

LETTER OF BUDGET TRANSMITTAL

Blue Mountain Water District

DLG #: 30010

Date: December 1, 2024

To: Division of Local Government
1313 Sherman Street, Room 521
Denver, Colorado 80203

Attached is the 2025 budget and budget message for the **Blue Mountain Water District** in Jefferson County, Colorado, submitted pursuant to Section 29-1-113, C.R.S. This budget was adopted Thursday, November 21st, 2024. If there are any questions on the budget, please contact Ken Hoyer, Treasurer, at telephone number: (303) 642-3876 and mailing address:

Blue Mountain Water District
P.O. Box 16789
Golden, CO 80402

The mill levy certified to the county commissioners is 21.407 mills for all general operating purposes (not G.O. Bonds and interest or contractual obligations approved at elections or levies for capital expenditures). This is based on an assessed valuation of \$ 9,716,594.

Pursuant to the results of the District's election the District is not subject to any statutory limitation placed on property tax revenue as imposed by Article X, Section 20 (TABOR), nor Section 29-1-301 (5.5% Limit) or any other law.

In the November 4, 2008 election, electors in the Districts approved a mill levy increase of 20 mills to a total of 31.405 mills. That approved mill levy is reduced for 2025 by a temporary (one year) mill levy reduction. Our minutes from the November 2024 meeting reflect a resolution stating that, since we expected a temporary mill levy reduction, the exact mill levy reduction was adjusted after the adoption of the budget to incorporate the finalized valuation shown above.

Enclosed please find a copy of the certification of mill levies sent to the county commissioners.

AN INCREASE LEVY BEYOND THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE LIMIT IS NOT BEING REQUESTED.

I hereby certify that the enclosed are true and accurate copies of the adopted 2025 budget of the Blue Mountain Water District and certification of tax levies to the Board of County Commissioners.

Signature of Officer:
Title:


Treasurer

Blue Mountain Water District 2025 BUDGET MESSAGE

District Services: Blue Mountain Water District provides filtered and treated water to the Blue Mountain Subdivision in Jefferson County, with a population of approximately 330 residents in 118 single family dwellings. The water is pumped from deep wells developed and maintained by the District, which is not directly connected to any other source, including any other municipal or commercial water purveyor. The District is managed by an unpaid elected Board, has no employees, and contracts with outside companies to operate the District.

Basis of Accounting: The basis of accounting used in the preparation of the 2025 Budget is the Cash method. The District's 2025 Budget includes projected revenues, which are derived mainly from water sales and property taxes. The 2025 Budget also includes expenditures for operating and maintaining the system, capital improvements required by new regulations, and buildings and treatment facilities for filtration, contaminant removal and chlorination.

Main Features of the Budget

Operating Fund: The General Operating Fund includes a temporary (one year) reduction in mill levy rate to 21.407 mills from our voter authorized limit of 31.405 mills. This reduction is based on total assessed valuation, the statutory "5.5% Limit" and our desire to capture \$208,000 in revenue.

By election in November 1995, the District is authorized to retain and expend for District purposes such operating revenues, without limit, whether or not they exceed the revenues or expenditures of the previous year. The total assessed valuation decreased from \$9,795,429 to \$9,716,594, (0.8%). All Operating Funds and reserves are appropriated and transferred as needed to support the planned capital projects.

In the November 3rd, 2020 election the public approved allowing the District to increase our debt from \$0 to \$800,000 for capital improvements. Those funds were spent, as planned, on an additional 100,000 gallons of water storage in the District. Construction has been completed on that project, and the storage is in service. Our 2025 Budget includes debt service for those funds.

Capital Projects Fund: An expected future expense is a major improvement to our treatment plant to stop using our effluent pond, as required by recent regulatory changes. A set of proposed changes have been submitted to the state, but the state has not responded with comments to the engineering plans that were submitted. While we expect this to require more capital than we currently have in our operating fund, we do not expect to proceed with construction until plans are approved. For this reason, no funds were budgeted for this purpose for 2025.

