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Site Location: 1450 Garden of the Gods Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80907
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Standard: AWS International Water Stewardship Standard - Version 2.0, March 22, 2019

Audit Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Gap Analysis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial Certification	<input type="checkbox"/> Surveillance
	<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-assessment		<input type="checkbox"/> Recertification

Level of Certification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core	<input type="checkbox"/> Gold	<input type="checkbox"/> Platinum
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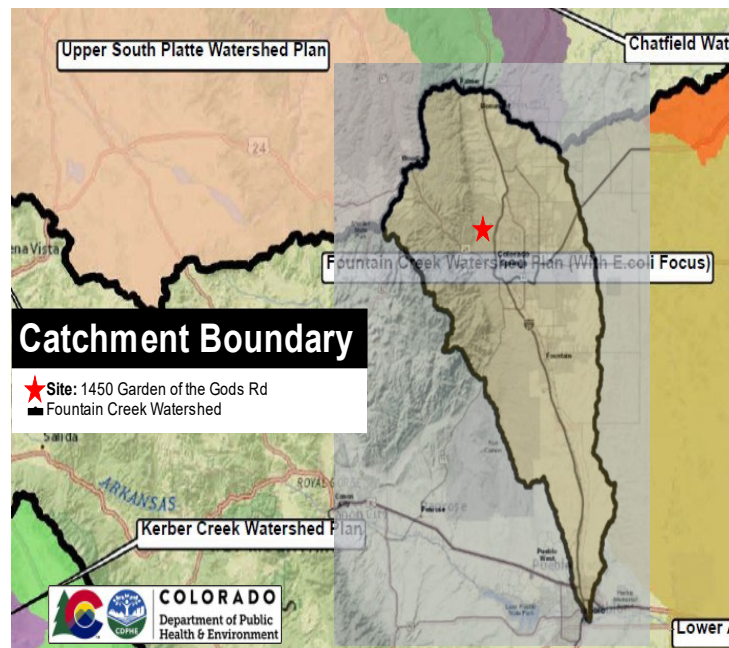
Site Information

Site Description

The Kum & Go Store #690 is located in northwest Colorado Springs, CO at the physical address 1450 Garden of the Gods Rd. The Kum & Go Store is a retail convenience store that provides packaged consumer goods, prepared foods, made-to-order foods, vehicle fuel, and propane. Kum & Go Store #690 receives water primarily from the Colorado Springs Utilities from two (2) water treatment plants. Municipal water supply enters the site from the north at a 2-inch main and meter near the northeast corner of the store.

Catchment Description

The Kum & Go Store #690 is located in the Fountain Creek catchment. Some special consideration is given outside the catchment boundary to redundancies in source water piped across watersheds from the Upper South Platte Watershed. Fountain Creek Watershed is 930 square miles of area, composed of two (2) major creeks (Monument and Fountain), over 50 contributing intermittent and ephemeral waterways, and Pikes Peak with 9,400 feet of elevation change in 50 miles from the crest to Arkansas River. Average annual precipitation in Fountain Creek Watershed is 15 inches, and 13% of the total population of Colorado lives within its boundaries.



Shared Water Challenges

Shared water challenges are catchment water-related issues shared by the site and stakeholders. Stakeholder engagement was documented, and auditor interviews confirmed the topics of engagement. Primary water-related risks to the site include water quantity (availability to meet current demand during drought and future demand for population growth; storage capacity concerns) and quality (point and non-point source bacteria loading, pollutants from forest fires, stormwater maintenance and new design requirements). A prioritized list of shared water challenges addressing the outcomes was provided. Shared water challenges were addressed through stakeholder engagement, including meetings with: Colorado Springs Utilities, Fountain Creek Watershed District, Coalition for the Upper South Platte, Arkansas River Watershed Collaboration, The Nature Conservancy – Colorado, members of the Brewshed Alliance, and City Stormwater Enterprise to understand issues and opportunities for improvement.

Audit Attendees

Participant/Title	Opening Meeting	Document Review	Site Inspection	Closing Meeting
Manager of Social Responsibility	X	X	X	X
District Supervisor	X	X	X	
External Stakeholders –Colorado Springs Utilities, Fountain Creek Watershed District, Stormwater Enterprise Internal Stakeholders - Site Manager, Site Development Manager, District Supervisor				
Supporting Documentation: The Kum & Go Store #690 provided documentation using Google Drive file share to support conformity with the AWS Standard v2.0 including: Stakeholder Outreach Log, Watershed Plans, Site Water System Mapping, Catchment Water Balance, Site Water Balance and Water Stewardship Plan. The Water Stewardship Plan is a working document which is continually updated with information regarding how shared water challenges are being addressed including progress, performance evaluation and stakeholder feedback. Other supporting documentation were also provided as evidence.				

