

**RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS BUDGET HEARING
December 9, 2019 at 10:00 A.M.
RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM**

Present: Greg Higel, President; Brian David, Vice-President; Dwight Martin, Secretary/
Treasurer; Peggy Godfrey, Director; Mike McClure, Director; Bill McClure, Director; Armando
Valdez, Director; Cory Off, Director; and Mike Kruse, Director.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins. P.C. (via telephone); Cleave Simpson,
General Manager; Cheryl Anderson, Office Manager; Amber Pacheco, Program Manager;
Marisa Fricke, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Chris Ivers, Deputy
Program Manager; and April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Dan Davis, Les Alderedi, Clay Mitchell, Tony Holcomb, Asier Artecheveria, Ernie
Myers, William Myers, and Jamie Hart.

CALL TO ORDER

President Greg Higel called the hearing to order at 10:03 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was
recited. There was a quorum present for the meeting.

APPROVE AGENDA

President Higel asked for any changes or additions to the agenda. A motion was made Dwight
Martin to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Armando Valdez and
unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

President Higel asked for public comment. There were none.

2020 BUDGET HEARING

President Higel called the budget hearing to order and announced the publication notice of
hearing information. Cleave Simpson explained the complexity and challenges of Subdistrict
No. 1's budget. Discussion was held on the reserve account and account fund of Subdistrict No.
1 as well as the amount in a CD. Further discussion was held on the obligated debt of Subdistrict
No. 1 and the option of approving the budget today as presented with an amended budget being
submitted to the Board at the beginning of the new year. Mike Kruse voiced his concern of the
use of the CREP fee, Pete Ampe provided clarity of how the CREP program operates.

President Higel asked for any questions or comments regarding the 2020 Funding Requests.

A motion was made by Armando Valdez to approve the Resolution to approve the FY2020
Budget. The motion was seconded by Peggy Godfrey and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Armando Valdez to approve the Resolution to appropriate monies for
FY2020. The motion was seconded by Mike Kruse and unanimously approved.

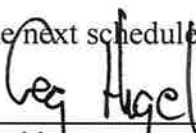
A motion was made by Peggy Godfrey to set the Mill Levy for the FY2020. The motion was
seconded by Brian David and unanimously approved.

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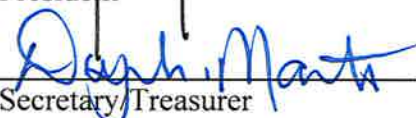
A motion was made by Bill McClure to adjourn the budget hearing. The motion was seconded
by Mike Kruse and unanimously approved.

The hearing was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

The next scheduled quarterly meeting will be held on January 21, 2020.



President



Secretary/Treasurer

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT BUDGET

A RESOLUTION SUMMARIZING EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES FOR EACH FUND AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, COLORADO, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY 2020 AND ENDING ON THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER 2020

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District has appointed Cleave Simpson, General Manager, to prepare and submit a proposed budget to said governing body at the proper time, and;

WHEREAS, Cleave Simpson, General Manager, has submitted a proposed budget to this governing body on October 15, 2019, for its consideration, and;

WHEREAS, Upon due and proper notice, published and posted in accordance with the law, said proposed budget was open for inspection by the public at a designated place, a public hearing was held on December 9, 2019, and interested taxpayers were given the opportunity to file or register any objections to said proposed budget, and;

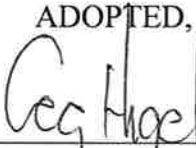
WHEREAS, whatever increases may have been made in the expenditures, like increases were added to the revenues so that the budget remains in balance, as required by law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, COLORADO:

- Section 1 That the budget, as submitted, amended and herein above summarized by fund hereby is approved and adopted as the budget of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District for the year stated above.

- Section 2 That the budget hereby approved and adopted shall be signed by the President and Secretary/Treasurer and made a part of the public records of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District.

ADOPTED, this 9th day of December A.D. 2019



President

Attest: 
Secretary/Treasurer

RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATING MONIES

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY TO THE VARIOUS FUNDS, IN THE AMOUNTS AND FOR THE PURPOSES SET FORTH BELOW FOR THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, COLORADO, FOR THE 2020 BUDGET YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Rio Grande Water Conservation District has adopted the annual budget in accordance with the Local Government Budget Law, on December 9, 2019, and;

WHEREAS, the Rio Grande Water Conservation District has made provisions therein for revenues in an amount equal to or greater than the total proposed expenditures as set forth in said budget, and;

WHEREAS, it is not only required by law, but is also necessary to appropriate the revenues provided in the budget, to and for the purposes described below, so as not to impair the operation of the District.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, COLORADO;

Section 1. That the following sums are hereby appropriated from the revenues of the District, to each fund, for the purposes stated:

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FOR 2020:

ADMINISTRATION: (Salaries and services, travel and expenses, Federal and State affairs, capital outlay and Equipment replacement)	<u>\$ 723,958.00</u>
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	<u>\$ 523,700.00</u>
CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES	<u>\$ 167,370.00</u>
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION CONTRACT	<u>\$ 150,385.00</u>
CAPITAL OUT LAY	<u>\$ 120,000.00</u>
OTHER FINANCIAL USE:	
Transfer funds to the Special Revenue Fund #4	<u>\$ 127,500.00</u>
Transfer funds to the Special Revenue Fund #5	<u>\$ 103,500.00</u>
EMERGENCY RESERVE	<u>\$ 41,164.00</u>

ESTIMATED RESERVE FUND	<u>\$ 3,483,769.00</u>
ESTIMATED TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES FOR 2020	<u>\$ 1,916,413.00</u>
<u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUND #1</u>	
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FOR 2020:	
WATER MANAGEMENT-VARIABLE	<u>\$ 4,840,263.00</u>
ADMINISTRATION	<u>\$ 521,200.00</u>
CREP	<u>\$ 805,806.00</u>
REIMBURSEMENT TO GENERAL FUND	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
ESTIMATED RESERVE FUND	<u>\$ 81,066.00</u>
<u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUND #2</u>	
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FOR 2020:	
WATER MANGEMENT EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 486,100.00</u>
ADMINISTRATION	<u>\$ 48,900.00</u>
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	<u>\$ 40,000.00</u>
REIMBURSEMENT TO GENERAL FUND	<u>\$ 12,500.00</u>
ESTIMATED RESERVE FUND	<u>\$ 445.00</u>
<u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUND #3</u>	
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FOR 2020:	
WATER MANAGEMENT EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 996,496.00</u>
ADMINISTRATION	<u>\$ 52,300.00</u>
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	<u>\$ 60,000.00</u>
REIMBURSEMENT TO GENERAL FUND	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
ESTIMATED RESERVE FUND	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND #4

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FOR 2020:

WATER MANAGEMENT EXPENDITURES	\$ <u>66,000.00</u>
ADMINISTRATION	\$ <u>28,500.00</u>
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ <u>35,000.00</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES: (Transfer in from the General Fund)	\$ <u>127,500.00</u>
ESTIMATED RESERVE FUND	\$ <u>0.00</u>

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND #5

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FOR 2020:

WATER MANAGEMENT EXPENDITURES	\$ <u>25,000.00</u>
ADMINISTRATION	\$ <u>38,500.00</u>
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ <u>40,000.00</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES: (Transfer in from the General Fund)	\$ <u>103,500.00</u>
ESTIMATED RESERVE FUND	\$ <u>1,500.00</u>

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND #6

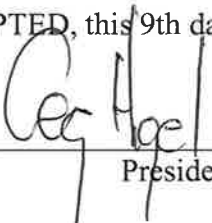
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FOR 2020:

WATER MANAGEMENT EXPENDITURES	\$ <u>1,200,00.00</u>
ADMINISTRATION	\$ <u>62,250.00</u>
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ <u>65,000.00</u>
REIMBURSEMENT TO GENERAL FUND	\$ <u>110,000.00</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES: (Transfer in from the General Fund)	\$ <u>0.00</u>

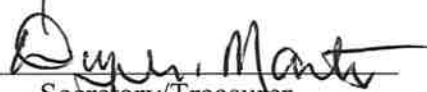
ESTIMATED RESERVE FUND

\$ 0.00

ADOPTED, this 9th day of December A.D. 2019



President

Attest: 

Secretary/Treasurer

RESOLUTION TO SET MILL LEVY

A RESOLUTION LEVYING GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2019 TO HELP DEFRAID THE COSTS OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, COLORADO, FOR THE 2020 BUDGET YEAR.

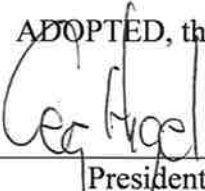
WHEREAS, the amount of money necessary to balance the budget for general operating expenses is \$ 1,685,413.00 and:

WHEREAS, the 2019 valuation for assessment for the Rio Grande Water Conservation District as certified by the County Assessors is \$ 573,520,197.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District, Colorado:

- Section 1 That for the purpose of meeting all general operating expenses of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District during the 2020 budget year there is hereby levied a tax of 2.35 mills upon each dollar of the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within the District for the year 2019.
- Section 2 That for the purpose of rendering a refund to its constituents during the budget year 2020, there is hereby levied a temporary mill levy reduction of 0.21 mills.
- Section 3 That the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify to the County Commissioners of Alamosa, Conejos, Mineral, Rio Grande and Saguache Counties, Colorado, the mill levy above determined and set.

ADOPTED, this 9th day of December A.D. 2019



President

Attest: 

Secretary/Treasurer