In 2024, the project to upgrade water meters throughout the District was completed. The new meters electronically store 90 days of history which is proving to be a valuable tool to evaluate water leaks. Also in 2024, the District equipped the new deep well drilled in 2023. Due to supply chain issues, well operation has been delayed and it is expected to be approved for operation in early 2025.

Two new projects are planned for 2025. Both involve repairs to the concrete water storage tanks at Pump Station 2 and the Water Treatment Plant for a total of \$50,000.

The ending cash including reserves for 2025 are estimated at approximately \$405,847, which is sufficient for District operating purposes, but will not likely cover the cost of future major plant improvements.

Emergency Reserve Fund: This fund is mandated by TABOR at 3% of current year non-debt expenditures.

CERTIFIED RECORD
OF
PROCEEDINGS RELATING TO
BLUE MOUNTAIN WATER DISTRICT
JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO
AND THE BUDGET HEARING
FOR FISCAL YEAR
2025

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION SUMMARIZING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR EACH FUND, ADOPTING A BUDGET, LEVYING GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2025 TO HELP DEFRAY THE COSTS OF GOVERNMENT, AND APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY TO THE VARIOUS FUNDS IN THE AMOUNTS AND FOR THE PURPOSES SET FORTH HEREIN FOR THE BLUE MOUNTAIN WATER DISTRICT, JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY 2025 AND ENDING ON THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER 2025.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Blue Mountain Water District has authorized its Budget Committee to prepare and submit a proposed budget to said governing body at the proper time; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Directors of the District for its consideration; and

WHEREAS, upon due and proper notice, published in accordance with the law, said proposed budget was available for inspection by the public at a designated public office, a public hearing was held November 21st, 2024, and interested electors 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 BLUE MOUNTAIN WATER DISTRICT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO:

Section 1. 2025 Budget Revenues. That the estimated revenues for each fund as more specifically set out in the budget attached hereto are accepted and approved.

Section 2. 2025 Budget Expenditures. That the estimated expenditures for each fund as more specifically set out in the budget attached hereto are accepted and approved.

Section 3. Designation of Ending Fund Balances as Reserves. That pursuant to Const. Colo. Article X, Section 20, the December 31, 2024, ending fund balance of the General Fund, the exact amount to be determined as part of the audit of the December 31, 2024 financial statements, is designated as a general reserve for future contingencies.

Section 4. Adoption of Budget for 2025. That the budget as submitted, and attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, and if amended, then as amended, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget of the Blue Mountain Water District for calendar year 2025.

Section 5. 2025 Levy of General Property Taxes. That the budget indicates that the amount of money necessary to balance the budget for the General Fund for operating expenses is \$ 208,000 and the amount necessary to balance the budget for the Debt Service Fund for retirement of debt, bonds and interest thereon and payment of any contractual obligation approved by a majority of the qualified electors of the District is \$ - 0 -, for a total of \$ 208,000 . That the expected 2024 valuation for assessment, to be certified by the Jefferson County Assessor, is \$ 9,716,594.

A. Levy for General Fund. That for the purpose of meeting all general operating expenses of the District during the 2025 budget year, there is hereby levied a tax of 21.407 mills upon each dollar of the total valuation of assessment of all taxable property within the District for the year 2025. This will be accomplished by a temporary reduction for one year in the mill levy from the maximum 31.405 mills approved by the voters of the district.

B. Levy for Debt Service Fund. That for the purpose of meeting all debt retirement expenses of the District during the 2025 budget year, as the funding requirements of the current outstanding general obligation indebtedness is detailed in the following "Certification of Tax Levies," there is hereby levied a tax of - 0 - mills upon each dollar of the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within the District for the year 2025.

