

### Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA – REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, July 25, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. UGRWCD Offices, 210 W. Spencer Ave, Suite B, Gunnison, CO 81230

#### MISSION STATEMENT

To be an active leader in all issues affecting the water resources of the Upper Gunnison River Basin.

5:30 p.m.	1.	Call to Order
5:31 p.m.	2.	Agenda Approval
5:33 p.m.	3. •	Consent Agenda Items: Any of the following items may be removed for discussion from the consent agenda at the request of any Board member or citizen.  Approval of June 27, 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes  Monthly Budget Review  Consideration of Expenses
5:38 p.m.	4.	Legal and Legislative Issues
5:48 p.m.	5.	2023 Budget – Budget Officer Appointment (ACTION)
5:50 p.m.	6.	<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION</b> The Board will meet in Executive Session to discuss water issues with individual water rights holders.
6:15 p.m.	7.	BREAK
6:40 p.m.	8.	Basin Water Supply Report
6:45 p.m.	9.	General Manager and Committee Reports  Treasurer's Report  Approval of 2021 Financial Audit (ACTION)

GM Miscellaneous Updates

- Watershed Management Planning Committee
  - o July 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting Summary
- Grant Program Update
- Wet Meadows Program Update
- Taylor Local User's Group Update
  - o July 8th Meeting Summary
- Scientific Endeavors
- Gunnison Basin Roundtable
- STOR Committee Update

#### 7:45 p.m. 10. Miscellaneous Matters

- Colorado Water Congress additional board member interest?
- Gunnison Energy Production Solar Panels
- Current Gunnison River Spreadsheet
- Newspapers and Other Water Articles
- 7:55 p.m. 11. Citizens Comments
- 7:58 p.m. 12. Future Meetings
- 8:00 p.m. 13. Summary of Meeting Action Items
- 8:05 p.m. 14. Adjournment

## UPPER GUNNISON RIVER WATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE BOARD OF DIRECTORS- AGENDA REGULAR SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

- **8:05 p.m. 1**. Call to Order
- **8:07** p.m. 2. Agenda Approval
- **8:10 p.m. 3. Consent Agenda Items:** Any of the following items may be removed for discussion from the consent agenda at the request of any Board member or citizen.
  - Approval of January 24, 2022 Minutes
  - Consideration of Expenses
  - Budget Report
- **8:15** p.m. 4. Meridian Lake Reservoir Update
- **8:25** p.m. 5. Miscellaneous Matters
- **8:30 p.m. 6.** Citizen Comments
- 8:35 p.m. 7. Adjournment

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**Consent Agenda Items** 

#### Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District Annual Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors Monday, June 27, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District (UGRWCD) conducted its annual meeting on Monday, June 27, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the District office, 210 West Spencer Avenue, Suite B, Gunnison, CO, 81230 and via Zoom video/teleconferencing.

Board members present: Sara Bergstrom (via Zoom), Rosemary Carroll, Joellen Fonken, Rebie Hazard, Stacy McPhail, Julie Nania, Bill Nesbitt, John Perusek, Don Sabrowski (via Zoom), and Andy Spann.

Board members absent: Michelle Pierce

#### Others present:

Ashley Burgemeister, Gunnison County Court Judge
Sonja Chavez, UGRWCD General Manager
Cheryl Cwelich, UGRWCD Watershed Program Coordinator
Tyler King, United States Geological Survey (USGS)
Jesse Kruthaupt, Trout Unlimited
John McClow, UGRWCD General Counsel
Luke Mecklenburg, Colorado Attorney General's Office
Katherine Nettles, Crested Butte News
Beverly Richards, UGRWCD Water Resource Specialist
Jill Steele, UGRWCD Accountant
Sue Uerling, UGRWCD Admin. Asst./Communications Support Specialist
Katie Walton-Day, USGS

#### 1. **Call to Order**

Board Vice President Stacy McPhail called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

#### 2. Agenda Approval

Vice President McPhail announced one addition to the agenda: 1. A presentation by Jonathan Houck, Gunnison County Board of Commissioner

Director Bill Nesbitt moved and Director Joellen Fonken seconded approval of the agenda as amended. The motion carried.

#### 3. Administration of Oath of Office

Ashley Burgemeister, Gunnison County Court Judge, administered the oath of office for Board members Sara Bergstrom, Stacy McPhail, John Perusek and Andy Spann, all of whom submitted applications to renew their Board terms.

#### 4. Consent Agenda Items

With respect to the May 24, 2022 minutes, Director Julie Nania asked that they be corrected under the paragraph about Mt. Emmons Mining Company to say "Although the Keystone Mine has completed improvements and fulfilled some of its required reclamation work, they still retain an issue with cadmium at the site." Director Bill Nesbitt asked that in paragraph 7, under the Treasurer's report, the names and spellings of Jim Lebenthal with Cerity Partners and Jamie Dimon with JP Morgan Chase be corrected (as shown here). Director Rebie Hazard also requested a correction to the May 24, 2022 minutes to note that she was not present at the meeting via Zoom, as the minutes state. In addition, Director Hazard asked that the Budget be pulled from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Director Rebie Hazard moved and Director Bill Nesbitt seconded approval of the consent agenda items with corrections to the minutes as noted and the budget pulled from the consent agenda for further questions. The motion carried.

Director Hazard asked if the Employee Insurance line item included the cost of Cheryl's insurance. General Manager Sonja Chavez confirmed that it did. Director Hazard also asked, with respect to the line item for "Internship," why it was over budget. General Manager Chavez said it was because three interns were not originally contemplated when the 2022 budget was being developed and intern John Murphy worked more hours than were initially allotted in the budget. Alex and Aaron Baca have also been fulfilling internship duties after John Murphy graduated from Western and ended his internship.

Director John Perusek moved and Director Bill Nesbitt seconded approval of the budget report as presented in the Board packet.

#### 5. Election of Officers

The current officers of the UGRWCD are: President Michelle Pierce; Vice President Stacy McPhail; Secretary John Perusek; and Treasurer Bill Nesbitt. Vice President McPhail asked for nominations from the floor. None were offered. All current officers agreed to continue to serve in their present roles for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Director Pierce provided her agreement to continue to serve as President to General Manager Chavez via telephone prior to the meeting.

Director Julia Nania moved and Director Rosemary Carroll seconded approval of the current slate of officers for 2022-2023 with gratitude. The motion carried.

#### 6. Consideration of Resolution Appointing Financial Officers

Resolution 2022-02 was included in the Board Packet. Vice President Stacy McPhail asked if there were any questions. Treasurer Bill Nesbitt requested that paragraph 7 of the resolution designating NuVista Federal Credit Union of Gunnison, Colorado as a depository of the District, be removed from the document as this is not an allowed depository option for the District.

Director Bill Nesbitt moved and Director Andy Spann seconded the adoption of Resolution 2022-02 appointing the financial officers for the District with the removal of paragraph 7 from the resolution. The motion carried.

#### 7. Re-authorization of Standing Committees

A copy of the current committees and members of each committee was distributed in the Board Packet. Vice President McPhail asked if there were any changes or additions to committees and/or committee members. Director Bill Nesbitt asked to step down as chair of the Education and Outreach Committee. Director Sara Bergstrom agreed to take over the role of chair of the Education and Outreach Committee. Both were thanked for their commitment. General Manager Chavez said she would like to convene the Finance Committee as a sounding board for preliminary budget discussions as she noted that during the regular meetings, there is not always time to dig more deeply into some of the line items. The Board expressed their agreement with this idea.

Director Bill Nesbitt moved and Director Sara Bergstrom seconded approval of the reauthorization of Board committees and committee members for 2022-2023 with the changes noted above. The motion carried.

#### **8.** Legal and Legislative Matters

General Counsel John McClow updated the Board of the Bureau of Reclamation's recent announcement that the states that are parties to the Colorado River Compact need to provide a plan in the next 60 days for how they will reduce their consumptive use by two to four million acre-feet of water within 18 months. If the states do not come up with a plan, then the Bureau of Reclamation has the authority to step in and unilaterally make cuts to protect the system. John provided a graph titled "Basin Depletion Trends 2019-2021" which shows the disparity of use between the two divisions and that from 2019 to 2020 the Upper Division states reduced their consumptive use by one million acre-feet while the Lower Division states increased their consumptive use. John said due to this disparity, it is therefore

Colorado's understanding that the Lower Division will need to meet the majority of the shortfall. John said that since the last demand study was conducted in 2016, which was riddled with errors and exaggerations, the Upper Division states have come up with a unified plan on the methodology of calculating consumptive use. In that time, the Upper Colorado River Commission has also funded and implemented new testing and equipment to monitor the consumptive use on the ground, so the Upper Division will have accurate information. John will get an update tomorrow at 7 a.m. from the Commissioner on the interstate negotiations that have taken place over the last two weeks and if there is anything earth shattering that has come out of those negotiations, John will report this to the Board.

