

LETTER OF BUDGET TRANSMITTAL

Date: January 31, 2024

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

Attached are the 2024 budget and budget message for VISTA WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT in Weld County, Colorado, submitted pursuant to Section 29-1-113, C.R.S. This budget was adopted on December 1, 2023. If there are any questions on the budget, please contact:

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I, John Will, as Secretary of the Vista West Metropolitan District, hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the 2024 budget.

By: John Will

**RESOLUTION
TO ADOPT 2024 BUDGET, APPROPRIATE SUMS OF MONEY,
AND AUTHORIZE THE CERTIFICATION OF THE TAX LEVY
VISTA WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

A RESOLUTION SUMMARIZING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR EACH FUND, ADOPTING A BUDGET, LEVYING GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2024 TO HELP DEFRAID 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 VISTA WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2024, AND ENDING ON THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Vista West Metropolitan District has authorized its consultants 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 or posted 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 on December 1, 2023 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 or planned to be expended from reserves or fund balances so that the budget remains in balance, as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the amount of money necessary to balance the budget for general operating purposes from property tax revenue is \$ 35,176.80 ; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors finds that it is required to temporarily lower the operating mill levy to render a refund for \$0; and

WHEREAS, the amount of money necessary to balance the budget for voter-approved bonds and interest is \$0; and

WHEREAS, the amount of money necessary to balance the budget for contractual obligation purposes from property tax revenue as approved by voters from property tax revenue is \$0; and

WHEREAS, the amount of money necessary to balance the budget for capital expenditure purposes from property tax revenue as approved by voters or at public hearing is \$0; and

WHEREAS, the amount of money necessary to balance the budget for refunds/abatements is \$0; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 valuation for assessment for the District as certified by the County Assessor of Weld County is \$ 586,280; and

WHEREAS, at an election held on May 3, 2023, the District has eliminated the revenue and expenditure limitations imposed on governmental entities by Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution and Section 29-1-301, C.R.S., as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE VISTA WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF WELD COUNTY, COLORADO:

Section 1. Adoption of Budget. 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 Vista West Metropolitan District for calendar year 2024.

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

Section 3. Budget Expenditures. That the estimated expenditures for each fund as more specifically set out in the budget attached hereto are accepted and approved.

Section 4. Levy of General Property Taxes. That the Board of Directors does hereby certify the levy of general property taxes for collection in 2024 as follows:

A. Levy for General Operating and Other Expenses. That for the purposes of meeting all general operating expense of the District during the 2024 budget year, there is hereby levied a tax of 60.000 mills upon each dollar of the total valuation of assessment of all taxable property within the District for the year 2023.

B. Temporary Tax Credit or Rate Reduction. That pursuant to Section 39-1-111.5, C.R.S. for the purposes of effect of a refund for the purposes set forth in Section 20 of Article X of the Colorado Constitution, there is hereby certified a temporary property tax credit or temporary mill levy rate reduction of 0.000 mills upon each dollar of the total valuation of assessment of all taxable property within the boundaries of the District for the year 2023.

C. Levy for General Obligation Bonds and Interest. That for the purposes of meeting all debt retirement expense of the District during the 2024 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 0.000 mills upon each dollar of the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within the District for the year 2023.

D. Levy for Contractual Obligations. That for the purposes of meeting the contractual obligation expense of the District during the 2024 budget year, as detailed in the following "Certification of Tax Levies," there is hereby levied a tax of 0.000 mills upon each dollar of the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within the District for the year 2023.

E. Levy for Capital Expenditures. That for the purposes of meeting all capital expenditures of the District during the 2024 budget year pursuant to Section 29-1-301(1.2) or 29-1-302(1.5), C.R.S., there is hereby levied a tax of 0.000 mills upon each dollar of the total valuation of assessment of all taxable property within the boundaries of the District for the year 2023.

F. Levy for Refunds/Abatements. That for the purposes of recoupment of refunds/abatements of taxes pursuant to Section 39-10-114(1)(a)(I)(B), C.R.S., there is hereby levied a tax of 0.000 mills upon each dollar of the total valuation of assessment of all taxable property within the boundaries of the District for the year 2023.

Section 5. Property Tax and Fiscal Year Spending Limits. That, being fully informed, the Board finds that the foregoing budget and mill levies do not result in a violation of any applicable property tax or fiscal year spending limitation.

