

**RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING
January 17, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.
Rio Grande Water Conservation District Conference Room
And By Zoom Teleconference**

Present: Greg Higel, President; Armando Valdez, Vice-President; Peggy Godfrey, Director; Cory Off, Director; Steve Keller, Director; Zeke Ward, Director; Mike Kruse, Director; and Doug Gunnels, Director.

Absent: Dwight Martin, Secretary/ Treasurer.

Staff and Consultants: David Robbins and Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins, P.C.; Cleave Simpson, General Manager; Amber Pacheco, Deputy General Manager; Chris Ivers, Program Manager; Rob Phillips, Program Manager; Angelo Bellah, Program Manager; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; Kylie Gregg, Office Manager; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; Cassandra McCuen, HCP Coordinator/Program Assistant; and Michael Carson, Database Administrator.

Guests: Erin Minks, Rio de la Vista, Heather Dutton, Emma Ressor, Deb Sarason, Craig Cotten, Sally Weir, Chris Lopez, Brian Rue, Andrea Rue, David Frees, Roger Sherman, Sarah Parmar, David Hofmann, Nathan Coombs, Ryan Unterriener, Jake Burris, Michael Jones, Rod Clayton, Anna Greenburg, Patrick O'Neil, Lawrence Crowther, Morgan Dingfelder, Sarah Minke, Austin Miller, Willie Hoffner, Fred Bunch, Sarah Stoeber, Bruce, Nick Saenz, Sheldon Rockey, Marcie Schulz, Loen Crowther, Leroy Salazar, Pricilla Wagonner, Davis, Michelle Lanzoni, Jason Lorenz, Wayne Schwab, Les Alderete, Garin Vorthman, Chris Schafer, and Sharon Vaughn.

CALL TO ORDER

President Greg Higel called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. There was a quorum present for the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF AND GUESTS

President Greg Higel welcomed all those present and asked for introductions.

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Cory Off to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Peggy Godfrey and unanimously approved.

APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

President Higel asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda items.

- September 27, 2022-Special Meeting Minutes
- October 18, 2022-Quarterly Meeting Minutes
- December 9, 2022-Special Meeting Minutes
- December 9, 2022-Budget Hearing Minutes

A motion was made by Cory Off to approve the consent agenda items as presented. The motion was seconded by Steve Keller, Peggy Godfrey abstained, the motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Higel asked for public comment. There was none.

HEARING ON SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

President Higel called the Hearing on Supplemental Budget to order. He asked that any public comment be limited to three to five (3-5) minutes. David Robbins announced the public hearing and any public comment would need to be made of record during the hearing. Amber Pacheco reported the supplemental budget items in the 2022 Budget for the Board would be considered by two (2) resolutions. She described the changes to Subdistrict No. 4's budget in connection with the second lease payment for Ron Bowman. She presented the payment amount, administrative time and how the funds would be handled. Ms. Pacheco reported the next item was for Subdistrict No. 5 with a similar situation with administrative costs. She described for the record a the purchase of the Hazard Ranch and explained where the Subdistrict acquired funds to secure the purchase. Discussion was held on the

repayment schedule of the loan. David Robbins expressed the importance of the Board of Directors establishing a set of rules for staff to follow on how to allow Subdistricts to meet the goals of the Board of Directors.

A motion was made by Armando Valdez to amend the resolution to include a ten (10) year repayment schedule for the Subdistrict No. 5 supplemental budget request. The motion was seconded by Mike Kruse and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mike Kruse to approve the Resolution/Ordinance for Budgetary Transfers. The motion was seconded by Cory Off and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mike Kruse to approve the Resolution/Ordinance for Supplemental Budget and Appropriation. The motion was seconded by Peggy Godfrey and unanimously approved.

A work session was proposed prior to taking action on managing Subdistricts and repayment schedules.

President Higel announced the Supplemental Budget Hearing was adjourned.

FINANCIAL REPORT

President Higel asked for the financial report. Amber Pacheco presented the financial report. She highlighted the payments made by the Subdistricts, an increase in legal fees, the transfer of funds for the Hazard property and the termination of the cooperative agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation. Ms. Pacheco presented the Check Register, Balance Sheet and highlighted the CD balances.

A motion was made by Cory Off to approve the Financial Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Peggy Godfrey and unanimously approved.