The Bureau of Reclamation is conducting webinars explaining the shortfalls and the process going forward to deal with them which are open to the public on July 12<sup>th</sup> and July 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. John said he would provide the links to the webinars to anyone interested. Director McPhail asked if there was any word from the Lower Basin states on their ability to address this? John said that Las Vegas thinks it has all the answers, Arizona thinks they are a victim and not getting their fair share and California thinks that since they have senior rights, they are just at the table as a courtesy. John explained that the Central Arizona Project has the most junior rights among the lower basin states and therefore suffers the greatest reduction. About half of their allocation goes to the Native American tribes there who have federal reserved water rights. So, Arizona is concerned about their ag producers being completely cut off. John explained that in the Lower Division, no one gets any water without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior and should they not come up with a plan to reduce their consumptive use, she has the authority to shut off the water. Director Nesbitt asked if Mexico has been part of the negotiations and John said that they have been.

#### 9. Presentation by Brad Piehl, Forest Hydrologist, J. W. Associates, Inc.

Brad Piehl provided a Power Point presentation based on the results of the Upper Gunnison Watershed Wildfire Assessment, for which J. W. Associates were contracted for by the District. Brad explained that there were four main agenda objectives to determine for their assessment as follows: Watershed Wildfire Hazard Analysis and Ranking; Climate Change Vulnerability; Zones of Concern; and Opportunities and Constraints. From those agenda objectives, Brad said they specifically were concerned with the following four components with respect to Watershed Hazard Components for the Upper Gunnison River Basin: Wildfire Hazard; Debris Flow Hazard; Roads Hazard and Soil Erodibility Components. Brad proceeded to show maps of various data they collected and the vulnerability of each area. He showed a slide of examples of actions that could be taken at Willow Creek to improve the conditions there. Brad then took questions about the analysis and outcomes.

Director Don Sabrowski asked if there had been any discussion about how to address beetle kill, continuing drought conditions and how to mitigate these issues in the restricted areas noted on the maps. Brad said that they are just trying to get going on all of the data that has been collected and that these issues can be addressed on a much smaller scale. He said that roads, for example, are readily available

for treatment, but that wilderness areas are a whole other issue. He said that J. W. Associates can certainly identify areas of concerns that seem obvious and easiest to address.

Director Stacy McPhail expressed her concern that at some point in time, all of the Taylor River Basin could be "red" in some metric in the future. Director Julie Nania said that it would be nice to be able to compare the Upper Gunnison River Basin's results against similar studies in other basins, especially for grant purposes. She felt the descriptions next to each key factor shown on the maps was a very helpful piece and should be included in all of their analysis. Brad said he would be cautious about trying to compare analysis on a statewide basis as he felt it would be comparing apples to oranges, but did say that he thinks our basin would "rank right up there" for wildfire hazards as compared to other areas in the state. Director Rosemary Carroll asked if they look at the scope of an area to manage or how much of the landscape you need to manage, or do you look at techniques on how to move an area from high vulnerability to moderate across different metrics because they are cross-correlated? Brad said that after they worked both pre-fire and post-fire analysis, his recommendation is to try to tackle the areas that offer the least amount of constraints and he feels putting various tools together could have a pretty dramatic impact on reducing wildfire probability and hazardous outcomes. Director Stacy McPhail noted that the purpose of this analysis was part of the Watershed Management Planning process to help the committee get closer to meeting their goals for watershed and wildfire protections and ultimately, help the Board direct policy changes locally to address the highest areas of concern. Brad feels that the next step is to do a small watershed scale analysis to come up with projects that would help with perhaps a couple of thousand acres at a time.

#### 10. Break

#### 11. USGS Harmful Algal Blooms Presentation

Tyler King of the USGS provided a Power Point presentation on "Algal Blooms, Water Quality and Remote Sensing at Blue Mesa Reservoir." Thanks in part to funding from the District and an existing partnership between USGS and the National Park Service, Tyler said they have (1) developed remote sensing methods to improve detection and monitoring of algal blooms and (2) combined this data with discrete water quality sampling to improve understanding of processes that lead to algal blooms. Tyler said that through the remote sensing, maps of chlorophyll and analysis of trends over space and time they can hopefully determine where and when algal blooms will occur and then through summarizing the physical properties and watching for trends, they can determine why algal blooms occur and what to do about them. Tyler noted that since there are a high level of blooms in Iola Basin, they will increase testing from every other week to weekly during August and September and that samples will be taken from shallow, medium and deep waters in the basin. Tyler said additional water quality and temperature sensors will be installed at a number of locations throughout the reservoir to try to determine how algal blooms migrate within the reservoir. The study also provides for additional monitoring of potential nutrient point sources for blooms. Tyler concluded by thanking the District for its support of \$30,000

and said that they are seeking \$41,000 in funding from the Colorado River District's Community Funding Partnership program with additional cash match from the Uncompandere Valley Water Users (\$2,000), Gunnison County (\$2,000) and Project 7 Water Authority (\$5,000).

Director Nesbitt asked if there is an established migratory pattern for the blooms and does this mean there is a danger downstream from blooms. Tyler answered that the blooms move dramatically in the snapshots that are done every five days and that they are also trying to determine if the blooms move up and down in the water. He noted that toxins produced from the algae can survive in any environment and could be distributed in agricultural irrigation systems, which is definitely a concern. Katie Walton-Day, said that to date their data collection has shown that although the blooms themselves have been migrating, so far the toxins from the blooms have remained only in the Iola Basin. General Manager Chavez did note that algal blooms can cause problems for hydroelectric plants as well.

Director Carroll asked if they have a hypothesis as to why these blooms are happening more frequently and if they have found a correlation between temperatures and nutrient sources. Katie answered that after the big snow year in 2019 when the reservoir was at full pool, although there were some blooms later in the summer, no toxins were found. She said that the increase in drought conditions is definitely a factor as the resulting decreases in the natural amount of inflows, coupled with the emergency releases, has dropped the reservoir to levels not previously experienced outside of when the reservoir was originally filled. She said that this has increased the warm shallow areas and vegetation, which are both factors in the increase of blooms and that she did not feel these could be separated out from one another.

Director Fonken asked if the algae is harmful to fish, like it is for dogs. Katie answered that she is not a fisheries biologist and cannot say for sure but speculated that in the thermocline at the middle water level where the low oxygen levels are occurring because of the blooms that perhaps the fish are already segregated above and below that level. Katie suggested asking that question of Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and Joellen suggested they look to CPW for funding. General Manager Chavez noted that CPW is already offering in-kind services to help with the data collection. Katie thanked the District for their funding support saying she was not sure other local and regional entities helping with funding would have gotten on Board if it had not been for the District stepping-up first.

## 12. Presentation by Gunnison County Commissioner, Jonathan Houck on the Gunnison Public Lands Initiative and Gunnison Outdoor Resources Protection (GORP) Act

Commissioner Jonathan Houck gave a presentation about the development and history of the GORP (Gunnison Outdoor Resources Protection) Act and the Gunnison Public Lands Proposal as provided to Senator Michal Bennet. Commissioner Houck said the process began about 12 years ago and initially got a mixed reaction from county constituents about developing a public land proposal. While there were overlapping values with public lands, there were also overlapping conflicts. At that time, the process was put on hold. Then in 2015, the process was rekindled by then Gunnison County

Commissioner Paula Swenson, as well as former Commissioner Phil Chamberland and Jonathan and it was determined that the county would be the best source to lead constituents through the process of determining priorities for all the different entities represented. Jonathan noted that the representation was thorough with all groups in the county having involvement. Early on, the group determined that there would be three rules that would prevail throughout the development of a proposal: (1) the proposal would protect ranching interests and water resources; (2) no existing uses of public lands would be eliminated; and (3) the proposal would not be strictly a wilderness proposal. Jonathan said that after a year and a half of weekly stakeholder meetings, a draft proposal was developed in 2019. The initial draft resulted in mainly two reactions: (1) there was a fair amount of support that came from developing this as a grassroots effort; and (2) conversely, there was the reaction that there is already enough public land/land use in the county. After more input and some additional tweaking, the draft plan was released for public comment in May 2022 and that it where the process is at this time.

In the memorandum about the proposal distributed by General Manager Chavez, there were links to learn more about the act and initiative, as well as a map of proposed Protection Areas.