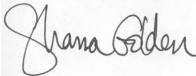
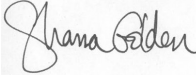
Summary of Findings

Step	Major	Minor	Observations	Advanced Criteria Total Points
1. Gather & Understand	0	1	0	
2. Commit & Plan	0	0	0	
3. Implement	0	0	0	
4. Evaluate	0	0	0	
5. Communicate & Disclose	0	0	0	
TOTAL	0	1	0	NA

Audit Non-conformities and Observations

Non-Conformity (Major or Minor) or Observation	Citation	Criteria/ Indicator	Due Date	Detail and Corrective Action
Minor	MN 2021.01	1.5.3	45 days	<p>Minor 2021.01 was issued. Partial information to prepare the water balance was provided (inflows and storage), although outflows were not available. T Kum & Go Store #690 did not complete the catchment water balance (Water Outflow) = (Water Inflow) + (Change in Storage Volume).</p> <p>Root Cause Analysis and Action Plan Catchment outflow data was not readily available to complete the water balance. Kum & Go will be completing a new water balance with a trusted 3rd party tool, like <u>Model My Watershed®</u> - <u>WikiWatershed</u> or similar.</p>

Certification Decision

<i>Auditor's recommendation for initial, continued or re-certification based on compliance with requirements:</i>	X	Recommended
		Not Recommended
<i>Level of Certification recommended</i>	X	AWS Core
		AWS Gold
		AWS Platinum
<i>SCS Certification Decision:</i>	X	Approved
		Denied
<i>Certification Decision by:</i>		 Shana Golden
<i>Technical Review by:</i>		 Shana Golden
<i>Decision Date:</i>		February 8, 2022
<i>Surveillance Schedule:</i>		Next audit is scheduled for: December 2022 12 Month Surveillance

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Surveillance audits shall cover at a minimum those requirements highlighted in light green.

STEP 1: Gather and Understand

Criteria	Indicator	Yes	No	NA	Objective Evidence/Finding	Points
1.1 Gather information to define the site's physical scope for water stewardship purposes, including: its operational boundaries; the water sources from which the site draws; the locations to which the site returns its discharges; and the catchment(s) that the site affect(s) and upon which it is reliant.	1.1.1 The physical scope of the site shall be mapped , considering the regulatory landscape and zone of stakeholder interests, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Site boundaries; - Water-related infrastructure, including piping network, owned or managed by the site or its parent organization; - Any water sources providing water to the site that are owned or managed by the site or its parent organization; - Water service provider (if applicable) and its ultimate water source; - Discharge points and waste water service provider (if applicable) and ultimate receiving water body or bodies; - Catchment(s) that the site affect(s) and is reliant upon for water. 	Yes			<p>The Kum & Go Store #690 is located in northwest Colorado Springs, CO at the physical address 1450 Garden of the Gods Rd. The Kum & Go Store is a retail convenience store that provides packaged consumer goods, prepared foods, made-to-order foods, vehicle fuel, and propane. Kum & Go Store #690 receives water primarily from the Colorado Springs Utilities from two (2) water treatment plants. Municipal water supply enters the site from the north at a 2-inch main and meter near the northeast corner of the store.</p> <p>The identified water treatment plants are Pine Valley and McCullough that draw terminal supply from nearby Rampart Reservoir. Rampart Reservoir draws water from two (2) reservoirs (Twin Lakes and Turquoise) in the Upper South Platte Watershed using the Otero Pump Station and Homestake Pipeline. In the rare event of a water system outage, Kum & Go Store #690 would receive water from the Phillip H. Tollefson Water Treatment Plant whose source water comes from Montgomery Reservoir near Hoosier, Colorado piped via the Blue River Pipeline through the Pikes Peak collection system. Each of the aforementioned water systems is a surface water system. Kum & Go Store #690 has no reliance on source groundwater.</p> <p>The water-related infrastructure at the factory was mapped to include: the incoming municipal water supply line, sanitary sewer discharge, and stormwater detention pond and discharge.</p> <p>The Kum & Go Store #690 sanitary wastewater is discharged directly to the Colorado Springs Utilities J.D. Phillips Water Reclamation Plant. Treated effluent is discharged into Monument Creek. Stormwater from the site travels via the City stormwater system, discharging into North Douglas</p>	