MANAGER'S REPORT

President Higel asked for the Manager's report. Amber Pacheco reported the acceptance of the full-time position of Office Manager by Kylie Gregg and the acceptance of the full-time position of Program Manager of Subdistricts Nos. 2, 3 and 6 by Angelo Bellah. She acknowledged Solomon Mondragon and thanked him for his time as an employee of the District. Ms. Pacheco informed the Board of the start of the Master Irrigators course and asked the Board to consider supporting tuition costs for her to attend the Water Education Foundation's Water Leaders course.

A motion was made by Armando Valdez to allocate funding for tuition for Amber Pacheco to attend the Water Leaders course. The motion was seconded by Peggy Godfrey and unanimously approved.

- ***Announcement of expiring terms for the Board of Directors***

Ms. Pacheco reported on the Board of Directors terms set to expire.

- ***Modified Employment Letter for Cleave Simpson***

Amber Pacheco described the modified letter of employment for Cleave Simpson.

A motion was made by Cory Off to approve the Modified Letter of Employment for Cleave Simpson. The motion was seconded by Zeke Ward and unanimously approved.

- ***Discussion and possible action regarding the District's Groundwater Conservation Easement Program application***

Ms. Pacheco described a form for application being worked on for groundwater conservation easement programs. Peggy Godfrey suggested holding a work session to discuss the funding of revegetation. Sarah Parmar highlighted Colorado Open Land's role in the revegetation process and how they work to prevent certain issues. Chris Ivers reported on the approval form. Mike Kruse questioned the language contained in the resolution for the program.

A motion was made by Peggy Godfrey to authorize staff to develop and complete the form with any amendments that need to occur and participate in the program. The motion was seconded by Armando Valdez, Mike Kruse opposed, the motion passed.

The discussion on the building remodel was moved to after the Subdistrict No. 1 discussion and lunch.

PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORTS

President Higel asked for Program Manager's Reports.

- ***Subdistrict No. 1-Rob Phillips***

Rob Phillips reported the Subdistrict fees had been completed, he thanked Linda Ramirez, Wylie Keller and Clinton Phillips for their assistance in the process. He highlighted the appeals, provided the fee amounts and reported sending out the surface water credit letters and fee summaries. Mr. Phillips reported staff was also working on the Annual Report

- *Review and possible action on the Restated and Amended Plan of Water Management for SD #1*
Pete Ampe provided the next steps for the Plan of Water Management. Mr. Ampe highlighted the main points in the Plan of Water Management No. 4, including matching groundwater pumping with the amount of water entering the Subdistrict. Mr. Ampe explained the Plan must meet sustainability in order to stabilize the aquifer. He described how the Plan would simplify the billing process moving to a year in arrears and how a per acre-foot would be added to the fees to assist with the Subdistrict No. 1 funding needs. Mr. Ampe highlighted the goal of the Plan was not to increase fees but rather decrease the budget due to the lower amount of fees coming in to the Subdistrict.
- *Review and possible action on the Rules and Regulations for SD #1*
Pete Ampe provided the main points of the Rules and Regulations for Subdistrict No. 1. He reported the Rules would need to be approved and could be revisited should the need for an amendment arise.

Director Valdez asked if Subdistrict No. 1 had reserves in their funding for the transitioning to a year in arrears. Clarification was provided to ensure the Subdistrict was able to cover the transition. Discussion was held on how the Subdistrict would handle any requested changes to the Plan of Water Management No. 4 should the Division of Water Resources have any. Clinton Phillips explained the surface water calculation process. Sheldon Rockey reiterated the Rules and Regulations could be amended should the need arise. Rob Phillips described how the appeal process would change once the Subdistrict transitions to a year in arrears. President Higel asked for any other public comment prior to pausing for lunch.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and resumed at 1:26 p.m.

- *Review and possible action on the Restated and Amended Plan of Water Management for SD #1(continued discussions)*
Brian Rue asked if/when the Plan succeeds, would they be able to increase the usage. He commented on the decrease in water credits. Pete Ampe addressed the question and reported the Plan would be reassessed once the Subdistrict progresses to -200,000 to -400,000. President Higel asked for clarification on the natural inflow of credits. Jake Burris commented on the focus of the Plan to stop overconsumption and halt depletions to the river. Willie Hoffner highlighted the hardships that have come with his farming operation.