Jonathan noted that there is interest from the county in also including some land areas in adjacent counties, including land in Saguache and Chaffee Counties. It was noted that there has been some opposition to this inclusion from Saguache County in particular and Jonathan said he would be speaking to the Saguache County Board the next day. Over the years they have asked to be included and then removed and there seems to be some uncertainty. He wanted to point out that the development group feels protections for wildlife and agriculture go hand in hand and that the proposal is in no way prioritizing recreational interests. He said that it is primarily the increase in recreation that is putting pressure on public lands and the proposal is a means of keeping recreation and development in a lower spot of priority on public lands. Jonathan said the proposal is not about winners and losers, but rather about finding a good balance where some conflicts can be rounded out.

There was some discussion about how this would affect land management and Jonathan said there will be Prescription Management Areas designated in the proposal and that the existing land managers will be advised of the proposal stipulations and manage accordingly. Director Carroll asked how often the management areas will be re-evaluated. Jonathon said the proposal does not change any of the requirements or duration of timing of existing land management and he noted that the GORP Act is amendable.

Director Nesbitt asked where the county sees the proposal going in the future? Jonathan said that the proposal will go to Senator Bennet and then possibly become part of a bigger legislative proposal. In any case it must go through both the senate and the house and that by no means, is this the final package, said Jonathan. Director Fonken noted that as a member of the STOR committee, although it has been a long, arduous process, she feels a consensus has been built and that it has been a pleasure being involved in the development of this proposal versus other projects she's been involved with. She encouraged

everyone to learn more about the proposal through the links presented and then write a letter to address any individual concerns they might have.

Jonathon agreed saying that what he was seeking tonight was the UGRWCD Board to sign a letter of support for the STOR committee to move forward with the process and then he, too, is encouraging each group to submit letters independently to identify specific goals and concerns of their own. He pointed out that the District has a permanent seat on the STOR committee and that Director Fonken will be able to represent and monitor the interests of the District throughout the process.

Director Hazard asked if this would affect your rights if you have a mining permit. Jonathan answered that any existing use permit you have, such as mining, grazing, outfitting, would not be affected by the act. You would retain your existing rights. Director Hazard said that Saguache County is not 100 percent behind this proposal and as such, she does not feel she can move forward giving her support or approval of the letter.

Director Nania said that she likes the idea of supporting this letter tonight and then coming back with a letter on behalf of the District outlining any concerns and recommendations we may have with respect to the watershed. Director Hazard said she was caught off guard by this action item and requested that for important matters such as this that could even require legislative action, she would like to have seen the Board be given a presentation before having to make any such decisions about moving forward. General Counsel John McClow noted that at the last Board meeting, when Director Hazard was absent, a Board policy was passed that does prohibit any Board member from endorsing a position on behalf of the District without the District's prior approval. He noted that this will not happen again. Director Fonken said that the members of the STOR committee all agreed that they could not proceed with a letter of support without each individual member getting the approval of the organization they represent but they hoped to get this done before the 10<sup>th</sup> hour, which is fast approaching with the deadline of July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Director Nania moved and Director Carroll seconded the authorization of Director Joellen Fonken to sign on to the letter of support for the GORP Act as developed by the Sustainable Tourism and Outdoor Recreation (STOR). Director Hazard abstained from this vote. The motion carried.

Director Nesbitt asked Director Fonken if she could keep the Board advised of the GORP Act progression through the STOR Committee and Joellen affirmed she would do so.

It was recommended that there be a monthly update given at each Board meeting on STOR Committee proceedings and that this be added to the agenda. General Manager Chavez agreed to add this item.

#### 13. Basin Water Supply Update

A Basin Water Supply update was included in the Board Packet. Water Resource Specialist Beverly Richards said that while recent rain events resulted in increased flows in the short term, they quickly went back down as moisture was absorbed into the soil. She asked if there were questions, and none were raised.

#### 14. General Manager, Staff and Committee Updates

Treasurer's Report: Board Treasurer Bill Nesbitt said the District is "doing okay" with its investments. Bill said a CD at Community Banks of Colorado reached maturity and he brought a check in today for the proceeds. He said the District was pushing the FDIC insurance limits at Community Banks anyway and that he is hoping to merge these proceeds with other sweep account funds to see if there might be a two-year government note to invest in that will yield in the neighborhood of four percent. Treasurer Nesbitt noted that there will be another CD reaching maturity at Gunnison Savings and Loan in August and that, although he would like to see District funds spread amongst the local banks, it will come down to whether or not there are other treasury investments available that are going to yield a much higher rate than the one percent that most banks are paying now on shorter term CDs. Director Fonken asked if the District was still using LPL Financial for their investment management and Treasurer Nesbitt yes but that they merged with Waddell and Reed.

General Manager Chavez reported that although the audit had been completed by Paul Miller, she was not able to have her interview with Paul, nor was Paul able to meet with Treasurer Nesbitt for a final review due to a scheduling conflict. Sonja said she hoped to wrap up these pieces soon and will provide a copy of the audit results to the Board when available.

**General Manager's Update:** General Manager Sonja Chavez referred to her update included in the packet.

She asked if anyone had questions about her update on the Rule Making #35 Hearing of the Water Quality Control Commission and none were raised.

**Outside Grant Applications:** Sonja noted that the District will be serving as the fiscal agent for UCAR for additional cloud seeding along the East River.

Director Nesbitt asked General Manager Chavez where the District stands with respect to funding available through the Forest Service for wildfire management. Sonja noted that the funding is being prioritized according to population risk for now but that we will be approaching them for grants for Taylor Park, for example, when the cycle reaches that phase. She said the funding will come through a variety of sources. Director Nesbitt noted that the data provided earlier that evening by Brad Piehl should help our cause.

CO River District Update: General Manager Chavez reported that CRWCD Executive Director Andy Mueller presented on the mounting water crisis in the West and its effects on agricultural producers and forest watersheds on Colorado's Western Slope at a Senate hearing on June 7<sup>th</sup>. In his presentation, he also focused on the impacts of climate change on water supplies in the Colorado River Basin and the federal action needed for impacted communities. Over the last 20 years, the flows of the Colorado River have been 20 percent below average due to a drought more severe than any in the last 1,200 years. Mueller also encouraged members of the Senate to support Colorado water in the 2023.

Sonja noted that she has some concerns about the National Weather Service radar site proposed to be installed near Gunnison, as they are talking about using a less expensive system that provides current readings but does not predict what weather is coming into the area. She will be working on trying to get them to elevate that issue.

**WMP Update** – General Manager Chavez reported that she has a field day scheduled for tomorrow, June 28<sup>th</sup>, conducting system optimization and infrastructure assessments and that Katie Jagt and Michael Blazewicz will be coming out late in July for another field day.

Sonja noted that with respect to a project with Cold Harbour Institute there were some legal issues that were not clearly spelled out in their proposal, so the District elected to only fund the planning phase.

**Grant Program Update** – Sonja said that John McClow and Bev Richards have been cranking out a lot of contracts and they expect to get the remaining contracts out soon. Sonja noted that they did have to cancel one of the grants awarded in 2021 due to the fact that the landowner died and the property is for sale. She said the new owner would be invited to apply again for funding once all ownership issues have been settled.

**Wet Meadows Program Update:** Cheryl Cwelich reported that they are kicking off construction on 17 sites around the basin. Director Stacy McPhail congratulated Cheryl on her success of funding projects.

**Taylor Local User's Group Update:** The June 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes were included in the Board Packet. TLUG Chair Don Sabrowski reported that TLUG was told by the Bureau of Reclamation that there was a 10,000 acre-feet reduction in runoff projections from May 1 to June 1 and that they attribute this primarily due to heavy winds and dry soil. Although there was a good amount of snow in the northern part of the Taylor basin, much of it was melting into the soil profile instead of resulting in runoff. Don said that more than likely, TLUG will see some further reductions in the

forecast. He's hopeful that recent rains will slow down the reductions we've been seeing in the forecasts for inflow. Don reported that they had an inch and a half of rain at Wilder.

In order to maintain a year-end fill of 70,000 acre-feet of water, as directed by the Stipulation for an Average Water Year, Erik Knight of the Bureau of Reclamation suggested changing the releases for the remainder of this water year as follows:

June 16-July 16: 275 cfs (down from 350 cfs) July 16-August 1: 250 cfs (down from 300 cfs) August 16-Sept 5: 250 cfs (down from 300 cfs)

September 6: 225 cfs

September 7-26: 200 cfs (down from 225 cfs)

Sept 27: 175 cfs Sept 28: 150 cfs Sept 29: 125 cfs

Sept 30-Oct 15 – 100 cfs (down from 175, 150, 125, 100 and 91 cfs in early October)

Oct 16-Nov 1: 85 cfs (down from 91 cfs)

These releases were unanimously agreed to by the TLUG representatives. The next TLUG meeting will be held Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

General Manager Chavez said she hopes for a good monsoon season, but that we are right in the middle of the direction the season could go (wet or dry).