				<p>Creek, which flows into Monument Creek, Fountain Creek, and eventually the Arkansas River near Pueblo, Colorado.</p> <p>The Kum & Go Store #690 is located in the Fountain Creek catchment. Some special consideration is given outside the catchment boundary to redundancies in source water piped across watersheds from the Upper South Platte Watershed.</p> <p>Fountain Creek Watershed is 930 square miles of area, composed of two (2) major creeks (Monument and Fountain), over 50 contributing intermittent and ephemeral waterways, and Pikes Peak with 9,400 feet of elevation change in 50 miles from the crest to Arkansas River. Average annual precipitation in Fountain Creek Watershed is 15 inches, and 13% of the total population of Colorado lives within its boundaries.</p> <p>Northwest of Fountain Creek Watershed, Upper South Platte Watershed contains 4 major collection systems (Twin Lakes, Fry-Ark, Homestake, and Blue River) which gather water from the Upper Arkansas River and headwaters of the Colorado River. Those systems collect water in five (5) reservoirs (Grizzly, Twin Lakes, Homestake, Turquoise, and Montgomery) then transport it trans-basin via two (2) major pipelines (Homestake and Blue River) to the adjacent Fountain Creek Watershed. Colorado Springs is served by the five (5) collection systems mentioned above, as well as the Fountain Valley Authority Pipeline that pumps water out of Pueblo Reservoir from the south. Discharge from Fountain Creek Watershed ultimately discharges into the Arkansas River near Pueblo, Colorado. The catchment area is defined and mapped.</p>	
<p>1.2 Understand relevant stakeholders, their water related challenges, and the site’s ability to influence beyond its boundaries.</p>	<p>1.2.1 Stakeholders and their water-related challenges shall be identified. The process used for stakeholder identification shall be identified. This process shall: - Inclusively cover all relevant stakeholder groups including vulnerable, women, minority, and Indigenous people;</p>	<p>Yes</p>		<p>The stakeholder log provided by Tyson North Richland Hills Plant was reviewed. The stakeholder log includes identification of authorities (municipalities), businesses (economic neighbors), and NGOs. Stakeholders identified include Colorado Springs Utilities, Fountain Creek Watershed District, Coalition for the Upper South Platte, Arkansas River Watershed Collaboration, The Nature Conservancy – Colorado, members of the Brewshed Alliance, and City Stormwater Enterprise. The Outreach log included individuals and organizations consulted with since February 2021, including notes on conversations which provided</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider the physical scope identified, including stakeholders, representative of the site's ultimate water source and ultimate receiving water body or bodies; - Provide evidence of stakeholder consultation on water-related interests and challenges; - Note that the ability and/or willingness of stakeholders to participate may vary across the relevant stakeholder groups; - Identify the degree of stakeholder engagement based on their level of interest and influence. 				<p>information on water-related interests/challenges. The summary includes actions, follow-up and feedback.</p> <p>The Outreach log also includes ranking of stakeholder influence and interest with targeted levels of engagement defined.</p>	
	<p>1.2.2 Current and potential degree of influence between site and stakeholder shall be identified, within the catchment and considering the site's ultimate water source and ultimate receiving water body for wastewater.</p>	Yes			<p>Stakeholders are related to the site's catchment and process identifies the stakeholders' ability to influence or be influenced. Influence/Interest is characterized and further describes opinions towards Kum & Go Store #690's operations.</p>	
<p>1.3 Gather water-related data for the site, including: water balance; water quality, Important Water-Related Areas, water governance, WASH; water-related costs, revenues, and shared value creation.</p>	<p>1.3.1 Existing water-related incident response plans shall be identified.</p>	Yes			<p>The Water Stewardship Plan and Spill Response Form were reviewed. Additional emergency response written procedures for natural disasters, power outage, tornado, earthquake and fire were also provided for review. Incident response was addressed in the plans.</p>	
	<p>1.3.2 Site water balance, including inflows, losses, storage, and outflows shall be identified and mapped.</p>	Yes			<p>Kum & Go Store #690 provided water maps and data containing inputs and outputs of water at this facility. Data showing water inflows, outflows, and losses at the facility were reviewed. The provided map and data indicate water sources, water losses, and water effluents.</p>	
	<p>1.3.3 Site water balance, inflows, losses, storage, and outflows, including indication of annual variance in water usage rates, shall be quantified. Where there is a water-related challenge that would be a threat to good water balance for people or environment, an indication of annual high and low variances shall be quantified.</p>	Yes			<p>Kum & Go Store #690 provided water usage data containing inputs and outputs of water at this facility. The site water balance was presented using the Site Water Balance Calculator. The balance is measured over a year includes inputs, losses, discharge and stormwater collection. Annual variation is considered.</p>	