A motion was made by Mike Kruse to approve the Subdistrict No. 1 Plan of Water Management No. 4. The motion was seconded by Peggy Godfrey and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Peggy Godfrey to approve the Subdistrict No. 1 Rules and Regulations. The motion was seconded by Armando Valdez and unanimously approved.

David Robbins requested any questions concerning Subdistrict items listed on the agenda be asked at this point in order for Pete Ampe to provide input prior to him leaving the meeting.

BIRD CONSERVANCY OF THE ROCKIES-ANNA GREENBERG-FUNDING REQUEST

President Higel asked for Bird Conservancy of the Rockies request. Anna Greenberg described the projects and the study supporting her \$10,000 funding request. She highlighted how the project is connected to water conservation and the HCP Program. Discussion was held on the primary goal of

the project. David Robbins reported on the Board's legal obligation to keep water conservation at the forefront. Director Godfrey suggested holding a work session to discuss funding requests.

A motion was made by Cory Off to approve the Bird Conservancy of the Rockies funding request. The motion was seconded by Armando Valdez, Doug Gunnels opposed, the motion was approved.

MANAGER'S REPORT-CONTINUED

President Higel asked to continue with the Manager's report.

- *Discussion and possible action regarding the remodeling of the existing RGWCD office building*

Amber Pacheco explained why remodeling the Rio Grande Water Conservation District building was necessary. She described the available options with the original contractor Van Iwaarden Builders and the total proposed cost. Discussion was held on findings that allow sole source or the need to go through the bidding process. Ms. Pacheco reported management continues to be happy with the work done by Van Iwaarden. Discussion was held on how well Van Iwaarden Builders knows the construction of the building and their availability to complete the construction. Time constraints with other contractors was also discussed. Director Valdez reported on discussions held by the Management Committee regarding allocating \$125,000 to convert the garage into office space. He suggested having another conversation regarding the detached garage project.

A motion was made by Armando Valdez to move forward with the conversion and remodel of the existing garage as a sole source and in addition to that project to add and initiate the bid process to construct a detached garage with modified dimensions from the one bid already received. The motion was seconded by Peggy Godfrey and unanimously approved.

PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORTS-CONTINUED

President Higel asked for continued Program Manager's reports.

- ***Subdistrict No. 1-Rob Phillips***

- *Consider approval of the San Luis Valley Canal's nomination of Mike Jones to the Board of Managers*

Rob Phillips asked the Board to consider approving Mike Jones of the San Luis Valley Canal to replace Brian Brownell on the Subdistrict No. 1 Board of Managers.

A motion was made by Cory Off to approve Mike Jones of the San Luis Valley Canal to the Board of Managers of Subdistrict No. 1. The motion was seconded by Peggy Godfrey and unanimously approved.

- *Discussion and possible action regarding a bid process for the sale of a portion of the SD #1 Medano property*

Rob Phillips provided the location of the property and reported receiving interest to purchase from a neighboring land owner. Amber Pacheco provided the acreage of the parcel and highlighted conversations held by Cleave Simpson and the potential buyer. Discussion was held on going through the bidding process setting a minimal amount based off the appraised value contingent on the conservation easement.

A motion was made by Cory Off to allow staff to proceed with investigating the conservation easement and investigate if moving forward with the sale of a portion of the Medano property is allowed in the terms of the conservation easement. The motion was seconded by Peggy Godfrey and unanimously approved.

- ***Subdistrict No.'s 2, 3 and 6-Amber Pacheco***

- *Consider approval of the CWCB Loan for SD #3*

Amber Pacheco described the Alpha Hay Farms potential purchase including the location of the property and the purchase price. She highlighted the quarters and well included in the purchase and what would be covered under the loan. Ms. Pacheco explained the potential benefits the purchase would have to Subdistrict No. 3 and the proposed loan terms. She reported the Subdistrict No. 3 Board of Managers voted unanimously in favor of the loan and provided the acre-foot amount of surface water CU. Director Valdez commended Subdistrict No. 3 and commented on the prestige location of the property.

A motion was made by Cory Off to accept approval of Amber Pacheco signing the CWCB Loan acceptance documents and move forward with the purchase and infrastructure for Subdistrict No. 3. The motion was seconded by Peggy Godfrey and unanimously approved.

