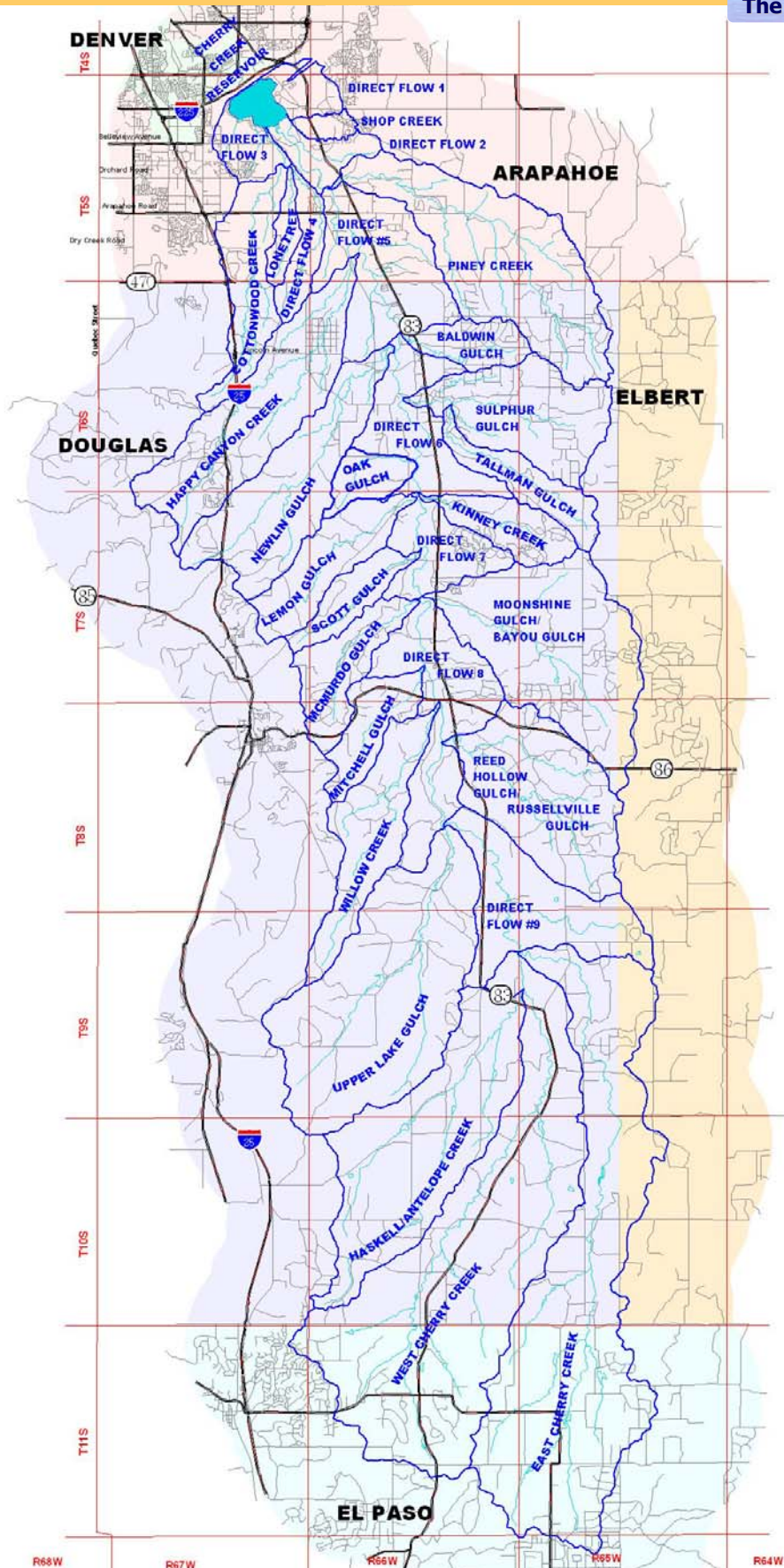
- Does the development comply with the Authority's *Requirements** for temporary and permanent BMPs?
- Is stormwater quality addressed through regional or on-site facilities?
- Are the required additional BMPs provided when development includes land disturbance to stream preservation areas?
- Does the proposed development comply with the water quality components in an Urban Drainage and Flood Control District approved Outfall System Planning Study or Major Drainage Planning Study, or a land use agency sponsored Master Plan?
Note that master plan water quality components are considered in the review but are not automatically approved by the Authority.



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