Section 6. Certification. That the appropriate officers of the District are hereby authorized and directed to certify to the Board of County Commissioners of Weld County, Colorado, the mill levies for the District herein above determined and set, or be authorized and directed to certify to the Board of County Commissioners of Weld County, Colorado, as herein above determined and set, but as recalculated as needed upon receipt of the final certification of valuation from the County Assessor in order to comply with any applicable revenue and other budgetary limits or to implement the intent of the District. That said certification shall be in substantially the form set out and attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 7. 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.

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ADOPTED this 1st day of December, 2023.

VISTA WEST METROPOLITAN
DISTRICT

Marcus Palkowitsh

President

ATTEST:

John Will

Secretary

VISTA WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

2024 BUDGET MESSAGE

The Vista West Metropolitan District (the District) is a quasi-municipal political subdivision of the State of Colorado. The District was formed by order of the District Court for the County of Weld, Colorado. The District, as a metropolitan district, derives its power from the State statutes. The District is governed by a five-member Board.

Basis of Accounting

The District prepares its budget on the modified accrual basis of accounting and uses Governmental funds to budget and report on its financial position.

Revenue

Taxes

The District imposes a mill levy of 60.000 mills, which will generate \$35,177 in Property Taxes. The total mill levy is for operations of the District in 2024.

Specific ownership taxes are set by the State and collected by the County Clerk, primarily on vehicle licensing within the County as a whole. The specific ownership taxes are allocated by the County Treasurer to all taxing entities within, and including, the District.

Funds

General Fund

The General Fund is the government's general operating fund. Revenue received by this Fund is comprised of property taxes and specific ownership taxes in 2024.

Capital Projects Fund

The Capital Projects Fund accounts for Developer improvements certified and accepted by the District Board and the subsequent repayment to the Developer for those improvements.

Vista West Metropolitan District
ADOPTED 2024 BUDGET

Vista West Metropolitan District
GENERAL FUND
ADOPTED 2024 BUDGET
with 2022 Actual and 2023 Estimated

	2022 Actual	2023 Estimated	Adopted 2024 Budget
REVENUE			
Developer Advance	\$ -	\$ 19,200	\$ -
Property Tax	-	92	35,177
Specific Ownership Tax	-	6	2,110
Total Revenue	\$ -	\$ 19,298	\$ 37,287
EXPENDITURES			
Accounting and Audit	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
County Treasurer Fees	-	2	530
Director Fees	-	300	300
Dues	-	500	500
Election	-	800	-
Insurance	-	2,100	2,500
Legal	-	10,000	10,000
Contingency/Website	-	596	2,000
Total Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 19,298	\$ 20,830
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,457
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,457
2024 Budget			
Assessed Valuation - Final	\$ 586,280		
Mill Levy	60.000		
Property Taxes	\$ 35,177		

Vista West Metropolitan District
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
ADOPTED 2024 BUDGET
with 2022 Actual and 2023 Estimated

	2022 Actual	2023 Estimated	Adopted 2024 Budget
REVENUE			
Developer Advance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,500,000
Total Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,500,000
EXPENDITURES			
Capital Improvements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,500,000
Total Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,500,000
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**Mill Levy Certification
and
Assessed Valuation**

CERTIFICATION OF TAX LEVIES for NON-SCHOOL Governments

TO: County Commissioners¹ of WELD COUNTY, Colorado.

On behalf of the VISTA WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT,
(taxing entity)^A

the Board of Directors
(governing body)^B

of the VISTA WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
(local government)^C

Hereby officially certifies the following mills to be levied against the taxing entity's GROSS \$ 586,280.00 assessed valuation of: (GROSS^D assessed valuation, Line 2 of the Certification of Valuation Form DLG 57^E)

Note: If the assessor certified a NET assessed valuation (AV) different than the GROSS AV due to a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Area^F 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: \$ 586,280.00 (NET^G 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: 01/10/2024 for budget/fiscal year 2024.
(no later than Dec. 15) (mm/dd/yyyy) (yyyy)

PURPOSE (see end notes for definitions and examples)	LEVY ²	REVENUE ²
1. General Operating Expenses ^H	60.000 mills	\$ 35176.80
2. <Minus> Temporary General Property Tax Credit/ Temporary Mill Levy Rate Reduction ^I	< 0.000 > mills	\$ < 0 >
SUBTOTAL FOR GENERAL OPERATING:	60 mills	\$ 35176.80
3. General Obligation Bonds and Interest ^J	0.000 mills	\$ 0
4. Contractual Obligations ^K	0.000 mills	\$ 0
5. Capital Expenditures ^L	0.000 mills	\$ 0
6. Refunds/Abatements ^M	0.000 mills	\$ 0
7. Other ^N (specify): <u>0.000</u>	0.000 mills	\$ 0
<u>0.000</u>	0.000 mills	\$ 0
TOTAL: [Sum of General Operating Subtotal and Lines 3 to 7]	60 mills	\$ 35176.80

Contact person: (print) Cathy Fromm Daytime phone: (303) 912-8401
Signed: Cathy Fromm Title: CPA

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.

