

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
November 29, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.
8805 Independence Way, Alamosa CO 81101
And by Zoom/Teleconference**

Present: Clay Mitchell, Vice President; Sheldon Rockey, Secretary/Treasurer; James Cooley, BOM; Brett Hemmerling, BOM; Michael Jones, BOM; and Mike Kruse, Ex-Officio Member.

Absent: Jake Burris, President; Jamie Hart, BOM; Tony Holcomb, BOM; Chris Miner, BOM; and Miguel A. Diaz, BOM.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins P.C.; Taylor Chick, Program Manager; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; Kylie Gregg, Office Manager; and April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Sally Wier, Dee Greeman, Willie Hoffner, Peggy Godfrey, Deb Sarason, Grant Clark, William Myers.

Meeting Called to Order

Vice President Mitchell called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. A quorum was present, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda

Vice President Mitchell asked for changes, additions or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by James Cooley to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mike Kruse and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

Vice President Mitchell asked for public comment. There was none.

Approval of the Calculation of Subdistrict No. 1 2023 Fees

Vice President Mitchell asked for approval of the calculation of Subdistrict No. 1 2023 fees. Taylor Chick presented the certification of assessments to Alamosa County, Saguache County and Rio Grande County. He highlighted the State Land Board fee assessment totals and presented the Resolution. Mike Kruse suggested having discussions next year to raise money for programs. Mr. Chick explained the difference in the variable fee in Rio Grande County and Alamosa County.

Resolution to Approve 2023 Fees

Vice President Mitchell asked for Resolution to Approve 2023 Fees. A motion was made by Michael Jones to approve the Resolution to assess 2023 fees for Special Improvement District No. 1 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District. The motion was seconded by James Cooley and unanimously approved.

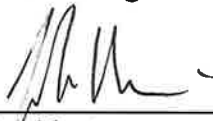
Next Meeting

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made by James Cooley to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Michael Jones and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.



President



Secretary/Treasurer

**RESOLUTION TO ASSESS FEES FOR SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
NO. 1 OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

A RESOLUTION ASSESSING FEES FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2024 TO (1) FUND THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S WATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE (SUBDISTRICT NO.1); (2) TO FUND THE RIO GRANDE CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM ("CREP"); AND (3) TO FUND THE COSTS OF REMEDYING INJURIOUS DEPLETIONS AS REQUIRED BY THE PLAN OF WATER MANAGEMENT FOR SUBDISTRICT NO. 1 FOR THE 2024 BUDGET YEAR.

WHEREAS, the amount of money necessary to balance the budget for Subdistrict No. 1 administrative expenses is \$ 502,550.78; and

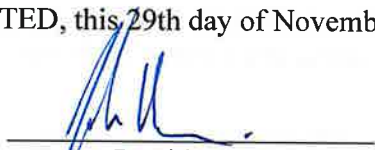
WHEREAS, the amount of money necessary to fund the Rio Grande CREP is sufficient at this time so no CREP Fee is being assessed for budget year 2024.

WHEREAS, the amount of money necessary to fund the replacement of injurious depletions and groundwater well retirement is \$ 7,326,612.30.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Managers of Subdistrict No. 1, Colorado:

- Section 1: That for the purpose of meeting all administrative expenses of the Special Improvement District No. 1 during the 2024 budget year hereby assessed a fee of \$3.00 per acre within the boundaries of Subdistrict No. 1 as defined by the Plan of Water Management during the year 2023.
- Section 2: That for the purpose of funding the obligations of the Rio Grande CREP in the Plan of Water Management for Subdistrict No. 1 during budget year 2024 hereby assessed a fee of Zero dollars (\$0.00) per acre within the boundaries of Subdistrict No.1 during the year 2023.
- Section 3: That for the purpose of funding the remedy of injurious depletions and to fund the retirement of groundwater wells within the boundaries of Subdistrict No. 1 hereby assessed a fee of \$150.00 per acre-foot of groundwater that is pumped in excess of surface water credits from wells within the boundaries of Subdistrict No.1 during the year 2023.
- Section 4: That the General Manager and/or Program Manager is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify to the County Commissioners of Alamosa, Rio Grande Counties, and Saguache Counties, Colorado, the assessments above determined and set.

ADOPTED, this 29th day of November, 2023.



President

Attest: 

Secretary/Treasurer