

# THREE LAKES WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT

## 2024 BUDGET DOCUMENTS



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**THREE LAKES WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT  
GRAND LAKE, COLORADO 80447**

**YEAR 2024  
BUDGET MESSAGE**

**HISTORY OF THE DISTRICT**

The District is a Colorado special district, located in the northeastern portion of Grand County, Colorado, immediately west of the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains. The area is within a two and one-half hour drive from Denver.

The “three lakes” (Grand Lake, Shadow Mountain and Granby) situated in the mountain-bordered basin of the north fork of the Colorado River are the major attractions of the area. Grand Lake is a natural lake formed by glacial activity, while the other two lakes were created by the Colorado Big Thompson water diversion project built by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in the late 1940's. The northeast border of the Three Lakes region is formed by Rocky Mountain National Park. The area immediately surrounding the Three Lakes is designated the Shadow Mountain National Recreational Area, which is managed for recreational purposes by the National Park Service. The actual boundaries of the District contain 59.25 square miles more or less, including water surface areas.

Recognizing the tremendous value of this area to the State of Colorado and the nation, and further recognizing the appeal of the area to vacationers, recreationists, developers of tourist facilities, and builders of seasonal homes, the General Assembly of the State of Colorado, in 1971, passed Senate Bill No. 317, the "Three Lakes Water and Sanitation District Act". In May 1977 Article 10 was amended to subject the District to the provisions of the "Special District Act", Article 1, in order to simplify the governance of the District.

The District's Master Plan was approved by the Grand County Board of County Commissioners on March 5, 1973 to design, build, operate, and maintain a regional system consisting of sewage collection, transmission and treatment.

In 1982, the District completed construction of a 1.3 MGD lagoon treatment system through a grant obtained from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, as well as its own funds. Added to this system were the sanitation systems acquired from Grand Lake Water and Sanitation District and Columbine Lake Water and Sanitation District, which would continue to service those areas respectively.

Facing more stringent discharge limits and the lagoon treatment system approaching its design capacity, in May 2000 voters within the District approved a debt increase of \$6.5 million for the purpose of building a new wastewater treatment plant. On January 2, 2001 the Grand County Board of County Commissioners approved an Amended 1041 Permit, for a 2.0 MGD sequencing batch reactor (SBR) activated sludge wastewater treatment plant. The new plant began operation

in March 2003. The final payment on the bond issued was paid in 2019.

The District presently has approximately 115 lift stations it maintains, including three major “regional” lift stations. In 2007-2008, one of three of the original Regional Lift Stations, the Grand Lake Lift Station, was replaced at just over a million dollars in cost. All of this cost was paid with District monies.

In 2014, the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority authorized a \$2,000,000 loan and, together with a grant of \$1,000,000 from the Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Program, the District was able to renovate the two remaining Regional Lift Stations, Shadow Mountain Lift Station and Stillwater Lift Station - a major benefit to the overall health and safety of the employees and residents as well as visitors of the District.

In 2018, the District completed the replacement of two development Lift Stations at a cost of over \$1,450,000.00.

In 2019, the District began construction on a tertiary treatment facility to treat for potentially dissolved copper based on new effluent permit limits that went into effect in 2020 as established by the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment. The Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority authorized a \$3,000,000 revenue bond. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the East Troublesome Fire, the project completion did not occur until 2021.

In 2020, the District was impacted by the East Troublesome Fire. An estimated 366 homes were destroyed many within the District’s boundaries. Additionally, the District incurred some damage and loss from the fire.

In 2023, the District received \$250,000 of grant funds from the Windy Gap Environmental Fund to do preliminary engineering and establish a monitoring system related to the Septic-to-Sewer Conversion Project. The project was established to complete the District’s sanitation system, providing service to areas not serviced, and retire aging septic systems to promote water quality within the area and beyond. Federal funding is being pursued in order to mitigate costs associated with the project. Senator Bennet and Senator Hickenlooper choose the project for a Congressionally Directed Spending Grant, which the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee approved for 2024 in the amount of \$1,000,000. The money is to be used for the first line extension associated with the project.

### **SERVICES OF THE DISTRICT**

The Three Lakes Water and Sanitation District furnishes a sanitary sewer service to its customers within the boundaries of the District. The District is presently servicing approximately 4,500 taps. The District does not provide a water service, although it has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the following entities for operation, maintenance, and administration of their water facilities: Columbine Lake Water District, North Shore Water District, and Grand Lake Metropolitan Recreation District.

### **IMPORTANT FEATURES OF THE BUDGET**

In 2017, the District contracted to have an asset management plan conducted. This plan identified over 30 million dollars' worth of lift station and collection system improvements necessary over the next 30 years. In an effort reduce larger budget impacts in the future the District continues to proactively address the rehabilitation of the system over the years by budgeting rehabilitations of several lift stations every year.

Necessary rehabilitation work on the aging infrastructure, state mandated improvements to meet new effluent limits, inflation, and decreasing residential property tax assessment rates are driving the continued user rate increases.

### **BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

Enterprise fund accounting is utilized in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for water and sanitation districts. The enterprise funds account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner in which the intent of the District is that the cost of providing goods and services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges. Accordingly, the accrual basis of accounting is utilized.