Section 6. Property Tax and Fiscal Year Spending Limits. That, being fully informed, the Board finds that the budget and mill levies do not result in a violation of any applicable property tax or fiscal year spending limitation.

Section 7. Certification. That Director Hoyer, as Treasurer of the District, is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify to the County Commissioners of Jefferson County, Colorado, the mill levies for the District hereinabove determined and set. That said certification shall be in substantially the following form:

CERTIFICATION OF TAX LEVIES

TO: COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO:

For the budget year 2025, the **Blue Mountain Water District** of Jefferson County, Colorado, hereby certifies a total levy of **21.407** mills to be extended by you upon the total assessed valuation of **\$ 9,716,594** to produce a total of **\$ 208,000** in revenue. The levies and revenue are for the following purposes:

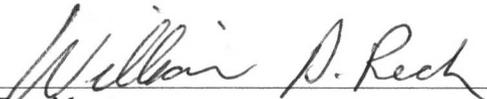
	<u>Levy</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. General Operating Expenses	<u>31.405</u> mills	<u>\$ 305,150</u>
2. <u>Temporary Mill Levy Reduction/</u> Temporary Property Tax Credit:	<u>(9.998</u> mills)	<u>(\$ 97,150)</u>
SUBTOTAL	<u>21.407</u> mills	<u>\$ 208,000</u>
3. General Obligation Bonds and Interest:	<u>- 0 -</u> mills	<u>\$ - 0 -</u>
4. Contractual Obligations Approved at Election:	<u>- 0 -</u> mills	<u>\$ - 0 -</u>
5. Capital Expenditures:	<u>- 0 -</u> mills	<u>\$ - 0 -</u>
6. Refunds/Abatements:	<u>- 0 -</u> mills	<u>\$ - 0 -</u>
7. Other <u> N/A </u>	<u>- 0 -</u> mills	<u>\$ - 0 -</u>
TOTAL	<u>21.407</u> mills	<u>\$ 208,000</u>

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Section 8. Appropriations. That the amounts set forth as expenditures and balances remaining, as specifically allocated in the budget attached hereto, are hereby appropriated from the revenue of each fund, to each fund, for the purposes stated and no other.

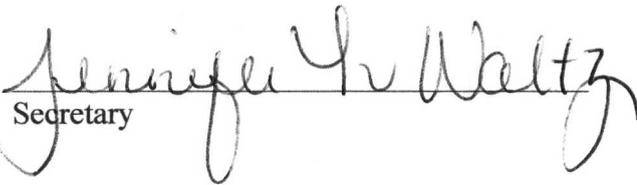
The foregoing Resolution was seconded by Director Hendl.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this Thursday, November 21st, 2024.



President

ATTEST:



Secretary

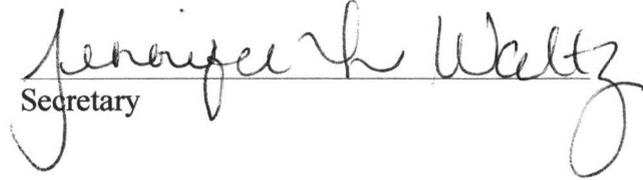
BLUE MOUNTAIN WATER DISTRICT

2025 Budget

Revision 2

	Actual 2023	Actual Jan - Aug 24	Estimated Sep - Dec 24	Estimated Total 2024	Budget 2024	Budget 2025	Budget 2025 Notes
BEGINNING CASH & RESERVES	1,121,840	939,508	541,403	939,508	506,354	390,020	Yellow shows input that overrides proration.
REVENUES:		Months to date					
OPERATING REVENUE							
WATER SALES	101,495	65,260	32,630	97,890	100,000	100,000	
STANDBY CHARGES	0	0	0	0	0	0	now included in Water Sales
TAP FEES	0	0	0	0	0	0	
DEPOSITS PAID	0	0	0	0	0	0	
DEPOSIT REFUNDS (-)	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	101,495	65,260	32,630	97,890	100,000	100,000	
NON-OPERATING REVENUE							
EARNED INTEREST	46,925	15,376	4,800	20,176	22,000	10,000	
PROPERTY TAXES	133,997	182,665	0	182,665	180,000	208,000	
S.O. TAXES	9,587	7,393	3,697	11,090	12,000	12,000	
OTHER INCOME / (REFUND)	659	551	0	551	0	0	
TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUE	191,168	205,985	8,497	214,482	214,000	230,000	
TOTAL REVENUE	292,663	271,245	41,127	312,372	314,000	330,000	
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	1,414,503	1,210,753	582,530	1,251,880	820,354	720,020	
EXPENDITURES:							
OPERATING EXPENSE							
RECURRING OPERATIONS	31,447	20,218	10,109	30,327	32,880	32,880	
MAINT SOURCE LABOR	14,284	20,128	10,064	30,192	7,200	7,200	
MAINT SOURCE MTLs	0	5,784	2,892	8,676	1,000	1,000	
MAINT TREATMENT LABOR	3,850	20,563	72,482	93,045	12,000	12,000	est includes NORM disposal
MAINT TREATMENT MTLs	370	12,904	6,452	19,356	3,000	3,000	
MAINT DISTRIBUTION LABOR	65,471	44,441	22,221	66,662	48,000	48,000	
MAINT DISTRIBUTION MTLs	253	5,926	2,963	8,889	4,500	4,500	
MAINT BUILDING LABOR	10,207	10,248	5,124	15,372	16,160	16,160	
MAINT BUILDING MTLs	2,345	9,535	4,768	14,303	2,000	2,000	
QUALITY TESTING	9,668	9,992	4,996	14,988	10,000	10,000	
UTILITIES	15,626	10,763	5,382	16,145	16,600	16,600	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	153,521	170,502	147,451	317,953	153,340	153,340	
CAPITAL EXPENSE							
WATER RIGHTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	
CAPITAL SOURCE	0	0	0	0	20,000	20,000	
CAPITAL TREATMENT	0	0	0	0	4,500	4,500	
CAPITAL DISTRIBUTION	231,404	457,148	0	457,148	50,000	50,000	clearwell PS2 repairs
CAPITAL BUILDING	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSE	231,404	457,148	0	457,148	74,500	74,500	
DEBT SERVICE							
	50,740	25,370	25,370	50,740	50,740	50,740	25370 x 2 per year
GEN. & ADMIN. EXPENSE							
LEGAL, AUDITS, FEES	18,237	580	10,000	10,580	12,000	12,000	audit
ACCOUNTING SERVICES	10,325	6,468	3,234	9,702	12,000	12,000	
OFFICE EXPENSE	3,253	1,910	955	2,865	3,300	3,300	
INSURANCE	5,504	4,628	5,500	10,128	5,500	5,500	ins due Dec 2024
CNTY TREASURER'S FEES	2,011	2,744	0	2,744	2,358	2,793	
TOTAL G & A EXPENSE	39,330	16,330	19,689	36,019	35,158	35,593	
TOTAL EXPENSE	474,995	669,350	192,510	861,860	313,738	314,173	
ACCUM. EXPENSE	474,995	669,350	192,510	861,860	313,738	314,173	
EMERGENCY FUND @ 3%	14,250	20,081	5,775	25,856	9,412	9,425	
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	(182,332)	(398,105)	(151,384)	(549,489)	262	15,827	
ENDING CASH & RESERVES	939,508	541,403	390,020	390,020	506,616	405,847	
CASH LESS RESERVES	925,259	521,323	384,245	364,164	497,203	396,422	

I, Jen Waltz, hereby certify that I am a Director and the duly elected and qualified Secretary of the Blue Mountain Water District, and that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the budget and budget message for the fiscal year 2025, duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Blue Mountain Water District held on Thursday, November 21st, 2024.


Secretary