- *Consider approval of a Resolution to Pledge Revenues for Repayment of CWCB Loan for SD #3*

A motion was made by Armando Valdez to approve the Resolution to Pledge Revenues for Repayment of CWCB Loan for Subdistrict No. 3. The motion was seconded by Cory Off and unanimously approved.

- *SD #6 Consider approval of Commonwealth Irrigation Company's nomination of Austin Miller to Board of Managers*

Amber Pacheco announced the vacancy to the Subdistrict No. 6 Board of Managers following the disqualification of Ted Heersink due to the sale of his property. She reported on the nomination of Vaughn Miller made by the Commonwealth Irrigation with Austin Miller acting as representative to sit on the Board of Managers.

A motion was made by Cory Off to approve the Commonwealth Irrigation Company's nomination of Austin Miller to the Subdistrict No. 6 Board of Managers. The motion was seconded by Peggy Godfrey and unanimously approved.

- ***Subdistrict No.'s 4 and 5-Chris Ivers***

- *SD#4 and SD #5 Discussion regarding CWCB loan applications*

Chris Ivers provided an update on the CWCB loans he is pursuing for Subdistrict Nos.s 4 and 5. He provided the loan amounts, loan terms and what the Subdistricts plan to do with the loan proceeds. Mr. Ivers reported Subdistrict No. 5 set their allocation at 85% of their ten (10) year average. Peggy Godfrey commented on the increased allocation amount. President Higel thanked Chris Ivers and Sarah Parmar on their accomplishments in connection with Peachwood Farms.

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT

President Higel asked for the District Engineer's report. Clinton Phillips presented the map of the San Luis Valley Unconfined Aquifer Storage Study. He provided the positive increase for January 2023 and the change between January 2022 and 2023. Mr. Phillips highlighted the current aquifer level, the current five (5) year average and the amount of acre-feet needed to get to the -400,000 level. He provided an update on the confined aquifer wells measured by the District.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S REPORT-DAVID ROBBINS

President Higel asked for the District Attorney's report. David Robbins provided an update on the Texas vs. New Mexico case and the opposition from the United States on the settlement agreement. Mr. Robbins reported the Subdistricts had been keeping Pete Ampe very busy. He also highlighted the Rio Grande Security Act and what the proposal would cover. Mr. Robbins reported on the pretrial activities that go along with the SWAG augmentation plan and described the actions to be taken. He provided an update on a Renewable Water Resources well placed on the abandonment list. Mr. Robbins discussed the 2023 Law of the Rio Grande Conference and provided the date and location of the conference. He also reported on a filing to have the Rio Grande Water Conservation District as a participant in the Public Utilities Commission docket. Mr. Robbins updated the Board on the Navajo Development Inc. transmountain water right court case.

SENATOR BENNET'S OFFICE-ERIN MINKS

President Higel asked for Senator Bennet's office report. Erin Minks updated the Board on the Farm Bill and reported tracking the Rio Grande Water Security Act. She also reported on the Public Utilities Commission Exercise.

COLORADO LEGISLATIVE STRATEGIES-GARIN VORTHMANN

President Higel asked for Colorado Legislative Strategies report. Garin Vorthman introduced herself and thanked the Board for the opportunity to work with them. She highlighted bills related to water being introduced including one from the Department of Natural Resources regarding stream restoration efforts.

DIVISION (3) ENGINEER'S REPORT

President Higel asked for the Division 3 Engineer's report. Craig Cotten provided an update on the past year's stream flows and the outlook on the Rio Grande, Alamosa, and Conejos Rivers as well as the creeks around the Valley. He also updated the Board on compact delivery, winter recharge and the amount of compact storage released. Mr. Cotten highlighted the states snowpack, snow/water equivalent and the NRCS forecast for the year. He also provided the reservoir storage amounts and precipitation and temperature outlooks.

U.S.P.S. REPORT-FRED BUNCH

President Higel asked for the U.S.P.S. report. Fred Bunch updated the Board on the changes in management at the Park. He reported on the moisture received in July, the ongoing fish restoration and elk disbursal projects. Mr. Bunch highlighted the Park's plan to acquire mineral rights, the night sky preserves and the new altitude record set at the upper Sand creek Lake for fresh water sponges.