	1.3.4 Water quality of the site’s water source(s), provided waters, effluent and receiving water bodies shall be quantified . Where there is a water-related challenge that would be a threat to good water quality status for people or environment, an indication of annual, and where appropriate, seasonal, high and low variances shall be quantified .	Yes			The 2020 water quality report from the Colorado Springs Utilities was provided with detailed information showing that the water meets state and federal drinking water standards. The 2020 JD Phillips Annual Report which includes the annual effluent discharge water quality results and exceedance reporting was also provided. No onsite water or effluent quality monitoring is required or conducted.	
	1.3.5 Potential sources of pollution shall be identified and if applicable, mapped , including chemicals used or stored on site.	Yes			A list of all chemicals stored at the site, their location (site map), and typical quantities were provided.	
	1.3.6 On-site Important Water-Related Areas shall be identified and mapped , including a description of their status including Indigenous cultural values.	Yes			Kum & Go Store #690 identified the on-site low impact design landscaping and extended detention basin for stormwater as IWRAs. Based on review of the stakeholder engagement and feedback provided, stakeholders are in agreement that these are IWRAs at the site, as related to stormwater quality improvements in the catchment.	
	1.3.7 Annual water-related costs, revenues, and a description or quantification of the social, cultural, environmental, or economic water-related value generated by the site shall be identified and used to inform the evaluation of the plan in 4.1.2.	Yes			Site level costs were presented including costs to implement water stewardship actions and site-related costs were provided and reviewed. The shared value discussed during the audit included for value associated with the use of low-flow fixtures, smart irrigation and water trough shut-off valves.	
	1.3.8 Levels of access and adequacy of WASH at the site shall be identified .	Yes			WASH is available on-site with potable water and toilets for employees and visitors. A WASH Capacity Assessment was completed for the site and WASH was determined to be adequate and accessible.	
1.4 Gather data on the site’s indirect water use, including: its primary inputs; the water use embedded in the production of those primary inputs the status of the waters at the origin of	1.4.1 The embedded water use of primary inputs, including quantity, quality and level of water risk within the site’s catchment, shall be identified .	Yes			There are no primary inputs to the Kum & Go Store #690 located within the site’s catchment.	
	1.4.2 The embedded water use of outsourced services shall be identified , and where those services originate within the site’s catchment, quantified .	Yes			There are no outsourced services identified that use water other than that accounted for already in the site’s water balance (outsourced onsite janitorial services).	

the inputs (where they can be identified); and water used in out-sourced water-related services.						
1.5 Gather water-related data for the catchment, including: water governance, water balance, water quality, Important Water-Related Areas, infrastructure, and WASH	1.5.1 Water governance initiatives shall be identified , including catchment plan(s), water-related public policies, major publicly-led initiatives under way, and relevant goals to help inform site of possible opportunities for water stewardship collective action.	Yes			Information on publicly-led initiatives and water-related public policy goals for the catchment was provided at the state and regional level. Kum & Go Store #690 maintains stakeholder communication with the Colorado Springs Utilities (ultimate source water supplier and wastewater recipient).	
	1.5.2 Applicable water-related legal and regulatory requirements shall be identified , including legally-defined and/or stakeholder-verified customary water rights.	Yes			A list of federal, state, local permits and regulatory requirements was provided, including permits issued by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (General NPDES) and Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (UST Installation Permit). List of relevant and applicable legal and other requirements were also reviewed.	
	1.5.3 The catchment water-balance, and where applicable, scarcity, shall be quantified , including indication of annual, and where appropriate, seasonal, variance.		No		Kum & Go Store #690 provided information to support the catchment water balance including source water (Colorado Springs Utilities) from three reservoirs, precipitation data for the Fountain Creek Watershed, and USGS Streamflow Data Minor 2021.01 was issued. Partial information to prepare the water balance was provided (inflows and storage), although outflows were not available. T Kum & Go Store #690 did not complete the catchment water balance (Water Outflow) = (Water Inflow) + (Change in Storage Volume).	
	1.5.4 Water quality, including physical, chemical, and biological status, of the catchment shall be identified , and where possible, quantified . Where there is a water-related challenge that would be a threat to good water quality status for people or environment, an indication of annual, and where appropriate, seasonal, high and low variances shall be identified .	Yes			A description of the catchment surface water quality status was provided. Information on biological status of the catchment was also provided. The identified water quality challenge of <i>E. coli</i> non-point and point source loading within the catchment was quantified and variation over measured flow regimes in the catchment was provided.	