Director Rosemary Carroll asked about the status of the Spring Creek Reservoir fill. Don reported that Water Commissioner Tom Rozman said that Spring Creek Reservoir has been filling because CPW was not able to finish the pipe replacement project before winter last year and the current outlet can only release a max of about 45 cfs. They are going to have to drain the reservoir again to expose the outlet pipe to finish the project so this might bump up flows a bit through the summer. Director Fonken reported that all of the land around the reservoir is now open and that Spring Creek Reservoir appears to be about half-way full.

General Manage Chavez said that for this last and future TLUG meetings, she will be providing very abbreviated minutes for the TLUG representatives and what is being said will not be reported verbatim. Director Sabrowski commended Sonja for her patience and handling of the TLUG representatives.

**Scientific Endeavors:** Director Rosemary Carroll said it is interesting to consider where all the snow has gone that was measured by the ASO flights. Rosemary reported that a student of Ken Williams (Lawrence Berkley National Laboratories) will be conducting a nitrogen study at both the water treatment facilities for the towns of Crested Butte and Mt. Crested Butte, as well as at the Slate River for

informational purposes. She said this is not being done to "point fingers" at anyone but to assess why there is a rise in nitrogen levels when in other places around the state, nitrogen levels have decreased. Rosemary offers that perhaps the student could give an update to the District at the conclusion and Director McPhail said she would like to hear that. Rosemary said she is working on a water isotopes project in Coal Creek.

Gunnison River Festival Update: Several members of the Board commended Director Joellen Fonken on a great 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Festival, especially since the outbreak of Covid prevented much of the staff from assisting as planned. Joellen said they had a great, wonderful weekend for the festival weather wise with hot temperatures. She said it was really rewarding to see spectators out again. Joellen said there was a spike in flows and the cfs went way up at the Whitewater Park on Saturday that prevented a few of the activities from taking place. For instance, they had to take the dogs out of the water. Joellen said the waivers for the events showed that there were a lot of participants involved who were not from the area. She estimated that the 163 participants that were recorded on waivers may be the highest participation they have ever had. She said the event passed the state water ranger's safety requirements with flying colors. Her only disappointments were that there were not as many kids involved as in the past and the Wailers did not show up at the I Bar until after midnight as the awards for the Taylor Downriver Race were scheduled to happen just before their concert. Thankfully, this was not technically part of the Gunnison River Festival. A video of the GRF produced by Alex Baca was shown. Joellen brought visors and offered them to Board members.

#### 15. Miscellaneous Matters

General Manager Sonja Chavez asked Board members to contact the District if they wish to attend the Colorado Water Congress Conference in Steamboat Springs August 23-25.

Director Julie Nania offered that there is an opportunity for a "casual partnership" to provide a water talk at the Public Policy Forum and she will follow-up with an email about this to the Education and Outreach Committee.

#### 16. Citizens Comments

No comments.

#### 17. Future Meetings

A list of upcoming meetings was included in the Board Packet.

The Board consensus was to move the meeting date of the August meeting to Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM to avoid conflicting with travel to the Colorado Water Congress Summer Conference.

#### 18. Summary of Meeting Action Items

John McClow and Sonja Chavez will provide more details and updates about plans to reduce consumptive use of the Colorado River.

Rosemary Carroll will check with the student conducting the nitrogen study on the Slate River/Crested Butte to find a time when she would be able to provide a report to the District.

Board and staff members will contact Sue Uerling if they would like to register for the Colorado Water Congress Summer Conference.

Julie Nania will send out an email to the Education and Outreach Committee about possibly participating in the Public Policy Forum.

John McClow will provide Board members with links to join the webinars on July 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Bureau of Reclamation about the process to be followed in renegotiating the 2007 Guidelines

#### 19. Adjournment

Stacy McPhail, Vice President

Board Vice President Stacy McPhail adjourned the Annual Meeting on June 27, 2022, at 8:58 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,
John Perusek, Secretary  APPROVED:

	June 2022	YTD 2022	2022 Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense Income				
Asp Water Sales	348.11	10.7/0.00	20 510 00	07.000
Cloud Seeding Income	67,000.00	19,769.80	22,510.00	87.83%
Interest income		90,750.00	92,750.00	97.84%
	3,715.81	7,012.00	20,000.00	35.06%
Property Tax Income	127,373.61	1,275,754.21	1,609,542.00	79.26%
Reimbursed Exp Income	0.00	(10.04		
GRF Reimbursed Income	0.00	-613.84		
LSC Reimbursed Income	0.00	0.00		
Misc Income	2,591.45	2,715.64	1,000.00	271.56%
UGRAWE 4.46% OpX Reimbursed Inc	0.00	18,134.00	33,297.00	54.46%
Reimbursed Exp Income - Other	0.00	0.00		
Total Reimbursed Exp Income	2,591.45	20,235.80	34,297.00	59.0%
Taylor-CWRPDA Hydro Income	0.00	0.00		
Unspent Funds from Previous Yr	0.00	0.00	9,379.00	0.0%
Watershed Mgmt Income				
CRWCD CFP2021-15 Grant inc	0.00	35,430.75		
CWCB 2019-2891 \$150,000	0.00	52,697.97	40,000.00	131.75%
CWCB 2020-2113 \$31,507	0.00	0.00	16,000.00	0.0%
CWCB 2022-2085 \$180,000	0.00	8,100.00		
NPS 2021-4821 Grant Inc	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
TU Restore Grant Inc	0.00	8,000.00	40,000.00	20.0%
Watershed Restore Program Inc	0.00	0.00	135,500.00	0.0%
WMP CWCB PO TBD Inc	0.00	0.00	150,000.00	0.0%
Watershed Mgmt Income - Other	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Total Watershed Mgmt Income	4,000.00	108,228.72	381,500.00	28.37%
Wet Meadows Income				
BLM L17AC00255	0.00	0.00	134,666.00	0.0%
BLM L19AC00207 Silt	0.00	0.00	46,000.00	0.0%
NFWF Landscape	0.00	324,626.25		
NFWF Phase II Grant Income	0.00	0.00	107,400.00	0.0%
NRCS Grant Income	0.00	0.00		
Wet Meadows BLM Grant Inc	0.00	0.00		
WM USFS PA 18 Inc	32,941.05	32,941.05		
Wet Meadows Income - Other	0.00	0.00		
Total Wet Meadows Income	32,941.05	357,567.30	288,066.00	124.13%
WQ Monitoring Inc	8,168.00	35,570.00	35,570.00	100.0%
Total Income	248,360.03	1,914,887.83	2,493,614.00	76.79%
Cost of Goods Sold	·		141	
Cloud Seeding COST	28.05	69,003.61	0.00	100.0%
COST Grants	0.00	0.00		
Cost of Goods Sold	0.00	0.00		
CWCB PEPO GBRT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
NPS PO 2021-4821 COST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
UGR&D CRWCD CFP2021-15 COST	0.00	0.00	3.00	0.0,0
Watershed COST		3,33		
2021-15 UG Restoration COST	0.00	0.00		
2022-2085 Watershed Restoration	0.00	0.00		
CWCB 2022-2085 (Restore) COST	0.00	33,165.75		
CWCB 2019-2891 COST	0.00	6,266.25	0.00	100.0%
CWCB 2017-2871 COS1	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.0%
C11CD 2020 2110 CQ31	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	100.076