U.S.F. & W.S. REPORT – SHARON VAUGHN

President Higel asked for U.S.F. & W.S report. Sharon Vaughn reported on the new refuge manager at the Baca National Wildlife Refuge and the 40th year of the Crane Festival.

U.S.B.R. REPORT-MORGAN GARCIA

President Higel asked for the U.S.B.R. report. Morgan Garcia was not present to report. A copy of the report is attached.

SLVDRG-SARAH STOEBER

- *Funding Request*

Sarah Stoeber presented on a funding request for a 1041 Water Regulation and Intergovernmental Agreement project. She described the project, the funding that has been secured and how the funding would be used. David Robbins requested a copy of the final Intergovernmental Agreement. No motion or decision was made.

SLVWC DISTRICT/CWCB REPORTS - HEATHER DUTTON

- *Funding Request*

Heather Dutton reported her term on the CWCB Board would be up in March. She described the SNOTEL project and the associated costs in which she is requesting funding support. Ms. Dutton provided the commitment amount being requested from the District for the next two (2) years.

A motion was mad by Cory Off to approve the funding request for \$72,000 for 2023. The motion was seconded by Peggy Godfrey and unanimously approved.

CWC DISTRICT-NATHAN COOMBS

President Higel asked for CWC District report. Nathan Coombs reported being awarded congressional directed spending for a new reservoir. He provided the amount of funding received and when the construction of the reservoir would begin.

RIO GRANDE HEADWATER RESTORATION PROJECT-EMMA REESOR

President Higel asked for Rio Grande Headwater Restoration. Emma Reesor was not present to report.

A motion was made by Cory Off to approve the Rio Grande Headwater Restoration Project funding request. The motion was seconded by Armando Valdez. There was no funding request, the motion was withdrawn.

RIO GRANDE HEADWATERS ALLIANCE-THOMAS HANSON

President Higel asked for the Rio Grande Headwaters Alliance report

- *Funding Request*

Thomas Hanson was not present to report.

SALAZAR RIO GRANDE DEL NORTE CENTER-INTERIM PRESIDENT DAVID TANDBERG

- *Funding Request*

President David Tandberg reported on Adams State University's request to help fund the Director's position for the Salazar Center. He provided the history of the Salazar Center and how it was started.

Mr. Tandberg highlighted the important issues the Center focuses on, including, water/water education. He provided the amount of funding being requested and what it would be used for.

A motion was made by Cory Off to approve the funding request. The motion was seconded by Doug Gunnels and unanimously approved.

COLORADO OPEN LANDS -SARAH PARMAR/SALLY WIER

- *Discussion and possible action regarding Groundwater Conservation Easement Deed Language and Signatory*

Sally Weir reported on the closing of the Peachwood Farm groundwater conservation easement. She highlighted the ongoing work with Chris Ivers and Subdistrict No. 4 on the revegetation component of the easement. Ms. Weir described the outreach events being planned in hopes to answer questions and provide additional education about groundwater easements. She provided the Board a one (1) page handout explaining groundwater conservation easements. Sarah Parmar reported on possibly crafting a separate agreement between the land owner, the easement holder and the District regarding enforcement of the deed. David Robbins highlighted Pete Ampe’s preference to have a three (3) way agreement ensuring the groundwater portion be properly managed throughout the time to achieve the goals of the District.

DISCUSSION REGARDING SB22-028

President Higel asked for discussion regarding SB22-028. Cleave Simpson reported on the need to hold a work session in order to further the discussion regarding criteria on how to apply for SB22-028 funds. Peggy Godfrey requested a discussion on revegetation incentives at the work session.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

The next quarterly meeting was scheduled for April 18, 2023.



President



Secretary/Treasurer

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE FOR BUDGETARY TRANSFERS

(Pursuant to Section 29-1-109, C.R.S.)

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF AMOUNTS BUDGETED FOR THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, COLORADO.

WHEREAS,

There is a need to transfer budgeted and appropriated moneys from one fund to another fund.

AND WHEREAS,

The General Fund has a fund balance which can be appropriated to allow a transfer of funds from the General Fund to Subdistrict No. 4 Special Revenue Fund and to Subdistrict No. 5 Special Revenue Fund to cover additional expenditures that were not anticipated at the time the 2022 budget appropriations were approved.