	<p>1.5.5 Important Water-Related Areas shall be identified, and where appropriate, mapped, and their status assessed including any threats to people or the natural environment, using scientific information and through stakeholder engagement.</p>	Yes			<p>IWRAs have been identified and mapped by Kum & Go Store #690, along with a description of their water-related issues. IWRAs include: Rampart Reservoir, The Upper Monument Creek Landscape Restoration Initiative, Montgomery Reservoir, The Catamount Forest Health and Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project, Monument Creek, and Fountain Creek. Additional IWRAs identified in the adjacent catchments that are an integral part of the site catchment water sources include: Colorado River, Twin Lakes Reservoir, Turquoise Reservoir, and Arkansas River.</p>	
	<p>1.5.6 Existing and planned water-related infrastructure shall be identified, including condition and potential exposure to extreme events.</p>	Yes			<p>Infrastructure includes imported water infrastructure, and existing onsite water and wastewater infrastructure. The condition of identified infrastructure is indicated to be good with no immediate concerns. Planned upgrades to maintain system function are included in the Colorado Springs Utilities capital improvements budget through year 2024.</p>	
	<p>1.5.7 The adequacy of available WASH services within the catchment shall be identified.</p>	Yes			<p>WASH for the catchment is adequate based on compliance and demographic information.</p>	
<p>1.6 Understand current and future shared water challenges in the catchment, by linking the water challenges identified by stakeholders with the site’s water challenges.</p>	<p>1.6.1 Shared water challenges shall be identified and prioritized from the information gathered.</p>	Yes			<p>A prioritized list with rationale of shared water challenges was provided and reviewed. Drivers and public-sector agency efforts are noted as well. Water quantity is prioritized as first. Kum & Go Store #690’s shared water challenges were prioritized based on stakeholder feedback and known challenges within the catchment.</p>	
	<p>1.6.2 Initiatives to address shared water challenges shall be identified.</p>	Yes			<p>A list of initiatives was provided and reviewed. Initiatives are identified in the plans.</p>	
<p>1.7 Understand the site’s water risks and opportunities: Assess and prioritize the water risks and opportunities affecting the site based upon the status of the site, existing risk management plans and/or the issues and future risk trends identified in 1.6.</p>	<p>1.7.1 Water risks faced by the site shall be identified, and prioritized, including likelihood and severity of impact within a given timeframe, potential costs and business impact.</p>	Yes			<p>A prioritized list of water risks was provided and reviewed. Water risks matched shared water challenges. Water quantity (water shortages, restrictions, rationing; increased water costs) and water quality (stormwater runoff; <i>E. coli</i> mitigation efforts in catchment) were prioritized.</p>	
	<p>1.7.2 Water-related opportunities shall be identified, including how the site may participate, assessment and prioritization of potential savings, and business opportunities.</p>	Yes			<p>A prioritized list of water-related opportunities was provided for the site and match the shared water challenges and water risks lists. First priority is based on water quantity and focused on water usage and potential for reducing losses at the facility. A list of projects, savings and value creation was submitted and reviewed. Value creation was quantified, as applicable.</p>	

1.8 Understand best practice towards achieving AWS outcomes: Determining sectoral best practices having a local/catchment, regional, or national relevance.	1.8.1 Relevant catchment best practice for water governance shall be identified .	Yes			Kum & Go Store #690 engages with catchment authorities and other stakeholders to share information, practices and drive water stewardship practices. Kum & Go Store #690 identified the Water Governance Centre – Building Blocks for Good Water Governance and OECD Water Governance Indicator Framework as best practice in the catchment to bring stakeholders to one table to support water governance.	
	1.8.2 Relevant sector and/or catchment best practice for water balance (either through water efficiency or less total water use) shall be identified .	Yes			Kum & Go Store #690 identified Institute for Sustainable Futures – Sustainable Water Management in Commercial Office Buildings and Sydney Water – Best Practice Guidelines for Water Conservation in Commercial Office Buildings and Shopping Centers as relevant sector best practice for water use efficiency at their retail convenience store.	
	1.8.3 Relevant sector and/or catchment best practice for water quality shall be identified , including rationale for data source.	Yes			Kum & Go Store #690 identified the documents listed under 1.8.2, as well as NC DWR – Community Water System Efficiency and Conservation BMP Manual, EPA WaterSense at Work: Best Management Practices for Commercial and Institutional Facilities, and PWC – The True Value of Water Best Practices for Managing Water Risks and Opportunities as relevant sector best practice toward water quality improvement. Kum & Go Store #690 is focused on low-impact landscape design to support water quality improvements in stormwater runoff and fuel spill prevention and response as BMPs at their facility.	
	1.8.4 Relevant catchment best practice for site maintenance of Important Water-Related Areas shall be identified .	Yes			Kum & Go Store #690 identified the documents listed under 1.8.1 as relevant catchment best practice for site maintenance of IWRAs. Kum & Go Store #690 seeks to continue looking at water efficiency practices within their store and collaborating with relevant stakeholders to maintain the catchment IWRAs.	
	1.8.5 Relevant sector and/or catchment best practice for site provision of equitable and adequate WASH services shall be identified .	Yes			Kum & Go Store #690 maintains compliance with applicable OSHA standards related to WASH.	
Advanced Points Step 1						

STEP 2: Commit and Plan						
Criteria	Indicator	Yes	No	NA	Objective Evidence/Findings	Points
2.1 Commit to water stewardship by having the senior-most manager in charge of water at the site, or if necessary, a suitable individual within the organization head office, sign and publicly disclose a commitment to water stewardship, the implementation of the AWS Standard and achieving its five outcomes, and the allocation of required resources.	2.1.1 A signed and publicly disclosed site statement OR organizational document shall be identified . The statement or document shall include the following commitments: - That the site will implement and disclose progress on water stewardship program(s) to achieve improvements in AWS water stewardship outcomes - That the site implementation will be aligned to and in support of existing catchment sustainability plans - That the site's stakeholders will be engaged in an open and transparent way - That the site will allocate resources to implement the Standard.	Yes			A pledge, signed by the Sr. VP Store Development, was reviewed containing all elements described in this indicator.	
2.2 Develop and document a process to achieve and maintain legal and regulatory compliance.	2.2.1 The system to maintain compliance obligations for water and wastewater management shall be identified , including: - Identification of responsible persons/positions within facility organizational structure - Process for submissions to regulatory agencies.	Yes			The Kum & Go Store #690 Compliance Log for compliance tracking was reviewed. Included in the Log are the listed monitoring requirements, permits and responsible staff to ensure maintenance of compliance.	
2.3 Create a water stewardship strategy and plan including addressing risks (to and from the site), shared catchment water	2.3.1 A water stewardship strategy shall be identified that defines the overarching mission, vision, and goals of the organization towards good water	Yes			The Kum & Go Stores Water Strategy document was provided and reviewed. The Kum & Go Stores Water Strategy document is a high-level document which includes the overall water stewardship of the organization, specific strategy for the Store #690 site, and is in alignment with the AWS requirements.	