¹ 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.
² 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 VALUATION BY WELD COUNTY ASSESSOR

Name of Jurisdiction: 1753 - VISTA WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

IN WELD COUNTY ON 12/10/2023

New Entity: No

USE FOR STATUTORY PROPERTY TAX REVENUE LIMIT CALCULATIONS (5.5% LIMIT) ONLY
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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 IN WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

1. PREVIOUS YEAR'S NET TOTAL TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUATION:	\$1,540
2. CURRENT YEAR'S GROSS TOTAL TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUATION: *	\$586,280
3. LESS TIF DISTRICT INCREMENT, IF ANY:	\$0
4. CURRENT YEAR'S NET TOTAL TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUATION:	\$586,280
5. NEW CONSTRUCTION: **	\$0
6. INCREASED PRODUCTION OF PRODUCING MINES: #	\$0
7. ANNEXATIONS/INCLUSIONS:	\$0
8. PREVIOUSLY EXEMPT FEDERAL PROPERTY: #	\$0
9. NEW PRIMARY OIL OR GAS PRODUCTION FROM ANY PRODUCING OIL AND GAS LEASEHOLD ## OR LAND (29-1-301(1)(b) C.R.S.):	\$0
10. TAXES COLLECTED LAST YEAR ON OMITTED PROPERTY AS OF AUG. 1 (29-1-301(1))(a) C.R.S.):	\$0.00
11. TAXES ABATED AND REFUNDED AS OF AUG. 1 (29-1-301(1)(a) C.R.S.) and (39-10-114(1)(a)(I)(B) C.R.S.):	\$0.00

* This value reflects personal property exemptions IF enacted by the jurisdiction as authorized by Art. X, Sec.20(8)(b), Colo.

** New construction is defined as: Taxable real property structures and the personal property connected with the structure.

Jurisdiction must submit respective certifications (Forms DLG 52 AND 52A) to the Division of Local Government in order for the values to be treated as growth in the limit calculation.

Jurisdiction must apply (Forms DLG 52B) to the Division of Local Government before the value can be treated as growth in the limit calculation.

USE FOR 'TABOR' LOCAL GROWTH CALCULATIONS ONLY

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISION OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20, COLO CONST, AND 39-5-121(2)(b),C.R.S. THE ASSESSOR CERTIFIES THE TOTAL ACTUAL VALUATION FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR 2023 IN WELD COUNTY, COLORADO ON AUGUST 25, 2023

1. CURRENT YEAR'S TOTAL ACTUAL VALUE OF ALL REAL PROPERTY: @	\$2,101,286
ADDITIONS TO TAXABLE REAL PROPERTY:	
2. CONSTRUCTION OF TAXABLE REAL PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS: !	\$0
3. ANNEXATIONS/INCLUSIONS:	\$0
4. INCREASED MINING PRODUCTION: %	\$0
5. PREVIOUSLY EXEMPT PROPERTY:	\$0
6. OIL OR GAS PRODUCTION FROM A NEW WELL:	\$0
7. TAXABLE REAL PROPERTY OMITTED FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S TAX WARRANT:	\$0

(If land and/or a structure is picked up as omitted property for multiple years, only the most current year's actual value can be reported as omitted property.)

DELETIONS FROM TAXABLE REAL PROPERTY:

8. DESTRUCTION OF TAXABLE REAL PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS:	\$0
9. DISCONNECTIONS/EXCLUSION:	\$0
10. PREVIOUSLY TAXABLE PROPERTY:	\$0

@ This includes the actual value of all taxable real property plus the actual value of religious, private schools, 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 : 1. TOTAL ACTUAL VALUE OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY:----->	\$0
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NOTE: All levies must be Certified to the Board of County Commissioners NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15, 2023

IN ACCORDANCE WITH 39-5-128(1.5)C.R.S. THE ASSESSOR PROVIDES: HB21-1312 ASSESSED VALUE OF EXEMPT BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY (ESTIMATED): **	
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** 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 f(3). C.R.S.

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