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

Section 1. That the sum of \$136,000 is hereby transferred from the General Fund's Fund Balance to Subdistrict No. 4 Special Revenue Fund.

Section 2: That the sum of \$24,000 is hereby transferred from the General Fund's Fund Balance to Subdistrict No. 5 Special Revenue Fund.

Section 3. That the 2022 appropriation for the Subdistrict No. 4 Special Revenue Fund is hereby increased from \$223,000 to \$355,000 to cover unanticipated expenses for water leases.

Section 4: That the 2022 appropriation for the Subdistrict No. 4 Special Revenue Fund is hereby increased from \$63,012 to \$67,012 to cover unanticipated administration expenses.

Section 5: That the 2022 appropriation for the Subdistrict No. 5 Special Revenue Fund is hereby increased from \$106,449.56 to \$130,449.56 to cover unanticipated administration expenses.

ADOPTED, this 17th day of January, A.D., 2023.

Attest:



President



Secretary/Treasurer

**RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE FOR SUPPLEMENTAL
BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION
(Pursuant to Section 29-1-109, C.R.S.)**

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF AMOUNTS BUDGETED FOR THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, COLORADO.

WHEREAS,

At the time the 2022 budget was approved, Subdistrict No. 4 Special Revenue Fund had not appropriated funds in an amount necessary to cover the total expenditures related to water leases and administration. The General Fund will appropriate funds from its Fund Balance necessary to transfer funds to Subdistrict No. 4 Special Revenue Fund in an amount necessary to cover the additional expenditures for water leases and administration.

At the time the 2022 budget was approved, Subdistrict No. 5 Special Revenue Fund had not appropriated funds in an amount necessary to cover total administrative type expenses. The General Fund will appropriate funds from its Fund Balance necessary to cover the additional administrative expenditures.

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

Section 1. That the 2022 appropriation for the General Fund be hereby increased from \$2,046,372.31 to \$2,206,372.31 for the purpose of transferring funds to Subdistrict No. 4 Special Revenue Fund.

Section 2: That the 2022 appropriation in Subdistrict No. 4 Special Revenue Fund for water lease expenditures be hereby increased from \$223,000 to \$355,000.

Section 3: That the 2022 appropriation in Subdistrict No. 4 Special Revenue Fund for administration expenditures be hereby increased from \$63,012 to \$67,012.

Section 4: That the 2022 appropriation for the Subdistrict No. 5 Special Revenue Fund is hereby increased from \$106,449.56 to \$130,449.56 to cover unanticipated administration expenses.

ADOPTED, this 17th day of January, A.D., 2023.

Attest:



President



Secretary/Treasurer

RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

	PRIOR YEAR 2020	CURRENT YEAR 2021	PROPOSED YEAR 2022
GENERAL FUND			
Beginning Fund Balance	\$3,701,022	\$4,303,515	\$4,120,172
Revenues			
Taxes	\$1,373,445	\$1,436,888	\$1,266,193
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$123,130	\$37,740	\$97,195
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$447,414	\$170,729	\$177,050
Total Revenues	\$1,943,989	\$1,645,358	\$1,540,438
Expenditures			
Salaries and Fringe	\$471,726	\$340,762	\$464,213.66
Travel	\$14,955	\$6,240	\$11,500.00
Office Expense	\$88,334	\$109,438	\$118,442.65
Professional Services	\$260,320	\$846,286	\$899,000.00
Other General Government	\$289,293	\$66,243	\$76,000.00
Conservation of Natural Resources	\$75,670	\$115,356	\$165,041.00
Bureau of Reclamation Contract	\$126,074	\$75,192	\$97,175.00
Capital Outlay	\$15,124	\$4,135	\$215,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$1,341,496	\$1,563,653	\$2,046,372.31
Other Financing Sources			
Transfer in from Subdistrict #1,2,3,5,6 Special Revenue Fund	\$0	\$337,445	\$500,000
Other Financial Use			
Property acquisition for Subdistrict #1 Special Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfer money out to Subdistrict #2 Special Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfer money out to Subdistrict #3 Special Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfer money out to Subdistrict #4 Special Revenue Fund	\$127,500	\$0	\$136,000
Transfer money out to Subdistrict #5 Special Revenue Fund	\$242,417	\$0	\$24,000
Transfer money out to Subdistrict #6 Special Revenue Fund	\$37	\$0	\$0
TABOR RESERVE	\$32,807	\$32,807	\$32,807
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$232,539	\$419,150	-\$165,934
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$3,933,561	\$4,722,665	\$3,954,238