ual Basis				
CWCB PO 2019 2891 COST	0.00	0.00		
CWCB WtrShed Restore Grant COST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
TU Restore Grant COST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
UGR&D CRWCD CFP202 COST	0.00	0.00		
Watershed COST - Other	1,686.85	1,686.85		
Total Watershed COST	1,686.85	46,118.85	0.00	100.0%
Wet Meadows COST				
BLM Coop L17AC00255 COST	2,121.19	5,774.35	0.00	100.0%
BLM L19AC00207 COST	3,323.53	6,663.91		
BLM L19AC00207 Silt COST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
CPW HPP COST	0.00	0.00		
CPW Wetlands Grant COST	0.00	0.00		
NFWF Phase II COST	4,358.96	29,072.50	0.00	100.0%
NRCS Grant Exp COST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
USFS PA-2 17-PA COST	0.00	489.03	0.00	100.0%
USFS SPA 2018 COST	5,943.00	10,395.46	0.00	100.0%
Wet Meadows COST - Other	0.00	0.00		
Total Wet Meadows COST	15,746.68	52,395.25	0.00	100.0%
WQ Monitoring COST	0.00	28,942.00		
Total COGS	17,461.58	196,459.71	0.00	100.0%
Gross Profit	230,898.45	1,718,428.12	2,493,614.00	68.91%
Expense				
1 Op X				
Audit and Accounting	5,677.63	9,332.88	7,500.00	124.44%
Bad Debts	0.00	0.00		
Board Expenses	0.00	3,317.03	15,000.00	22.11%
Board Mtg Fees	0.00	5,760.00	13,360.00	43.11%
BOD Mileage	0.00	674.20	2,200.00	30.65%
Bonding and Insurance	0.00	13,504.90	12,003.00	112.51%
Building Rep/Maint	0.00	-12,343.57	10,000.00	-123.44%
Computer Exp	0.00	1,919.98		
Computer, Internet, Lexis	1,143.80	4,673.44		
Contribution-Endangered Fish	0.00	0.00		
Copier Expenses	329.39	967.49		
County Treasurers' Fees	3,784.86	37,096.55	46,237.00	80.23%
Donation RMBL Weather	0.00	0.00		
Donation Selenium Program	0.00	0.00		
Dues, Memberships&Subscriptions	135.00	1,982.49	5,222.00	37.96%
Election Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Legal Publication	35.70	6,094.48	6,000.00	101.58%
Manager's Discretionary	0.00	721.49	3,000.00	24.05%
Meeting Expenses	643.74	1,805.65	3,500.00	51.59%
Office Equipment Exp	0.00	4,718.44	21,500.00	21.95%
Office Supplies & Misc Expenses	1,180.22	17,211.99	21,250.00	81.0%
Payroll Exp				
Admin.Travel & Exp.	296.06	10,275.20	19,000.00	54.08%
CRA Retirement Plan	2,721.55	16,329.30	32,659.00	50.0%
Medical Insurance	4,404.07	29,744.55	34,425.00	86.4%
Payroll Taxes	3,537.10	21,467.20	39,092.00	54.92%
Salaries - Admin	28,250.00	169,500.00	339,000.00	50.0%
Salaries - Staff	17,889.92	106,917.60	164,117.00	65.15%
Staff Development	275.00	601.00	9,000.00	6.68%
Work Comp Ins	540.00	4,025.00	3,700.00	108.78%

Accrual Basis				
Payroll Exp - Other	0.00	0.00		
Total Payroll Exp	57,913.70	358,859.85	640,993.00	55.99%
Postage	0.00	874.84	1,500.00	58.32%
Public Outreach				
4-H Sponsorships	307.50	307.50		
Donation GRF	0.00	10,083.03	10,500.00	96.03%
Internship	2,407.28	3,474.88	800.00	434.36%
Mini-Grants	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.0%
Public Ed./Advertising	1,659.11	20,047.09	28,140.00	71.24%
Youth Conservation Corps	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Public Outreach - Other	225.00	225.00		******
Total Public Outreach	4,598.89	34,137.50	41,940.00	81.4%
Publications	0.00	274.90	41,740.00	01.470
RICD Exp	0.00	0.00		
Software Exp	855.90	1,688.19		
Telephone	0.00	3,859.00	7 110 00	E 4 0007
•			7,110.00	54.28%
Utilities, Clean, Condo Dues	1,529.87	8,855.31	15,516.00	57.07%
Vehicle Expenses - Toyota Highl	138.83	487.19	4,525.00	10.77%
1 Op X - Other	0.00	0.00		
Total 1 Op X	77,967.53	506,474.22	878,356.00	57.66%
2 Non-Op X				
Asp Subordination Report	0.00	4,392.50	5,000.00	87.85%
Aspinall Contract Costs	0.00	18,845.65	18,550.00	101.59%
Consulting/Engineering	3,033.75	6,917.14	15,000.00	46.11%
Contribution to Reserve Fund	0.00	0.00		
Donation Dust on Snowpack	0.00	0.00		
Endanger Fish Recovery Program	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.0%
Legal Fees/Projects	0.00	0.00		
LSC Expenses	0.00	0.00	13,464.00	0.0%
RMBL (Basinwide Planning X)	0.00	0.00	421,500.00	0.0%
RWSI Expense	1,681.88	36,946.65	729,566.00	5.06%
RWSI Grant Program	825.00	123,383.12		
Spencer Ave Res Exp	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.0%
Taylor Park Projects Exp	0.00	7,436.00	7,436.00	100.0%
Taylor River Modeling Exp	9,443.22	22,812.79	•	
Watershed Mgmt X	4,199.50	45,530.75		
Wet Meadow X	930.55	968.63		
WQ Monitoring	0.00	10,000.00	149,691.00	6.68%
2 Non-Op X - Other	0.00	0.00	1 17 707 1100	0.0070
Total 2 Non-Op X	20,113.90	277,233.23	1,373,207.00	20.19%
SUSPENSE	0.00	0.00	1,070,207.00	20.1770
Total Expense	98,081.43	783,707.45	2,251,563.00	34.81%
Net Ordinary Income	132,817.02			
	132,017.02	934,720.67	242,051.00	386.17%
Other Income/Expense	0.00	0.00	2.22	0.00
Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Other Expense	0.00			
Contingency	0.00	0.00	24,000.00	0.0%
Depreciation Expenses	0.00	0.00	-	
Total Other Expense	0.00	0.00	24,000.00	0.0%
Net Other Income	0.00	0.00	-24,000.00	0.0%
Net Income	132,817.02	934,720.67	218,051.00	428.67%

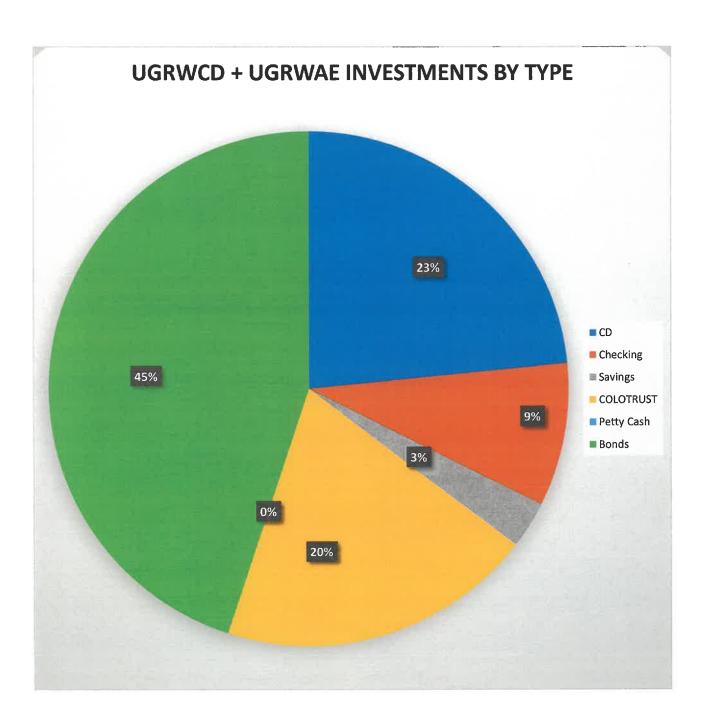
#### BANK AND BOND BALANCES - UGRWCD and UGRWAE