**THREE LAKES WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-12-1**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (“Board”) of Three Lakes Water and Sanitation District (“District”) has appointed a budget officer to prepare and submit a proposed 2024 budget to the Board at the proper time; and

WHEREAS, such budget officer has submitted the proposed budget to the Board on or before October 15, 2023 for its consideration; and

WHEREAS, upon due and proper notice, published in accordance with law, the budget was open for inspection by the public at a designated place, and a public hearing was held on November 13, 2023 and a final hearing on December 11, 2023, and interested electors were given the opportunity to file or register any objections to the budget; and

WHEREAS, the budget has been prepared to comply with all terms, limitations and exemptions, including, but not limited to, enterprise, reserve transfer and expenditure exemptions, under Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution (“TABOR”) and other laws or obligations which are applicable to or binding upon the District; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Three Lakes Water and Sanitation District:

1. That estimated expenditures for each fund are as follows:

Government General Fund:

Current Operating Expenses	\$314,019
Unappropriated Funds	\$486,886
<b>Government Gen. Fund Expenditures Total</b>	<b>\$800,905</b>

Enterprise Fund:

Current Operating Expenses	\$2,105,676
Capital Outlay	\$1,250,000
Debt Service	\$268,040
Designated Reserves	\$800,000
Unappropriated Funds	\$615,427
<b>Enterprise Fund Expenditures Total</b>	<b>\$5,039,142</b>

*Expenditures Total* **\$5,840,047**

2. That estimated revenues are as follows:

Government General Fund:

From unappropriated surpluses	\$510,600
From sources other than general property tax	\$290,305
<b>Government Gen. Fund Revenue Total</b>	<b>\$800,905</b>

Enterprise Fund:

From unappropriated surpluses	\$1,079,047
From sources other than general property tax	\$3,960,095
<b>Enterprise Fund Revenue Total</b>	<b>\$5,039,142</b>

***Revenue Total*** **\$5,840,047**

3. That the budget, as submitted, amended and herein summarized by fund, be, and the same hereby is, approved and adopted as the budget of Three Lakes Water and Sanitation District for the 2024 fiscal year. In the event of recertification of values by the County Assessor's Office after the date of adoption hereof, staff is hereby directed to modify and/or adjust the budget and certification to reflect the recertification without the need for additional Board authorization. Any such modification to the budget or certification as contemplated by this Section shall be deemed ratified by the Board.

4. That the budget, as hereby approved and adopted, subject to any adjustments due to final assessed valuation, shall be certified by the Treasurer and/or President of the District to all appropriate agencies and is made a part of the public records of the District.

## **TO SET MILL LEVIES**

WHEREAS, the amount of money from property taxes necessary to balance the budget for general operating expenses is \$274,405; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary 2023 valuation for assessment of the District, as certified by the County Assessor, is \$303,881,790.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Three Lakes Water and Sanitation District:

1. That for the purpose of meeting all general operating expenses of the District during the 2024 budget year, there is hereby levied a property tax, inclusive of the mill levy for refunds and abatements, of 0.903 mills upon each dollar of the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within the District to raise \$274,405.

2. That the Treasurer and/or President of the District is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify to the County Commissioners of Grand County, Colorado, the mill levies for the District as hereinabove determined and set, or as adjusted, if necessary, upon receipt of the final certification of valuation from the county assessor in order to comply with any applicable revenue and other budgetary limits.

**TO APPROPRIATE SUMS OF MONEY**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Three Lakes Water and Sanitation District has made provision in the budget for revenues in an amount equal to the total proposed expenditures as set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, it is not only required by law, but also necessary to appropriate the revenues provided in the budget to and for the purposes described below, as more fully set forth in the budget, including any inter-fund transfers listed therein, so as not to impair the operations of District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Three Lakes Water and Sanitation District that the following sums are hereby appropriated from the revenues of each fund, to each fund, for the purposes stated in the budget:

Government General Fund:	\$290,305
Enterprise Fund:	\$4,423,715
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,714,020</b>

Adopted this 11th day of December, 2023.

THREE LAKES WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT

By:   
Michael Golden, Vice Chairman

Attest:

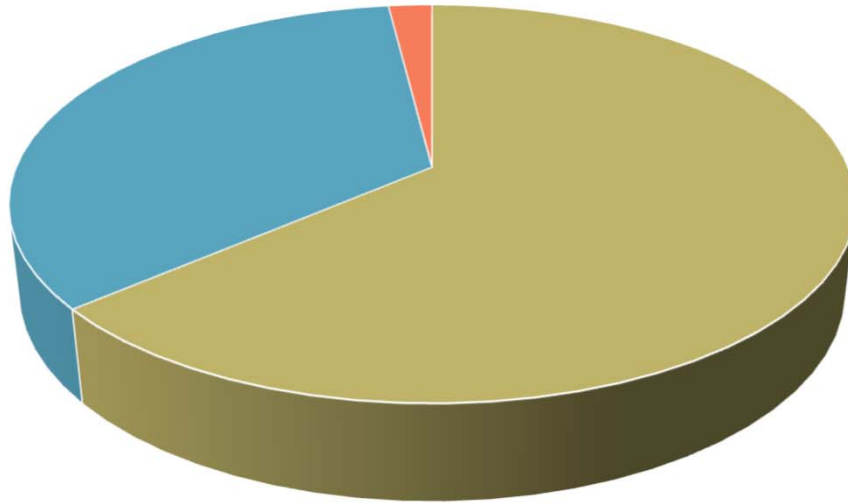
  
Scott Huff, Secretary/Treasurer



**THREE LAKES WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT  
APPROVED 2024 BUDGET GOVERNMENT GENERAL FUND**

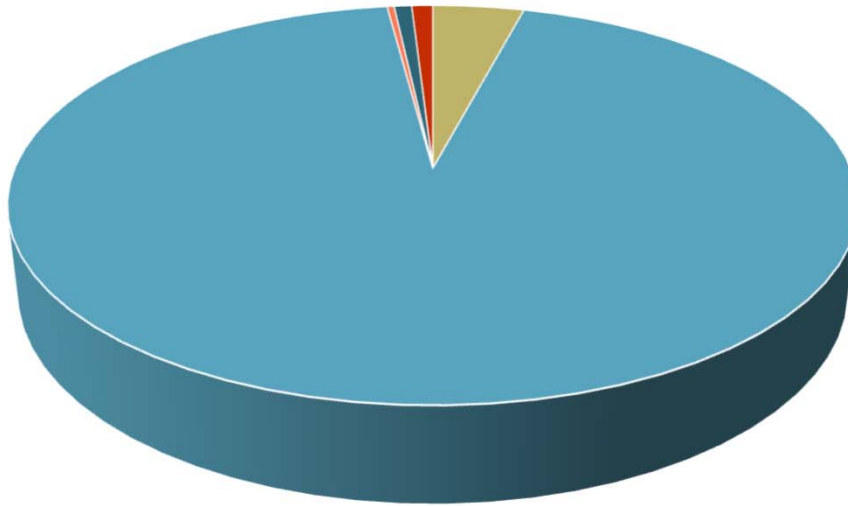
	ACTUALS 2022	ESTIMATED 2023	APPROVED 2024
<b>BEGINNING FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$573,126</b>	<b>\$524,282</b>	<b>\$510,600</b>
<b>Revenue</b>			
4110 · AD-VALOREM TAX - ADMINISTRATION	\$254,542	\$259,672	\$274,638
Other Taxes & Interest Earned	\$21,401	\$29,067	\$15,900
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$275,943</b>	<b>\$288,739</b>	<b>\$290,538</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
5030b·CNTY TREASURER FEES-MILL LEVY-ADMIN	\$12,915	\$12,781	\$13,000
PAYROLL EXPENSES - ADMIN	\$307,848	\$284,222	\$294,519
5018 · CAR ALLOWANCE / MILEAGE - ADMIN	\$925	\$931	\$1,000
5042 · ELECTION EXPENSE	\$79	\$24	\$0
5055 · MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	\$1,479	\$2,374	\$2,500
5057 · OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$1,541	\$2,088	\$3,000
<b>Total Administrative Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$324,787</b>	<b>\$302,420</b>	<b>\$314,019</b>
<b>ENDING FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$524,282</b>	<b>\$510,600</b>	<b>\$487,119</b>
<b>Restricted Reserve Funds</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

### Government General Fund Revenue



■ BEGINNING FUND BALANCE      ■ AD- VALOREM TAX      ■ OTHER TAXES

### Government General Fund Expenditures



■ CNTY TREASURER FEES      ■ PAYROLL      ■ MILEAGE      ■ ELECTION      ■ MISC      ■ OFFICE SUPPLIES

## GOVERNMENT GENERAL FUND – REVIEW OF LINE ITEMS

### REVENUES:

**Ad-Valorem Tax** – Administration: Tax monies used for administration of the District

**Other Taxes and Interest Earned:** Specific Ownership Tax, Delinquent Tax, and Delinquent Interest Monies collected by the Grand County Treasurer and disbursed to taxing entities

### OPERATING EXPENSES:

**County Treasurer Fees:** Fees charged by the County Treasurer to each taxing entity for services provided to collect and disburse tax monies – the fee is 5% of that collected.

**Payroll:** Based on normal 40-hour workweek for Receptionist, Bookkeeper and salaried District Manager, plus minimal overtime for hourly wages. Includes taxes, disability insurance, ICMA 401 Money Purchase Retirement Plan, Social Security replacement ICMA 401 Money Purchase Plan, health insurance and dental insurance.

**Car Allowance:** Mileage reimbursement for use of personal vehicle at the IRS rate.

**Election:** The next election is in May 6, 2025.

**Miscellaneous:** Any expenses not expected, not budgeted.

**Office Supplies:** General office items.

**THREE LAKES WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT  
APPROVED 2024 BUDGET ENTERPRISE FUND**

ACTUALS 2022	ESTIMATED 2023	APPROVED 2024
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**BEGINNING FUND BALANCE**

<b>\$4,262,872</b>	<b>\$5,220,562</b>	<b>\$6,223,890</b>
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***Operating Revenue***

IGA-INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS  
4005 · SEWER USER FEES & PENALTIES  
4030 · LAB REVENUE  
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE

\$108,744	\$113,516	\$125,844
\$2,106,926	\$2,238,783	\$2,366,376
\$28,583	\$24,655	\$24,500
\$46,515	\$68,350	\$8,000
<b>\$2,290,768</b>	<b>\$2,445,305</b>	<b>\$2,524,720</b>

**Total Operating Revenue**

***Non-Operating Revenue***

4010 · CONNECTION / INSPECTION PERMITS  
4200 · SEWER TAP FEES  
4201 · Valves  
4300 · INTEREST EARNED

\$650	\$700	\$375
\$270,900	\$236,025	\$157,500
\$4,307	\$5,476	\$3,000
\$93,350	\$302,328	\$274,500
<b>\$369,207</b>	<b>\$544,528</b>	<b>\$435,375</b>

**Total Non-Operating Revenue**

***Grants***

TBD · Congressionally Directed Spending

\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000
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**TOTAL REVENUE**

<b>\$2,659,975</b>	<b>\$2,989,833</b>	<b>\$3,960,095</b>
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***ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES***

BOARD OF DIRECTOR FEES/EXPENSES  
OFFICE EXPENSES  
5047 · INSURANCE EXPENSE  
5065 · AUDIT & CONSULTING  
5023 · ACCOUNTANT SERVICES  
5067 · LEGAL SERVICE & CONSULTING  
5202 · WATER RIGHTS

\$12,072	\$9,203	\$16,522
\$53,417	\$70,046	\$112,686
\$63,510	\$66,978	\$69,502
\$12,100	\$12,500	\$13,125
\$7,000	\$7,300	\$7,700
\$24,803	\$37,043	\$50,000
\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
<b>\$174,902</b>	<b>\$205,070</b>	<b>\$271,536</b>