SUBDISTRICT #1 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Beginning Fund Balance (cash basis)	\$6,224,170	\$5,184,263	\$4,508,003
Operating Revenue			
Fees: Variable	\$3,183,709	\$7,432,200	\$6,816,586
Fees: Administrative	\$513,499	\$541,546	\$476,406
Fees: CREP	\$166,892	\$2,022,673	\$2,023,626
Fees: Contract Inclusion	\$23,500	\$2,000	\$5,000
Total Operating Revenue	\$3,887,600	\$9,998,420	\$9,321,618
Operating Expenses			
Water Management-Variable	\$4,231,733	\$7,882,341	\$7,416,500
Administrative	\$522,200	\$412,767	\$524,700
CREP	\$805,806	\$2,285,000	\$2,185,000
Total Operating Expenses	\$5,559,739	\$10,580,108	\$10,126,200

Nonoperating Revenue			
Interest Revenue	\$44,322	\$41,000	\$43,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$72,000	\$0	\$300,000
Other Financial Use			
Transfer out to Rio Grande Water Conservation District	\$0	\$0	\$0
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$4,668,353	\$4,643,575	\$4,046,421

SUBDISTRICT #2 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Beginning Fund Balance (cash basis)	\$195,893	\$392,397	\$337,974
Operating Revenue			
Fees: Pumping	\$377,500	\$381,637	\$543,000
Fees: Administrative	\$74,993	\$82,682	\$74,200
Fees: Contract Inclusion	\$500	\$1,000	\$500
Total Operating Revenue	\$452,993	\$465,319	\$617,700
Operating Expenses			
Water Management			
Water Lease and Storage	\$180,087	\$398,411	\$802,000
Administration	\$54,937	\$61,782	\$66,600
Professional Fees	\$22,309	\$47,481	\$70,000
Reimbursement to the General Fund	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500
Total Operating Expenses	\$269,833	\$520,174	\$951,100
Nonoperating Revenue			
Interest Revenue	\$1,332	\$432	\$1,000
Other Financing Source			
Transfer in from Rio Grande Water Conservation District	\$12,013	\$0	\$0
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$392,397	\$337,974	\$5,574

SUBDISTRICT #3 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Beginning Fund Balance (cash basis)	\$610,342	\$964,646	\$1,044,842
Operating Revenue			
Fees: Groundwater Withdrawal	\$628,912	\$577,310	\$628,500
Fees: Administrative	\$72,443	\$79,987	\$74,800
Fees: Contract Inclusion	\$1,500	\$600	\$300
Total Operating Revenue	\$702,855	\$657,897	\$703,600
Operating Expenses			
Water Management			
Water Lease and Storage	\$134,925	\$454,140	\$1,589,500
Administration	\$54,348	\$59,613	\$65,850
Professional Fees	\$37,487	\$61,065	\$75,000
Reimbursement to the General Fund	\$125,813	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total Operating Expenses	\$352,572	\$579,818	\$1,735,350
Nonoperating Revenue			
Interest Revenue	\$3,987	\$2,117	\$2,500
Other Financing Source			
Transfer in from Rio Grande Water Conservation District	\$35	\$0	\$0

ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$964,646	\$1,044,842	\$15,592
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SUBDISTRICT #4 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Beginning Fund Balance (cash basis)	\$0	\$0	\$135,295
Operating Revenue			
Fees: Groundwater Withdrawal	\$0	\$159,785	\$159,400
Fees: Administrative	\$0	\$97,832	\$59,700
Fees: Contract Inclusion	\$2,000	\$7,000	\$1,000
Total Operating Revenue	\$2,000	\$264,617	\$220,100
Operating Expenses			
Water Management			
Water Lease and Storage	\$66,000	\$34,010	\$355,000
Administration	\$28,500	\$59,323	\$67,012
Professional Fees	\$35,000	\$24,451	\$42,000
Reimbursement to the General Fund	\$0	\$11,538	\$13,000
Total Operating Expenses	\$129,500	\$129,322	\$477,012
Nonoperating Revenue			
Interest Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Source			
Transfer in from Rio Grande Water Conservation District	\$127,500	\$0	\$136,000
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$0	\$135,295	\$14,383