UGRWCD	Instrument	Balance	Cost	Interest	Maturity	Date
Account Name	Туре	6/30/223	Basis	Rate	Date	Callable
LPL Bond 27 CUSIP 91282CDR9 Treasury Note	BOND	\$ 387,124.80	\$ 394,661.19	0.750%	12/31/2023	
LPL Bond 17 (FHLB) CUSIP 91282CDH1 Treasury Note	BOND	194,493.76	204,335.35	0.750%	11/15/2024	
LPL 19 Pac. Western CD thru LPL CUSIP 69506 YRJ O	CD	242,873.40	245,000.00	1.200%	4/17/2023	
LPL Bond 20 (FHLB) CUSIP 3130 AJLA 5	BOND	514,968.85	550,000.00	0.750%	5/19/2025	
LPL Bond 21 (Fed Farm) CUSIP 3133 EL3P7	BOND	319,057.03	345,000.00	0.530%	8/12/2025	8/12/2022
LPL 22 Merrick Bank CD thru LPL CUSIP 59013KLR5	CD	232,150.17	249,000.00	0.350%	12/30/2024	
LPL Bond 23 (FEDL) CUSIP 3130ALLD4	BOND	230,639.00	250,000.00	0.875%	3/17/2026	9/17/2021
LPL Money Market Account	M.M.	24,813.71		0.010%	N/A	
LPL Bond 24 CUSIP 3130AMDY5 Fedl Home Loan Bank	BOND	461,639.50	500,000.00	1.000%	5/20/2026	5/20/2022
LPL CD 25 Sallie Mae Bank CUSIP 795451 AA1	CD	232,661.31	245,000.00	0.550%	7/22/2024	3/30/2022
LPL 26 (Fed. Home Loan Banks) CUSIP 3130 APBE4	BOND	146,589.44	160,000.00	1.000%	9/30/2026	9/30/2022
LPL 28 Freddie Mac CUSIP 3134 GXQP2	BOND	197,588.20	200,000.00	3.030%	4/28/2025	7/28/2022
LPL 29 FHL CUSIP 3134 GXYD0	BOND	299,845.80	300,000.00	3.250%	6/30/2027	6/30/2023
Mountain View Bank Money Market	M.M.	106,489.60			3/27/2023	12/30/2022
Bank of the West Checking	CHKG	515,575.71		0.010%	N/A	
Bank of the West CD 046907721	CD	105,411.54		0.350%	12/22/2022	
Community Banks of Colo. CD 0420	CD	51,564.17		0.400%	9/26/2022	
Community Banks of Colo. Lake City CD # 7668	CD	104,170.48		0.500%	5/20/2023	
10520 Gunnison Bank & Trust CD 6637	CD	200,000.00		1.900%	2/26/2025	
10540 Gunnison Bank & Trust - Spencer Ave. Res. 3589	CHKG	50,116.89		0.150%	N/A	
101140 Gunnison Savings & Loan CD 5011	CD	110,802.58		1.750%	8/10/2022	
101149 Gunnison Savings & Loan CD 9413	CD	153,256.11		2.050%	10/18/2024	
10295 COLOTRUST PLUS+	COIO.	672,286.37		0.9099%	N/A	
10290 COLOTRUST PRIME	COLO.	168,379.84		0.6490%	N/A	
10200 Petty Cash	PETTY	100.00		N/A	N/A	
TOTAL UGRWCD		\$ 5,722,598.26				
UGRWAE		Balance		Interest	Maturity	
Account Name		6/30/223		Rate	Date	
Bank of the West Checking	CHKG	\$ 34,317.12		N/A	N/A	
COLOTRUST PLUS+	COLO.	365,428.03		0.9099%	N/A	
TOTAL UGRWAE		\$ 399,745.15				
TOTAL UGRWCD + UGRWAE		\$ 6,122,343.41				

Total UGRWCD and UGRWAE by Bank			Total UGRWCD & UGRWAE by Investmen		
LPL Financial (Was Sigma)	\$ 3,484,444.97	57%	CD	23%	\$ 1,432,889.76
Mountain View Bank	106,489.60	2%	Checking	9%	549,892.83
Bank of the West	655,304.37	11%	Savings	3%	181,420.20
Community Banks of Colo.	155,734.65	3%	COLOTRUST	20%	1,206,094.24
Gunnison Bank & Trust	250,116.89	4%	Petty Cash	0%	100.00
Gunnison Savings & Loan	264,058.69	4%	Bonds	45%	\$ 2,751,946.38
COLOTRUST	1,206,094.24	20%	Total	100%	\$ 6,122,343.41
Petty Cash	100.00	0%			
TOTAL ALL BANKS	\$ 6,122,343.41	100%			

#### **UGRWCD & UGRWAE INVESTMENTS BY TYPE**

CD	23%	\$1,432,889.76
Checking	9%	549,892.83
Savings	3%	181,420.20
COLOTRUST	20%	1,206,094.24
Petty Cash	0%	100.00
Bonds	45%	\$2,751,946.38
Total	100%	\$6,122,343.41



#### Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District Expenses For Approval (Paid & Payable) June 28 through July 25, 2022

Date	Name	Account	Amount
Jun 28 - Jul 25	5, 22		
07/11/2022	5B's BBQ	Meeting Expenses	498.00
06/30/2022	Alan Wartes Media LLC	Public Ed./Advertising	728.84
06/30/2022	Alan Wartes Media LLC	Legal Publication	22.00
07/05/2022	Bank Card Center	Building Rep/Maint	610.00
07/05/2022	Bank Card Center	Audit and Accounting	100.07
07/05/2022	Bank Card Center	Computer, Internet, Lexis	121.23
07/05/2022	Bank Card Center	Copier Expenses	309.76
07/05/2022	Bank Card Center	Staff Development	425.00
07/05/2022	Bank Card Center	Meeting Expenses	17.98
07/05/2022	Bank Card Center	Office Supplies & Misc Expenses	178.11
07/05/2022	Bank Card Center	Postage	455.40
07/05/2022	Bank Card Center	GRF Reimbursed Income	150.00
07/05/2022	Bank Card Center	Telephone	240.00
07/05/2022	Bank Card Center	Wet Meadow X	735.76
06/30/2022	Cindy McKee, LLC	Public Ed./Advertising	281.87
07/01/2022	City of Gunnison Finance Dept.	Utilities, Clean, Condo Dues	141.53
07/01/2022	City of Gunnison Finance Dept.	Utilities, Clean, Condo Dues	74.20
06/28/2022	Colorado Water Congress	Dues, Memberships&Subscriptio	135.00
06/30/2022	Fullmer's Ace Hardware	Office Supplies & Misc Expenses	482.33
07/01/2022	GL Computer Service, Inc.	Computer, Internet, Lexis	400.00
06/30/2022	Hartman Brothers, Inc.	Cloud Seeding COST	28.05
06/30/2022	Intuit Software	Software Exp	615.90
07/11/2022	Jill Steele	Medical Insurance	615.90
07/12/2022	John McClow	Medical Insurance	250.50
07/07/2022	LexisNexis	Office Supplies & Misc Expenses	622.57
06/30/2022	QuickBooks Payroll Service	Payroll Taxes	1.75
07/11/2022	RigNet Inc	Cloud Seeding COST	34.95
07/01/2022	Silver World Publishing	Public Ed./Advertising	00.08
07/01/2022	Silver World Publishing	Legal Publication	19.80
07/12/2022	Spencer Avenue Business Park Condo Assoc	Utilities, Clean, Condo Dues	550.00
07/01/2022	The Paper Clip	Office Supplies & Misc Expenses	00.88
07/11/2022	Triple Cross Road Service	Building Rep/Maint	250.00
Jun 28 - Jul 25	5, 22		9,264.50

JUN 28, 2022	Payment Due Date	JUL 25, 2022
\$100,000	Amount Due	00.040.04
\$0.00	Amount Due	\$3,3 <b>4</b> 3.31
\$96,656.69	New Balance	\$3,343.31
ER GUNNISON RIVER	WATER CONS DIS	
XXXX-XXXX-01	52-7948	
	\$100,000 \$0.00 \$96,656.69 ER GUNNISON RIVER	\$100,000 Amount Due

	CARDHOLDER	NEW ACTIVITY SUM	IMARY	
PEVERLY RICHARDS  XXXX-XXXX-0153-1692  Credit Limit \$3,000	Purchases and Other Debits \$299.88	Cash Advances \$0.00	Credits \$0.00	Total Activity \$299.88
IILL STEELE	Purchases	<b>V</b>	40.00	Total
XXX-XXXX-0153-1700 Credit Limit \$3,000	and Other Debits \$816.70	Cash Advances \$0.00	Credits \$5.00	Activity \$811.70

h	FINANCE CH	IARGE SUMMAF	RY	
	Average Daily	Daily	Corresponding Annual	Periodic
	Balance	Periodic Rate	Percentage Rate	Finance Charge
PURCHASES	\$0.00	0.0247%	08.99%	\$0.00
CASH ADVANCES	\$0.00	0.0493%	18.00%	\$0.00

		CORP	PORATE ACCOUNT ACTIVITY	
	INNISON RIVER V X-0152-7948	VATER CONS DIS		TOTAL CORPORATE ACTIVITY \$3,798.85 CR
Posting Date	Transaction Date	Reference Number	Transaction Description	Amount
06-22	06-22		PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT	3,798.85 CR

#### CORPORATE REWARDS INFORMATION

For Reward Points Balance Including Earned and Redeemed Points, please visit www.bankofthewestcorporaterewards.com or call 1-800-921-6407

			CARDHOL	DER ACTIVITY			
CHERYL CWELICH XXXX-XXXX-0182-5532			PURCHASES CASH ADVANCES \$735.76 \$0.00		CREDITS \$0.00	TOTAL ACTIVITY \$735.76	
Posting Date	Transaction Date	Reference Number	Transac	tion Description		Amount	
<b>06-16</b>	06-14	52707152166010189294 Tran: BOHR FLATS/WE 303390000 Origin Zip: 3 Product Code: 10005747 735.76	735.76				