**Total Administrative Expenses**

***OPERATIONS EXPENSES***

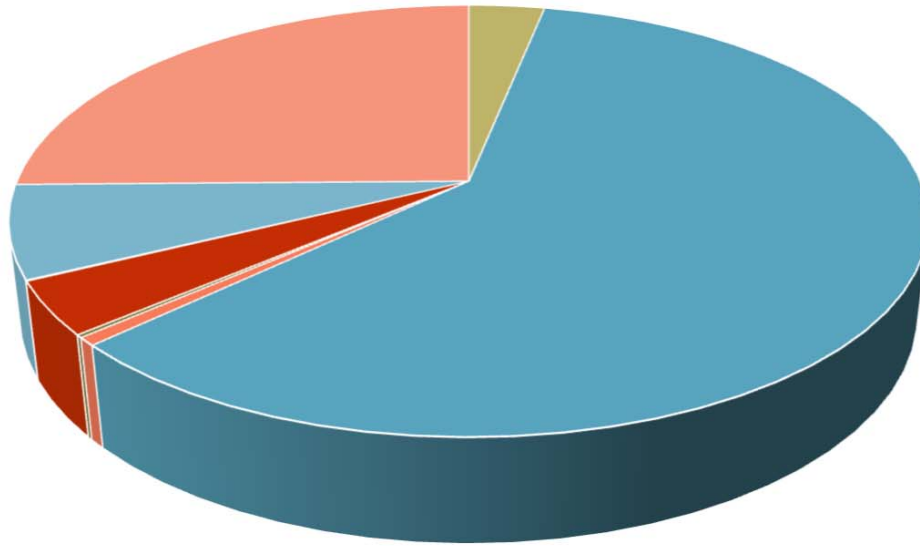
PAYROLL EXPENSES - OPERATIONS  
TREATMENT PLANT EXPENSES  
OFFICE/SHOP EXPENSES

\$502,062	\$559,248	\$707,500
\$283,083	\$288,804	\$427,100
\$33,428	\$24,976	\$42,630

**THREE LAKES WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT  
APPROVED 2024 BUDGET ENTERPRISE FUND**

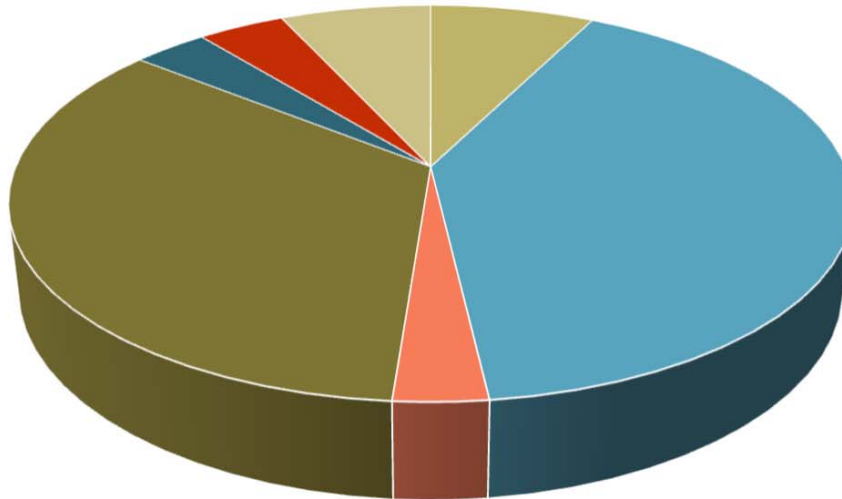
	ACTUALS 2022	ESTIMATED 2023	APPROVED 2024
<b>OPERATIONS EXPENSES - Continued</b>			
5138 · ENGINEERING - GENERAL	\$4,323	\$1,102	\$20,000
FIELD EXPENSES	\$107,107	\$108,764	\$126,203
5152 · MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	\$0	\$60,000	\$1,000
5162 · SCADA SOFTWARE/EQUIPMENT LEASE	\$43,316	\$37,657	\$22,000
5190 · SYSTEM REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$127,776	\$89,223	\$120,000
5200 · VALVES	\$5,736	\$5,725	\$7,000
<b>Total Operations Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,106,831</b>	<b>\$1,175,498</b>	<b>\$1,473,433</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
5148 · LAB - DRINKING WATER	\$9,382	\$9,086	\$10,000
5149 · PLANT - LAB	\$26,489	\$32,159	\$40,000
5185 · PLANT - SLUDGE HAULING	\$30,262	\$46,478	\$60,707
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$66,133</b>	<b>\$87,723</b>	<b>\$110,707</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,347,866</b>	<b>\$1,468,291</b>	<b>\$1,855,676</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>			
Vehicle Purchase	\$0	\$73,785	\$0
System Improvements	\$86,379	\$176,389	\$250,000
TBD · Septic-to-Sewer Conversion Project	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000
<b>Total Capital Outlay</b>	<b>\$86,379</b>	<b>\$250,174</b>	<b>\$1,250,000</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$1,434,245</b>	<b>\$1,718,465</b>	<b>\$3,105,676</b>
DOLA Loan Payment	\$123,942	\$123,942	\$123,942
CWR&PDA Copper Loan Payment	\$144,098	\$144,098	\$144,098
Contingency	\$0	\$0	\$250,000
Designated Reserves	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$800,000
<b>ENDING FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$5,220,562</b>	<b>\$6,223,890</b>	<b>\$6,560,270</b>
<b>Total Designated Reserves Balance</b>	<b>\$3,144,843</b>	<b>\$5,144,843</b>	<b>\$5,944,843</b>