challenges, and opportunities.	stewardship in line with this AWS Standard.						
	2.3.2 A water stewardship plan shall be identified , including for each target: - How it will be measured and monitored - Actions to achieve and maintain (or exceed) it - Planned timeframes to achieve it - Financial budgets allocated for actions - Positions of persons responsible for actions and achieving targets - Where available, note the link between each target and the achievement of best practice to help address shared water challenges and the AWS outcomes.	Yes				A detailed water stewardship plan was created as part of the AWS process. The plan is broken into objectives, targets, and actions. There are different actions corresponding to different targets, each with their own metrics, budget, responsible person, status, and other criteria. Water Quality, Water Quantity, Water Governance, IWRAs, and WASH are the water topics identified in this plan.	
2.4 Demonstrate the site's responsiveness and resilience to respond to water risks	2.4.1 A plan to mitigate or adapt to identified water risks developed in coordination with relevant public-sector and infrastructure agencies shall be identified .	Yes				Kum & Go Store #690 provided their current emergency and incidence response plans, which included a description of their required responses and resilience operations to water-related issues and risks. In addition, the Water Stewardship Plan is a working document which documents identification of water risks through performance, evaluation, and stakeholder consultation. Stakeholders include the relevant public-sector agencies responsible for infrastructure.	
Advanced Points Step 2							
STEP 3: Implement							
Criteria	Indicator	Yes	No	NA	Objective Evidence/Findings	Points	
3.1 Implement plan to participate positively in catchment governance.	3.1.1 Evidence that the site has supported good catchment governance shall be identified .	Yes			Kum & Go Store #690 provided documentation of their efforts to support good catchment governance through their involvement with Colorado Springs Utilities, specifically regular communication with the Fountain Creek Watershed Project Manager.		
	3.1.2 Measures identified to respect the water rights of others including	Yes			No specific measures were identified with respect to water rights. Kum & Go Store #690 is a user of municipal water supply and municipal		

	Indigenous peoples, that are not part of 3.2 shall be implemented .				wastewater treatment; therefore water rights are negotiated and managed by the municipal water utility.	
3.2 Implement system to comply with water-related legal and regulatory requirements and respect water rights.	3.2.1 A process to verify full legal and regulatory compliance shall be implemented .	Yes			The Kum & Go Store #690 Compliance Log for compliance tracking was reviewed. Included in the Log are the listed monitoring requirements, permits and responsible staff to ensure maintenance of compliance.	
	3.2.2 Where water rights are part of legal and regulatory requirements, measures identified to respect the water rights of others including Indigenous peoples, shall be implemented .	Yes			The Kum & Go Store #690 receives its water from a municipal supplier and does not infringe on the rights of others, including indigenous peoples. Kum & Go Store #690's discussions with stakeholders did not indicate actual or perceived concern that site was impinging on human right to safe water and sanitation in catchment.	
3.3 Implement plan to achieve site water balance targets.	3.3.1 Status of progress towards meeting water balance targets set in the water stewardship plan shall be identified .	Yes			The site has worked to improve its water efficiency as per its targets, by implementing the following measures: installation of smart irrigation and flow sensor with Hydropoint Performance Management for monitoring; scheduling of installation of sewer deduct meter and push-button timer water trough faucets.	
	3.3.2 Where water scarcity is a shared water challenge, annual targets to improve the site's water use efficiency, or if practical and applicable, reduce volumetric total use shall be implemented .	Yes			Kum & Go Store #690 has set an annual municipal water use intensity reduction target of 20% from baseline calendar year 2020. Water usage is tracked monthly to determine if the target is being achieved.	
	3.3.3 Legally-binding documentation, if applicable, for the re-allocation of water to social, cultural or environmental needs shall be identified .	Yes			The site is not re-allocating water savings.	
3.4 Implement plan to achieve site water quality targets.	3.4.1 Status of progress towards meeting water quality targets set in the water stewardship plan shall be identified .	Yes			The AWS Plan Strategy Compliance Log(s) document multiple actions that address water quality improvements.	
	3.4.2 Where water quality is a shared water challenge, continual improvement to achieve best practice for the site's effluent shall be identified and where applicable, quantified .	Yes			Actions to address water quality improvement are documented in the AWS Plan Strategy Compliance Log(s).	