SONJA CH	<b>AVEZ</b> X-0188-5056		PURCHASES \$1,070.97		ADVANCES 60.00		CREDITS \$0.00	TOTAL ACTIVITY \$1,070.97	
Posting Date	Transaction Date	Reference Number	Trans	action Descrip	otion			Amount	7
D6-01	05-27	751405121511510000 Tax ID: 900117005 N		IS INC	PUEBLO	СО		234.83	'



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		CAR	DHOLDER A	CTIVITY		
Posting Date	Transaction Date	Reference Number	Transaction Des	scription		Amount
06-02	06-01	55500362152206297201677 Tran: 07074091340680000 Ta	x ID: 830313552	ER-MESH NE 97020 Mer Ref: 3431370948		121.23 🗸
06-13	06-10	Origin Zip: 81230 Dest Ctry: U 55458852162083368776535 Tran: 12392022061007114 Te Origin Zip: 80202 Dest Zip: 81	DENVER POST ax ID: 760425553	Mer Ref: 215248715	23232 CO Mer Zip: 80202	14.99 🗸
		Product Code: SUBSCRIPTIO	N Desc: DENVER	POST Qty: 1 Unit: I	TM Disc: N Ext Item	,
06-16	06-14	75140512166166000003166 Tex ID: 900117005 Mer Zip: 8		PUEBLO CO	•	74.93 🗸
06-20	06-16	55458852168083521850346 Tran: 12392022061607035 Ta Origin Zip: 80202 Dest Zip: 81 Product Code: SUBSCRIPTIO	DENVER POST ax ID: 760425553 I 2302544 Dest Ch	y: USA	Mer Zip: 80202	14.99 💙
06-24	06-23	Amt: 14.99 55500362175400877000038 Tax ID: 880641994 Mer Ref: 8 USA Tax: 47.95	AMERICAN LOC		ROSE CO	610,00 🗸
JOHN MCC	LOW K-0153-1684	PURCH/ \$425.		SH ADVANCES \$0.00	CREDITS \$0.00	TOTAL ACTIVITY \$425.00
Posting	Transaction	Reference Number	Transaction Day	arintian		Amount
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Statement Date	JUN 28, 2022	Payment Due Date	JUL 25, 2022			

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#### Hartman Brothers, Inc.

524 North First Street Montrose, CO 81401 Tel.: (970) 240-8535 Fax: (970) 249-6675



#### STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

Customer :

CURRENT

28.05

M05447

UPPER GUNNISON RIVER WATER CON 210 WEST SPENCER AVE., SUITE B GUNNISON, CO 81230

Statement Date
Jun 30, 2022

Payment Terms
NET 30 DAYS

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Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District 210 W. Spencer Ave Suite B Gunnison, CO 81230 United States 
 Invoice
 202206\_472

 Date
 30 June, 2022

 Account
 C201008

Remittance should be mailed to: RigNet, Inc. P. O. BOX 941629 Houston, TX 77094 Phone: +1 281 674 0693 Email: ar@rig.net

Airtime Period 1 Jun - 30 Jun 2022

Summary

Total Airtime and Fees this Period

USD

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Please Include Invoice Number and Account Number with your payment

For Wire Transfers, please remit to: Bank Name: Bank of America Acct Name: RigNet, Inc. Account No: 488025116355 SWIFT # BOFAUS3NABA Routing # 026009593ABA

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Pay Online:

https://www.rig.net/payment-center

**Summary per Product** 

Product

Charge Type

Amount (USD)

OrbCommIDP

Subscription Fee

33.00

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OrbCommIDP	Other		1.95	
	To	otal for OrbCommIDP	34.95	
Total charges (excl tax) for this invoice			34.95	

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01181782SKY6FEB	Monthly fee for Backoffice Subscription Fee - IP SCADA	USD	1.95		1.95
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30 Jun 2022

Call Details

Airtime Usage Period 01 Jun 2022 - 30 Jun 2022

Price

Call Details per Device / SIM Card for Date / Time

Service Network

this period Destination

Volume

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No usage in this period

**Legal and Legislative Matters** 

**Appointment of 2023 Budget Officer** 

**Executive Session for Water Rights Discussion** 

# AGENDA ITEM 7 BREAK

**Basin Water Supply Report** 

#### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO**: UGRWCD Board Members

**FROM**: Beverly Richards, Water Resource Specialist

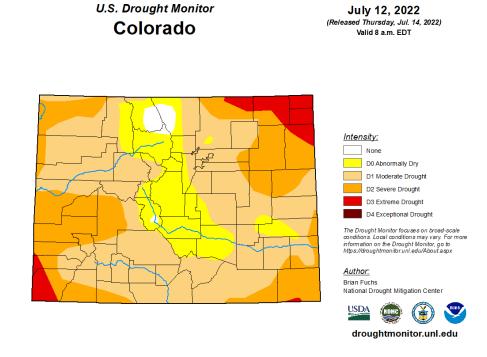
**DATE**: July 15, 2022

**SUBJECT**: Basin Water Supply Information

The information supplied as part of this memorandum is a monthly feature and includes information about drought conditions in the basin, reservoir storage, reservoir operations, dust on snow events, and the Upper Gunnison Cloudseeding Program.

#### **Drought Conditions:**

According to the *Drought Monitor at drought.gov* as of July 12, 2022, drought conditions have improved considerably, particularly in southern Colorado, with a total of 68% of the state in no drought conditions to Moderate (D1) conditions. As shown in the map below, no parts of Colorado are showing Exceptional (D4) conditions and only 32% of the state are in Severe (D2) to Extreme (D3) conditions. These changes to the drought monitor are likely due to considerable precipitation the state has seen since June.



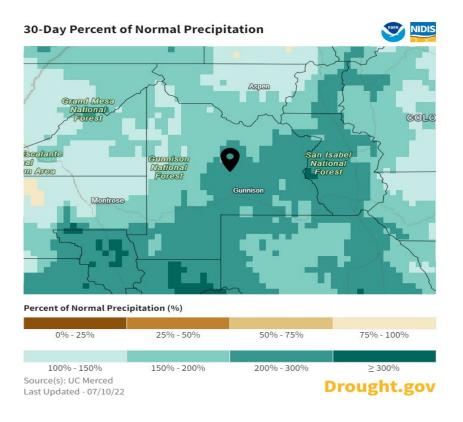
## **Drought Conditions – Gunnison County**

Drought conditions in Gunnison County have worsened since the June report. As of July 12, 2022, 39% of the county is experiencing Abnormally Dry (D0) or Moderate (D1) conditions and 61% is experiencing Severe (D2) drought conditions, which is an increase in the Severe category, as this was only 31% in June. In June 2022, 69% of Gunnison County was experiencing Moderate (D1) and 31% of the county was experiencing Severe (D2) drought conditions. The difference since last month is shown in the table below. Unfortunately, the *Drought Monitor* maps by county are not reflecting the changes effective July 12 and therefore are not included in this report.

Drought Conditions – Gunnison County percentage (July 12 vs. June 7)

Date	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
July 5, 2022	0	3.77	35.66	60.57	0	0
June 7, 2022	0	0	68.55	31.45	0	0
Difference	0	+3.77	-32.89	+29.12	0	0

The change in conditions could be due in part to precipitation that has occurred since the last report. However, the Severe drought conditions have increased though the *Drought.gov* website indicates that this is the 29<sup>th</sup> wettest June for the county and the area is .4 inches above normal for the 128-year historical record. Below is the 30-day precipitation map dated July 10, 2022 where amounts ranged from 100-300% of normal in the county. The readings from the District's rain gauge since June 18 show that we have accumulated 1.95" of precipitation through July 7.



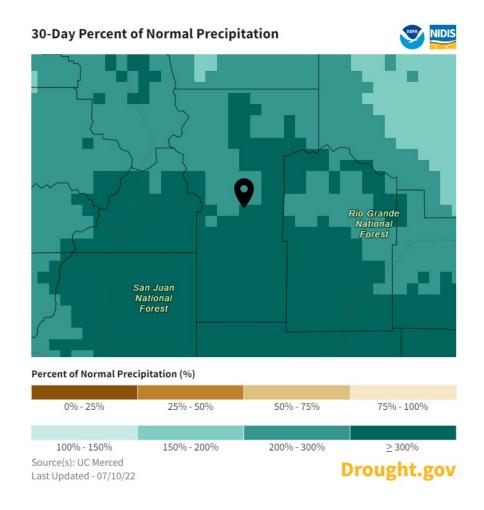
## **Drought Conditions – Hinsdale County**

Drought conditions in Hinsdale County have improved significantly due to recent precipitation and the entire county is now in the Moderate (D1) category. At the beginning of June (7<sup>th</sup>), 100% of the county was experiencing Severe drought conditions. The difference in the 30-day conditions are reflected in the table below.