### Enterprise Fund Revenue



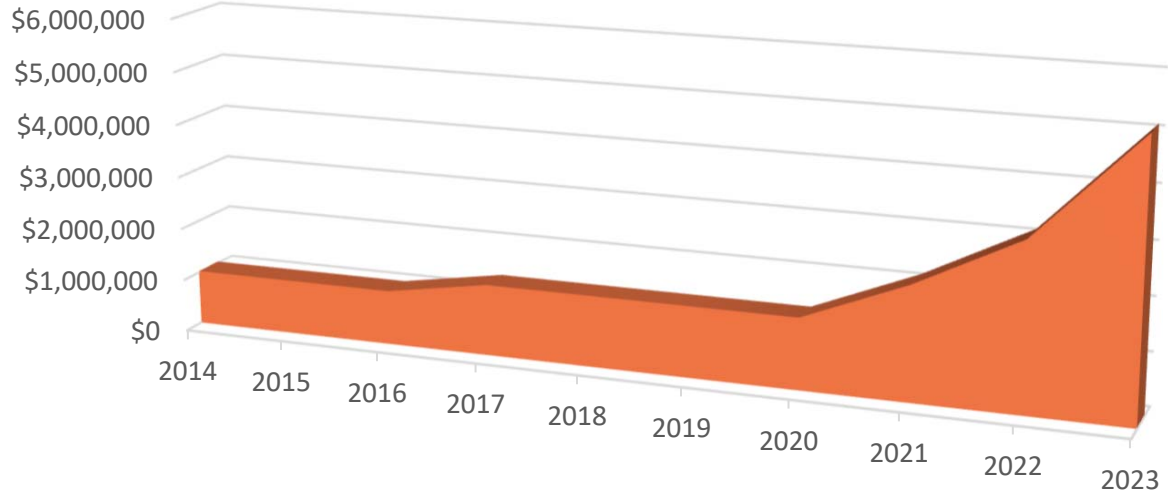
■ IGAS ■ USER FEES ■ LAB ■ MISC ■ PERMITS ■ TAP FEES ■ VALVES ■ INTEREST ■ GRANTS

### Enterprise Fund Expenditures



■ ADMINISTRATIVE ■ OPERATIONS ■ OPERATING ■ CAPITAL OUTLAY  
 ■ Liftstations Reno Loan ■ Copper Removal Loan ■ Contingency

### Designated Reserve Funds - Enterprise Fund



## ENTERPRISE GENERAL FUND – REVIEW OF LINE ITEMS

### REVENUES

**Intergovernmental Agreements:** The District provides operation and administration services to Columbine Lake Water District, and North Shore Water District, operation services only to Grand Lake Metropolitan Recreation District. We charge monthly fees for this service. Site monitoring via our telemetry system, is also charged to these entities dependent on the number of sites we monitor.

**User Charges and Interest:** Fees charged to customers for providing service. Fees are charged quarterly. The District presently charges \$129.00 per quarter per single family equivalent (sfe).

**Lab Revenue:** The District is “state certified” in the lab to perform microbiology analysis for total coliforms. We provide this service to the public and charge \$40.00 per test.

**Miscellaneous Revenue:** Any unanticipated revenues – Mountain Parks Electric dividends are included here.

**Connection Permits:** Permits authorize a tap connection to the District’s sewer main, which District personnel inspect. The fee for each permit is \$25.00, but expected to raise to \$50.00 following a public hearing in January 2024.

**Sewer Tap Fees:** Tap fees are \$10,500 per sfe.

**Valves:** All new connections to the system requires installation of a backflow preventer valve. The District sells these at cost to owners.

**Interest Earned:** Interest received on investments.

**Grants:** The Septic-to-Sewer Conversion Program has been included in Congressionally Directed Spending by the Senate Appropriations Committee for it’s Interior Subcommittee spending bill for 2024 in the amount of \$1,000,000.

### OVERHEAD EXPENSES - ADMINISTRATIVE

**Board of Director Fees/Expenses:** includes board attendance fees, annual board appreciation dinner, annual SDA conference expenses, and any other director fees incurred while doing business on behalf of the District.

**Office Expenses:** includes bank service charges, training and seminars, cleaning supplies, equipment/maintenance agreements, postage and box rent, IT and equipment, printing and publications, recording fees, janitorial work, trash removal, building utilities, and building maintenance.



**Insurance:** Property & liability, auto and workmen's compensation insurance thru the Special District Association Insurance Pool.

**Auditor Services:** McMahan and Associates will provide audit services for the year 2022.

**Accountant Services:** The District Day & Associates, PC to assist the bookkeeper to close out the accounting records for year 2022 to prepare for audit, as well as provide monthly assistance for higher level accounting needs.

**Legal Services:** Attorney fees for general and water legal counsel.

**Water Rights:** Yearly administration fees - Middle Park Water Conservancy District.

### **OVERHEAD EXPENSES - OPERATING**

**Payroll:** Payroll for licensed operators and labor positions in the operations department. Includes taxes, disability insurance, ICMA 401 money purchase retirement plan, social security replacement ICMA 401 money purchase plan, health insurance and dental insurance.

**Treatment Plant:** Includes plant repair and maintenance, chemicals and utilities.

**Office/Shop:** Includes cell phone charges, training and dues, office supplies, IT and equipment, permits & licenses, shop supplies, tools, uniform expenses, and garage utilities.

**Engineering - General:** Engineering that will be required on smaller projects not budgeted individually.

**Field Expenses:** Includes equipment repair and maintenance, fuel, locates, truck repair and maintenance, and lift station utilities.

**Miscellaneous:** Unanticipated expenditures.

**SCADA Software & Equipment Lease:** The District leases special equipment for monitoring its lift stations from Browns Hill Engineering

**System Repair and Maintenance:** The District plans annual improvement projects to replace the aging system.

**Valves:** Purchase of disconnect/reconnect/backflow preventer valves. Revenue from the sale of the valves to the public, shall offset this line item.

### **OPERATING EXPENSES- OTHER**

**Treatment Plant – Sludge Hauling:** The District contracts with Denali Water Solutions, LLC for hauling of waste from plant.

**Lab – Drinking Water:** Expenses and supplies associated with lab work at administrative office. Includes state required certification testing of products we use via kits we purchase; microbiology certification cees; certification tests using special lab bottles purchased; thermometer certification/calibration. We charge fees for lab testing that offsets some of our expenses.

**Treatment Plant - Lab:** Quarterly wet testing, annual quality control testing at the lab, supplies, and general maintenance. Calibration of equipment.