3.5 Implement plan to maintain or improve the site's and/or catchment's Important Water-Related Areas.	3.5.1 Practices set in the water stewardship plan to maintain and/or enhance the site's Important Water-Related Areas shall be implemented .	Yes			Kum & Go Store #690 is actively engaging with stakeholders and documenting that engagement toward activities to develop and/or support plans to improve catchment IWRA's.	
3.6 Implement plan to provide access to safe drinking water, effective sanitation, and protective hygiene (WASH) for all workers at all premises under the site's control.	3.6.1 Evidence of the site's provision of adequate access to safe drinking water, effective sanitation, and protective hygiene (WASH) for all workers onsite shall be identified and where applicable, quantified .	Yes			A WASH Capacity Assessment was completed for the site and WASH was determined to be adequate and accessible.	
	3.6.2 Evidence that the site is not impinging on the human right to safe water and sanitation of communities through their operations, and that traditional access rights for Indigenous and local communities are being respected, and that remedial actions are in place where this is not the case, and that these are effective.	Yes			The Kum & Go Store #690 receives its water from a municipal supplier and does not infringe on the rights of others, including indigenous peoples. Kum & Go Store #690's discussions with stakeholders did not indicate actual or perceived concern that site was impinging on human right to safe water and sanitation in catchment.	
3.7 Implement plan to maintain or improve indirect water use within the catchment.	3.7.1 Evidence that indirect water use targets set in the water stewardship plan, as applicable, have been met shall be quantified .	Yes			There are no primary inputs to the Kum & Go Store #690 located within the site's catchment.	
	3.7.2 Evidence of engagement with suppliers and service providers, as well as, when applicable, actions they have taken in the catchment as a result of the site's engagement related to indirect water use, shall be identified .	Yes			There are no outsourced services identified that use water other than that accounted for already in the site's water balance (outsourced onsite janitorial services).	
3.8 Implement plan to engage with and notify the owners of any shared water-related infrastructure of any	3.8.1 Evidence of engagement, and the key messages relayed with confirmation of receipt, shall be identified .	Yes			Kum & Go Store #690 engages with catchment authorities and other stakeholders regarding shared water-related infrastructure. Evidence of conversations with the utilities with whom infrastructure conversations have taken place is contained in the "Stakeholder Contact Log" and the "Stakeholder Map". Specific conversations were held with both the water supply and wastewater treatment utilities about lead and aging	

concerns the site may have.					infrastructure. Lead and aging infrastructure are included in the annual conversations with the utilities. To date, no formal issues have been identified in those conversations.	
3.9 Implement actions to achieve best practice towards AWS outcomes: continually improve towards achieving sectoral best practice having a local/catchment, regional, or national relevance.	3.9.1 Actions towards achieving best practice, related to water governance, as applicable, shall be implemented .	Yes			Kum & Go Store #690 engages with catchment authorities and other stakeholders to share information, best practices and drive water stewardship efforts. Examples include the collaborative efforts with the Colorado Springs Utilities Fountain Creek Watershed Project Manager.	
	3.9.2 Actions towards achieving best practice, related to targets in terms of water balance shall be implemented .	Yes			Kum & Go Store #690 has implemented actions toward water use intensity reduction, including installation of smart irrigation and a flow sensor with management system. Each of these items are evidence for continual improvement toward water use/reduction in the catchment.	
	3.9.3 Actions towards achieving best practice, related to targets in terms of water quality shall be implemented .	Yes			The site has established actions toward water quality improvements associated with stormwater management.	
	3.9.4 Actions towards achieving best practice, related to targets in terms of the site's maintenance of Important Water-Related Areas shall be implemented .	Yes			Kum & Go Store #690 utilizes the best management practices outlined in the facility's Emergency Response Plan and general stormwater permit to ensure protection of water quality beyond the facility fence line, and catchment IWRAs.	
	3.9.5 Actions towards achieving best practice related to targets in terms of WASH shall be implemented .	Yes			Stakeholder engagement indicates there is adequate WASH in the catchment.	
Advanced Points Step 3						
STEP 4: Evaluate						
Criteria	Indicator	Yes	No	NA	Objective Evidence/Findings	Points
4.1 Evaluate the site's performance in light of its actions and targets from its water stewardship plan and demonstrate its contribution to achieving	4.1.1 Performance against targets in the site's water stewardship plan and the contribution to achieving water stewardship outcomes shall be evaluated .	Yes			Kum & Go Store #690 has evaluated performance of the Water Stewardship Plan which is aligned with realizing the AWS Outcomes. Targets established in the WSP are tracked based on multiple targets with measurable metrics, and documentation of stakeholder engagement. The evaluation also includes timelines and metrics and describes shared value benefits for each target. Further evaluation will be conducted during the surveillance and renewal audits.	