SUBDISTRICT #5 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Beginning Fund Balance (cash basis)	\$0	\$0	\$103,842
Operating Revenue			
Fees: Groundwater Withdrawal	\$0	\$356,747	\$578,402
Fees: Administrative	\$0	\$110,720	\$115,446
Fees: Contract Inclusion	\$0	\$5,500	\$1,000
Total Operating Revenue	\$0	\$472,967	\$694,848
Operating Expenses			
Water Management			
Water Lease and Storage	\$35,935	\$163,405	\$515,000
Administration	\$98,251	\$76,696	\$100,897
Professional Fees	\$108,232	\$109,472	\$60,000
Reimbursement to the General Fund	\$0	\$19,552	\$19,552
Total Operating Expenses	\$242,417	\$369,125	\$695,450
Nonoperating Revenue			
Interest Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Source			
Transfer in from Rio Grande Water Conservation District	\$242,417	\$0	\$24,000
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$0	\$103,842	\$127,241

SUBDISTRICT #6 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Beginning Fund Balance (cash basis)	\$0	\$969,738	\$1,063,390
Operating Revenue			
Fees: Groundwater Withdrawal	\$1,366,502	\$1,307,912	\$1,300,000
Fees: Administrative	\$91,677	\$100,029	\$100,500
Fees: Contract Inclusion	\$3,900	\$1,200	\$0
Total Operating Revenue	\$1,462,079	\$1,409,141	\$1,400,500
Operating Expenses			
Water Management			
Water Lease and Storage	\$374,228	\$1,140,020	\$2,160,000
Administration	\$77,408	\$78,251	\$84,250
Professional Fees	\$38,260	\$90,284	\$165,000
Reimbursement to the General Fund	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Total Operating Expenses	\$499,895	\$1,318,554	\$2,419,250
Nonoperating Revenue			
Interest Revenue	\$7,517	\$3,066	\$3,500
Other Financing Source			
Transfer in from Rio Grande Water Conservation District	\$37	\$0	\$0
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$969,738	\$1,063,390	\$48,140

ADOPTED, this 17th day of January, 2023


 _____ President


 _____ Secretary/Treasurer

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OPERATIONS

Water salvage operations continued as recommended by the Project Operating Committee to meet Rio Grande Compact and mitigation obligations.

For Calendar Year 2022 (1/1/2022 to 12/31/2022)

A total of 2,292 AF was delivered to the Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge through CHO1 & 2.

A total of 1271 AF was delivered to the Blanca Wildlife Habitat Area through CHO3 & 4.

Delivery to the Rio Grande has been 8,111 AF.

San Luis Lake is dry at an Elevation of 7509.0 ft.

San Luis Lake (12/31/22)

San Luis Lake	San Luis Lake Elevation ...	7509.0 ft. MSL
	Storage	0 acre-feet
	TDS	N/A ppm TDS

Project Deliveries: (1/1/2022 to 12/31/22)

Deliveries to:	Rio Grande—total	8,111 acre feet
	Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge—total	2,292* acre feet
	Blanca Wildlife Habitat Area—total	1271* acre feet
	San Luis Lake—total	0.0 acre feet
	Head Lake (West)	0.0 acre feet
	Total Deliveries as of December 31, 2022	11,674 <u>acre-feet</u>

**Includes 119 AF exchange of Treasure Pass Water delivered to BLM.*

**Includes 47.6 AF of CPW water through exchange.*

**Includes 305 AF of FWS water delivered to BLM for well augmentation.*

Preliminary data subject to change.

MAINTENANCE BRANCH

Well rehabilitation operations were completed for 16 salvage wells in 2022. Blade work continued on lateral roads and canal berms. Weed management continued at canal check structures. Preventative maintenance was performed on several project features.

WATER LABORATORY

A total of 104 samples were collected from the Closed Basin Project during the period of October 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.

Total Dissolved Solids at the Outlet was an average of 310 mg/L for the period.

The Lab participated in the USGS Evaluation Program for Standard Reference Water Samples. The Laboratory continues to perform commendably on these audits.