### **CAPITAL OUTLAY**

**System Improvements:** No specific projects are planned, but small lift station replacement projects costing \$5,000 or more will be posted to this line item.

**DOLA Loan Payment:** This payment is principal and interest for a loan obtained through the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority program for the lift stations project completed in 2018.

**Septic-to-Sewer Conversion Program:** Congressionally Directed Spending, if approved with the federal budget, will allot \$1,000,000 for the kickoff of the completion of the District sewer system and retirement of septic systems located within the District boundaries.

**Contingency:** Unexpected expenditures.

**THREE LAKES WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT  
FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS**

**REVENUE BOND - LIFT STATIONS PROJECT**

Colorado Water Resources & Power Development Authority	<b>Principal Balance 12/31/2023</b>	<b>Payments Due in 2024</b>	<b>Principal Balance 12/31/2024</b>	<b>Payments Due in 2025</b>	<b>Principal Balance 12/31/2025</b>
	\$1,267,672	\$123,943	\$1,168,590	\$123,943	\$1,067,516
	Payments include interest - Final Payment: 05/01/2035				

**REVENUE BOND - COPPER REMOVAL PROJECT**

Colorado Water Resources & Power Development Authority	<b>Principal Balance 12/31/2023</b>	<b>Payments Due in 2024</b>	<b>Principal Balance 12/31/2024</b>	<b>Payments Due in 2025</b>	<b>Principal Balance 12/31/2025</b>
	\$2,742,739	\$144,098	\$2,666,738	\$144,098	\$2,588,825
	Payments include interest - Final Payment: 11/01/2049				

# CERTIFICATION OF TAX LEVIES for NON-SCHOOL Governments

TO: County Commissioners<sup>1</sup> of Grand County, Colorado.

On behalf of the Three Lakes Water and Sanitation District,  
(taxing entity)<sup>A</sup>  
the Board of Directors,  
(governing body)<sup>B</sup>  
of the Three Lakes Water and Sanitation District,  
(local government)<sup>C</sup>

Hereby officially certifies the following mills to be levied against the taxing entity's GROSS \$ 290,930,150 assessed valuation of: (GROSS<sup>D</sup> assessed valuation, Line 2 of the Certification of Valuation Form DLG 57<sup>E</sup>)

Note: If the assessor certified a NET assessed valuation (AV) different than the GROSS AV due to a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Area<sup>F</sup> the tax levies must be calculated using the NET AV. The taxing entity's total property tax revenue will be derived from the mill levy multiplied against the NET assessed valuation of: \$ 290,930,150 (NET<sup>G</sup> assessed valuation, Line 4 of the Certification of Valuation Form DLG 57)  
**USE VALUE FROM FINAL CERTIFICATION OF VALUATION PROVIDED BY ASSESSOR NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 10**

Submitted: 12/27/2023 for budget/fiscal year 2024  
(no later than Dec. 15) (mm/dd/yyyy) (yyyy)

PURPOSE (see end notes for definitions and examples)	LEVY <sup>2</sup>	REVENUE <sup>2</sup>
1. General Operating Expenses <sup>H</sup>	<u>0.944</u> mills	\$ <u>274,638</u>
2. <Minus> Temporary General Property Tax Credit/ Temporary Mill Levy Rate Reduction <sup>I</sup>	< > mills	\$ < >
<b>SUBTOTAL FOR GENERAL OPERATING:</b>	<b>0.944</b> mills	<b>\$ 274,638</b>
3. General Obligation Bonds and Interest <sup>J</sup>	_____ mills	\$ _____
4. Contractual Obligations <sup>K</sup>	_____ mills	\$ _____
5. Capital Expenditures <sup>L</sup>	_____ mills	\$ _____
6. Refunds/Abatements <sup>M</sup>	_____ mills	\$ _____
7. Other <sup>N</sup> (specify): _____	_____ mills	\$ _____
	_____ mills	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL:</b> [ Sum of General Operating Subtotal and Lines 3 to 7 ]	<b>0.944</b> mills	<b>\$ 274,638</b>

Contact person: (print) Scott Huff Daytime phone: ( 970 ) 627-3544  
Signed: Scott R. Huff Title: Secretary/Treasurer  
Scott R. Huff (Dec 28, 2023 9:16 MST)

Include one copy of this tax entity's completed form when filing the local government's budget by January 31st, per 29-1-113 C.R.S., with the Division of Local Government (DLG), Room 521, 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, CO 80203. Questions? Call DLG at (303) 864-7720.

<sup>1</sup> If the taxing entity's boundaries include more than one county, you must certify the levies to each county. Use a separate form for each county and certify the same levies uniformly to each county per Article X, Section 3 of the Colorado Constitution.  
<sup>2</sup> Levies must be rounded to three decimal places and revenue must be calculated from the total NET assessed valuation (Line 4 of Form DLG57 on the County Assessor's FINAL certification of valuation).

**CERTIFICATION OF TAX LEVIES, continued**

**THIS SECTION APPLIES TO TITLE 32, ARTICLE 1 SPECIAL DISTRICTS THAT LEVY TAXES FOR PAYMENT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT (32-1-1603 C.R.S.).** Taxing entities that are Special Districts or Subdistricts of Special Districts must certify separate mill levies and revenues to the Board of County Commissioners, one each for the funding requirements of each debt (32-1-1603, C.R.S.) Use additional pages as necessary. The Special District's or Subdistrict's total levies for general obligation bonds and total levies for contractual obligations should be recorded on Page 1, Lines 3 and 4 respectively.