water stewardship outcomes.	4.1.2 Value creation resulting from the water stewardship plan shall be evaluated .	Yes			Kum & Go Store #690 is focused on value creation in risk avoidance to improve water quality, water use reduction, brand value in the community, and continuous improvement in stormwater management at all stores.	
	4.1.3 The shared value benefits in the catchment shall be identified and where applicable, quantified .	Yes			Kum & Go Store #690 has identified reduced water usage and proactive maintenance of local water quality via stormwater management as beneficial improvements. Reduction in water usage at the facility is a shared value benefit in the catchment. Good stormwater management at the facility to maintain good surface water quality downstream is also a shared value benefit in the catchment.	
4.2 Evaluate the impacts of water-related emergency incidents (including extreme events), if any occurred, and determine the effectiveness of corrective and preventative measures.	4.2.1 A written annual review and (where appropriate) root-cause analysis of the year's emergency incident(s) shall be prepared and the site's response to the incident(s) shall be evaluated and proposed preventative and corrective actions and mitigations against future incidents shall be identified .	Yes			Kum & Go Store #690 provided the 2021 Annual Water Stewardship Evaluation Meeting Summary document. No water-related emergency incidents have occurred at the facility.	
4.3 Evaluate stakeholders' consultation feedback regarding the site's water stewardship performance, including the effectiveness of the site's engagement process.	4.3.1 Consultation efforts with stakeholders on the site's water stewardship performance shall be identified .	Yes			Internal and external stakeholder outreach was conducted and documented in the Stakeholder Contact Log and evidence notes. Responses covered the main topics of water quantity, water quality and catchment IWRAs.	
4.4 Evaluate and update the site's water stewardship plan, incorporating the information obtained from the evaluation process in the context of continual improvement.	4.4.1 The site's water stewardship plan shall be modified and adapted to incorporate any relevant information and lessons learned from the evaluations in this step and these changes shall be identified .	Yes			The Water Stewardship Plan is a working document updated annually to reflect on-going actions and completed projects. The WSP tracks targets, timelines, metrics and actions tied to best practice and AWS outcomes addressed.	
Advanced Points Step 4						
STEP 5: Communicate and Disclose						

Criteria	Indicator	Yes	No	NA	Objective Evidence/Findings	Points
5.1 Disclose water-related internal governance of the site's management, including the positions of those accountable for legal compliance with water-related local laws and regulations.	5.1.1 The site's water-related internal governance, including positions of those accountable for compliance with water-related laws and regulations shall be disclosed .	Yes			Kum & Go Store #690 provided the list of personnel responsible for the site's water-related internal governance. The list of responsible personnel is disclosed to internal stakeholders and relevant external stakeholders (i.e. regulatory agencies).	
5.2 Communicate the water stewardship plan with relevant stakeholders.	5.2.1 The water stewardship plan, including how the water stewardship plan contributes to AWS Standard outcomes, shall be communicated to relevant stakeholders.	Yes			Kum & Go Store #690 provided a stakeholder table that details communication with stakeholders about the AWS process. The WSP was communicated to relevant stakeholders.	
5.3 Disclose annual site water stewardship summary, including the relevant information about the site's annual water stewardship performance and results against the site's targets.	5.3.1 A summary of the site's water stewardship performance, including quantified performance against targets, shall be disclosed annually at a minimum.	Yes			Kum & Go Store #690 prepared a summary of the site's water stewardship performance, including quantified performance against targets. Evidence of disclosure of the summary to stakeholders was provided.	
5.4 Disclose efforts to collectively address shared water challenges, including: associated efforts to address the challenges; engagement with stakeholders; and coordination with public-sector agencies.	5.4.1 The site's shared water-related challenges and efforts made to address these challenges shall be disclosed .	Yes			Kum & Go Store #690 engaged with stakeholders directly regarding the shared water challenges of water quantity and quality in the catchment. Kum & Go Store #690 provided evidence of the continued engagement and disclosure of their efforts toward addressing the shared water challenges.	
	5.4.2 Efforts made by the site to engage stakeholders and coordinate and support public-sector agencies shall be identified .	Yes			See 5.4.1.	
5.5 Communicate transparency in water-related compliance: make	5.5.1 Any site water-related compliance violations and associated corrections shall be disclosed .	Yes			There were no water-related compliance violations at Kum & Go Store #690.	

any site water-related compliance violations available upon request as well as any corrective actions the site has taken to prevent future occurrences.	5.5.2 Necessary corrective actions taken by the site to prevent future occurrences shall be disclosed if applicable.	Yes			See 5.5.1	
	5.5.3 Any site water-related violation that may pose significant risk and threat to human or ecosystem health shall be immediately communicated to relevant public agencies and disclosed .	Yes			Violations are publicly available through state and federal reporting (ECHO/US EPA). There were no violations reported via ECHO. The ECHO reporting system would include violations that pose a significant risk and threat to human or ecosystem health.	
Advanced Points Step 5						