**CERTIFY A SEPARATE MILL LEVY FOR EACH BOND OR CONTRACT:**

**BONDS<sup>J</sup>:**

- 1. Purpose of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_  
Series: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_  
Coupon Rate: \_\_\_\_\_  
Maturity Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Levy: \_\_\_\_\_  
Revenue: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- 2. Purpose of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_  
Series: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_  
Coupon Rate: \_\_\_\_\_  
Maturity Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Levy: \_\_\_\_\_  
Revenue: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRACTS<sup>K</sup>:**

- 3. Purpose of Contract: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Principal Amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
Maturity Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Levy: \_\_\_\_\_  
Revenue: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- 4. Purpose of Contract: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Principal Amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
Maturity Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Levy: \_\_\_\_\_  
Revenue: \_\_\_\_\_

Use multiple copies of this page as necessary to separately report all bond and contractual obligations per 32-1-1603, C.R.S.

Notes:

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<sup>A</sup> **Taxing Entity**—A jurisdiction authorized by law to impose ad valorem property taxes on taxable property located within its territorial limits (please see notes B, C, and H below). For purposes of the DLG 70 only, a *taxing entity* is also a geographic area formerly located within a *taxing entity's* boundaries for which the county assessor certifies a valuation for assessment and which is responsible for payment of its share until retirement of financial obligations incurred by the *taxing entity* when the area was part of the *taxing entity*. For example: an area of excluded property formerly within a special district with outstanding general obligation debt at the time of the exclusion or the area located within the former boundaries of a dissolved district whose outstanding general obligation debt service is administered by another local government<sup>C</sup>.

<sup>B</sup> **Governing Body**—The board of county commissioners, the city council, the board of trustees, the board of directors, or the board of any other entity that is responsible for the certification of the *taxing entity's* mill levy. For example: the board of county commissioners is the governing board ex officio of a county public improvement district (PID); the board of a water and sanitation district constitutes ex officio the board of directors of the water subdistrict.

<sup>C</sup> **Local Government** - For purposes of this line on Page 1 of the DLG 70, the *local government* is the political subdivision under whose authority and within whose boundaries the *taxing entity* was created. The *local government* is authorized to levy property taxes on behalf of the *taxing entity*. For example, for the purposes of this form:

1. a municipality is both the *local government* and the *taxing entity* when levying its own levy for its entire jurisdiction;
2. a city is the *local government* when levying a tax on behalf of a business improvement district (BID) *taxing entity* which it created and whose city council is the BID board;
3. a fire district is the *local government* if it created a subdistrict, the *taxing entity*, on whose behalf the fire district levies property taxes.
4. a town is the *local government* when it provides the service for a dissolved water district and the town board serves as the board of a dissolved water district, the *taxing entity*, for the purpose of certifying a levy for the annual debt service on outstanding obligations.

<sup>D</sup> **GROSS Assessed Value** - There will be a difference between gross assessed valuation and net assessed valuation reported by the county assessor only if there is a “tax increment financing” entity (see below), such as a downtown development authority or an urban renewal authority, within the boundaries of the *taxing entity*. The board of county commissioners certifies each *taxing entity's* total mills upon the *taxing entity's* *Gross Assessed Value* found on Line 2 of Form DLG 57.

<sup>E</sup> **Certification of Valuation by County Assessor, Form DLG 57** - The county assessor(s) uses this form (or one similar) to provide valuation for assessment information to a *taxing entity*. The county assessor must provide this certification no later than August 25<sup>th</sup> each year and may amend it, one time, prior to December 10<sup>th</sup>. Each entity must use the **FINAL** valuation provided by assessor when certifying a tax levy.

<sup>F</sup> **TIF Area**—A downtown development authority (DDA) or urban renewal authority (URA), may form plan areas that use “tax increment financing” to derive revenue from increases in assessed valuation (gross minus net, Form DLG 57 Line 3) attributed to the activities/improvements within the plan area. The DDA or URA receives the differential revenue of each overlapping *taxing entity's* mill levy applied against the *taxing entity's* gross assessed value after subtracting the *taxing entity's* revenues derived from its mill levy applied against the net assessed value.

<sup>G</sup> **NET Assessed Value**—The total taxable assessed valuation from which the *taxing entity* will derive revenues for its uses. It is found on Line 4 of Form DLG 57. **Please Note:** A downtown development authority (DDA) may be both a *taxing entity* and have also created its own *TIF area* and/or have a URA *TIF Area* within the DDA's boundaries. As a result DDAs may both receive operating revenue from their levy applied to their certified *NET assessed value* and also receive TIF revenue generated by any *tax entity* levies overlapping the DDA's *TIF Area*, including the DDA's own operating levy.

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<sup>H</sup> **General Operating Expenses (DLG 70 Page 1 Line 1)**—The levy and accompanying revenue reported on Line 1 is for general operations and includes, in aggregate, all levies for and revenues raised by a *taxing entity* for purposes not lawfully exempted and detailed in Lines 3 through 7 on Page 1 of the DLG 70. For example: a fire pension levy is included in general operating expenses, unless the pension is voter-approved, if voter-approved, use Line 7 (Other).

<sup>I</sup> **Temporary Tax Credit for Operations (DLG 70 Page 1 Line 2)**—The Temporary General Property Tax Credit/ Temporary Mill Levy Rate Reduction of 39-1-111.5, C.R.S. may be applied to the *taxing entity*'s levy for general operations to effect refunds. Temporary Tax Credits (TTCs) are not applicable to other types of levies (non-general operations) certified on this form because these levies are adjusted from year to year as specified by the provisions of any contract or schedule of payments established for the payment of any obligation incurred by the *taxing entity* per 29-1-301(1.7), C.R.S., or they are certified as authorized at election per 29-1-302(2)(b), C.R.S.

<sup>J</sup> **General Obligation Bonds and Interest (DLG 70 Page 1 Line 3)**—Enter on this line the total levy required to pay the annual debt service of all general obligation bonds. Per 29-1-301(1.7) C.R.S., the amount of revenue levied for this purpose cannot be greater than the amount of revenue required for such purpose as specified by the provisions of any contract or schedule of payments. Title 32, Article 1 Special districts and subdistricts must complete Page 2 of the DLG 70.

<sup>K</sup> **Contractual Obligation (DLG 70 Page 1 Line 4)**—If repayment of a contractual obligation with property tax has been approved at election and it is not a general obligation bond (shown on Line 3), the mill levy is entered on this line. Per 29-1-301(1.7) C.R.S., the amount of revenue levied for this purpose cannot be greater than the amount of revenue required for such purpose as specified by the provisions of any contract or schedule of payments.

<sup>L</sup> **Capital Expenditures (DLG 70 Page 1 Line 5)**—These revenues are not subject to the statutory property tax revenue limit if they are approved by counties and municipalities through public hearings pursuant to 29-1-301(1.2) C.R.S. and for special districts through approval from the Division of Local Government pursuant to 29-1-302(1.5) C.R.S. or for any *taxing entity* if approved at election. Only levies approved by these methods should be entered on Line 5.

<sup>M</sup> **Refunds/Abatements (DLG 70 Page 1 Line 6)**—The county assessor reports on the *Certification of Valuation* (DLG 57 Line 11) the amount of revenue from property tax that the local government did not receive in the prior year because taxpayers were given refunds for taxes they had paid or they were given abatements for taxes originally charged to them due to errors made in their property valuation. The local government was due the tax revenue and would have collected it through an adjusted mill levy if the valuation errors had not occurred. Since the government was due the revenue, it may levy, in the subsequent year, a mill to collect the refund/abatement revenue. An abatement/refund mill levy may generate revenues up to, but not exceeding, the refund/abatement amount from Form DLG 57 Line 11.

1. Please Note: Pursuant to Article X, Section 3 of the Colorado Constitution, if the *taxing entity* is in more than one county, as with all levies, the abatement levy must be uniform throughout the entity's boundaries and certified the same to each county. To calculate the abatement/refund levy for a *taxing entity* that is located in more than one county, first total the abatement/refund amounts reported by each county assessor, then divide by the *taxing entity*'s total net assessed value, then multiply by 1,000 and round down to the nearest three decimals to prevent levying for more revenue than was abated/refunded. This results in an abatement/refund mill levy that will be uniformly certified to all of the counties in which the *taxing entity* is located even though the abatement/refund did not occur in all the counties.

<sup>N</sup> **Other (DLG 70 Page 1 Line 7)**—Report other levies and revenue not subject to 29-1-301 C.R.S. that were not reported above. For example: a levy for the purposes of television relay or translator facilities as specified in sections 29-7-101, 29-7-102, and 29-7-105 and 32-1-1005 (1) (a), C.R.S.; a voter-approved fire pension levy; a levy for special purposes such as developmental disabilities, open space, etc.







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New Tax Entity?  YES  NO

Grand County

COUNTY ASSESSOR

Date 12/21/2023

NAME OF TAX ENTITY: THREE LAKES WATER & SAN

USE FOR STATUTORY PROPERTY TAX REVENUE LIMIT CALCULATION ("5.5%" LIMIT) ONLY

IN ACCORDANCE WITH 39-5-121(2)(a) and 39-5-128(1), C.R.S., AND NO LATER THAN AUGUST 25, THE ASSESSOR CERTIFIES THE TOTAL VALUATION FOR ASSESSMENT FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR 2023 :

Table with 11 rows of valuation items and amounts, including Previous Year's Net Total Taxable Assessed Valuation, Current Year's Gross Total Taxable Assessed Valuation, Less Total TIF Area Increments, Current Year's Net Total Taxable Assessed Valuation, New Construction, Increased Production of Producing Mine, Annexations/Inclusions, Previously Exempt Federal Property, New Primary Oil or Gas Production, Taxes Received Last Year, and Taxes Abated and Refunded.

- ‡ This value reflects personal property exemptions IF enacted by the jurisdiction as authorized by Art. X, Sec. 20(8)(b), Colo. Constitution
\* New Construction is defined as: Taxable real property structures and the personal property connected with the structure.
~ Jurisdiction must submit to the Division of Local Government respective Certifications of Impact in order for the values to be treated as growth in the limit calculation; use Forms DLG 52 & 52A.
Φ Jurisdiction must apply to the Division of Local Government before the value can be treated as growth in the limit calculation; use Form DLG 52B.

USE FOR TABOR "LOCAL GROWTH" CALCULATION ONLY

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ART.X, SEC.20, COLO. CONSTUTION AND 39-5-121(2)(b), C.R.S., THE Grand County ASSESSOR CERTIFIES THE TOTAL ACTUAL VALUATION FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR 2023 :

Table with 7 rows of actual valuation items and amounts, including Current Year's Total Actual Value of All Real Property, Construction of Taxable Real Property Improvements, Annexations/Inclusions, Increased Mining Production, Previously Exempt Property, Oil or Gas Production from a New Well, and Taxable Real Property Omitted from the Previous Year's Tax Warrant.

DELETIONS FROM TAXABLE REAL PROPERTY

Table with 3 rows of deletion items and amounts, including Destruction of Taxable Real Property Improvements, Disconnections/Exclusions, and Previously Taxable Property.

- ¶ This includes the actual value of all taxable real property plus the actual value of religious, private school, and charitable real property.
\* Construction is defined as newly constructed taxable real property structures.
§ Includes production from new mines and increases in production of existing producing mines.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH 39-5-128(1), C.R.S., AND NO LATER THAN AUGUST 25, THE ASSESSOR CERTIFIES TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS: TOTAL ACTUAL VALUE OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY \$3,459,774,990

IN ACCORDANCE WITH 39-5-128(1.5), C.R.S., THE ASSESSOR PROVIDES: HB21-1312 ASSESSED VALUE OF EXEMPT BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY (ESTIMATED): \*\* \$154,214

\*\*\* The tax revenue lost due to this exempted value will be reimbursed to the tax entity by the County Treasurer in accordance with 39-3-119.5(3), C.R.S.

NOTE: ALL LEVIES MUST BE CERTIFIED to the COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15.