Drought Conditions – Hinsdale County percentage (July 5 vs June 7)

Date	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
July 12, 2022	0	0	100	0	0	0
June 7, 2022	0	0	0	100	0	0
Difference	0	0	+100	-100	0	0

*Drought.gov* indicates that this is the 10th wettest June for the county and the area is 1.69 inches above normal for the 128-year historical record. Below is the 30-day precipitation map dated July 10, 2022 for the county where amounts ranged from 200 to more than 300% of normal.



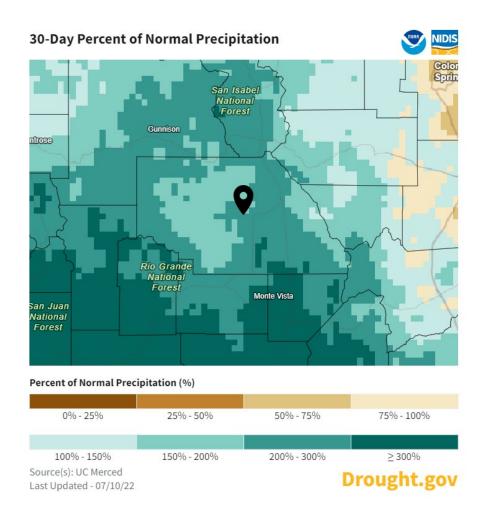
## **Drought Conditions - Saguache County**

As with Hinsdale County, drought conditions in Saguache County have also improved since the June report. As of July 12, 92% of the county is now in Abnormally Dry and Moderate (D1) drought conditions. In the June, 100% of the county was in Severe (D2) to Extreme (D3) drought conditions, with nearly half of the county in Extreme (D3) conditions. The difference in the 30-day conditions is reflected in the table provided below.

Drought Conditions – Saguache County percentage (July 12 vs June 7)

Date	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
July 12, 2022	0	1.29	97.05	1.66	0	0
June 7, 2022	0	0	0	58.04	41.96	0
Difference	0	+1.29	+97.05	-56.38	-41.96	0

*Drought.gov* indicates that this is the 16th wettest June for the county and the area is .69 inches above normal for the 128-year historical record. Below is the 30-day precipitation map dated July 10, 2022 for the county where precipitation amounts ranged from 100-300% of normal.



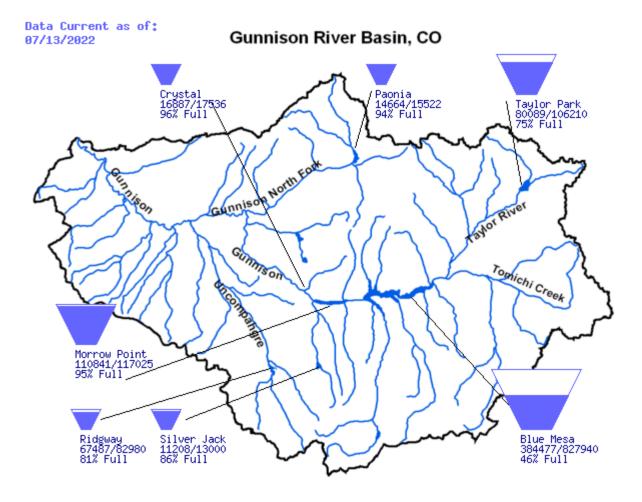
## Streamflow

Streamflows in the Upper Gunnison Basin continue to decline which is normal at this time of year. Though streamflows have been variable in the last 30 days due to precipitation events, flows remain well below historical averages. This is reflected in the table provide below.

Station Name	June 15 (cfs)	July 14 (cfs)	Historical Average July 14 (cfs)
Gunnison River near Gunnison	1,530	544	1,192
Gunnison River at Gunnison Whitewater Park	1,520	589	964
Tomichi Creek at Sargent's	57	47	59
Tomichi Creek at Gunnison	87	74	158
Taylor River at Taylor Park	278	96	163
Taylor River blw Taylor Park	297	248	396
Slate River abv Baxter Gulch	438	65	177
East River blw Cement Creek	1,010	193	478
East River at Almont	974	259	517
Lake Fork blw Lake San Cristobal	140	71	297
Henson Creek at Lake City	222	78	222
Lake Fork at Gateview	330	166	447

## **Reservoir Storage**

As of July 13, current reservoir storage in the entire Gunnison Basin is at 95% of full. The reservoirs in the Upper Gunnison Basin, Taylor and Blue Mesa, are at 75% and 46% respectively. The tea-cup diagram for the Gunnison Basin is provided below.

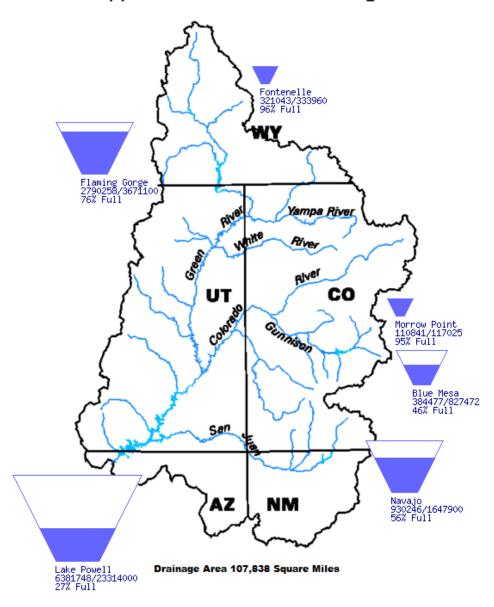


Reservoir storage for the Upper Colorado River Basin is currently at 66% of full and is broken down below:

- Flaming Gorge 76% full
- Fontenelle 96% full
- Morrow Point 95% full
- Blue Mesa 46% full
- Navajo 56% full
- Lake Powell 27% full

These amounts are reflected in the tea-cup diagram provided below.

## Upper Colorado River Drainage Basin



## **Aspinall Unit Operations**

This update was provided by the *Bureau of Reclamation* and is dated July 8, 2022.

The unregulated inflow volume in January to Blue Mesa was 176,837 acre-feet which is 87% of average. The forecasts are projecting that inflow into Blue Mesa for June-August could be 229,000 acrefeet which is 56% of unregulated inflow. The total forecasted inflow for WY22 is projected to be a total of 637,200 acre-feet which is 70% of average based on the historical average. The maximum fill for the Blue Mesa is projected to be 391,000 acre-feet which is 47% of average.

Levels in continue to increase, as reflected in the tea-cup diagram above, and is currently at 46% of capacity or 384,477 acre-feet. Levels in Blue Mesa will likely stop increasing by the middle of July and by the end of WY22, projections are that storage content will be approximately 281,000 acre-feet which is 33% of capacity, a slight decrease from the previous report.

As per the update, releases from Crystal Dam are approximately 1,450cfs. Gunnison Tunnel diversions are in process and are approximately 1,030 cfs. Flows in the Gunnison River in the Blask Canyon are currently being maintained at 430 cfs while the flows in the Whitewater Reach of the Gunnison are approximately 867 cfs.

## **Taylor Park Reservoir Operations:**

The Bureau of Reclamation provided an update on Taylor Park Reservoir operations using the July 1 forecast from the CBRFC. This forecast indicated that there will be 77,000 acre-feet of runoff flowing into the reservoir which is 78% of average.

Based upon the forecast, the BOR again provided suggested releases for Taylor Park Reservoir. Discussions with the Taylor Local Users Group resulted in the following preliminary operations plan.

RELEASE CHANGES								
NELL	ASE CITAL	1023						
	June 1	<u>1-Jul</u>						
Apr-16	125	125						
May-01	140	140						
May-16	200	200						
May-17	250	250						
Jun-01	350	350						
Jun-02	445	445						
Jun-07	400	400						
Jun-08	350	350						
Jun-09	300	300						
Jun-16	275	275						
Jul-01	275	275						
Jul-08		250						
Jul-16	275	250						
Jul-23		225						
Aug-01	250	225						
Aug-16	250	225						
Aug-23		200						
Sep-01	250	200						
Sep-06	225	200						
Sep-07	200	200						
Sep-08		175						
Sep-09		150						
Sep-10		125						
Sep-11		100						
Sep-16	200	100						
Sep-27	175							
Sep-28	150							
Sep-29	125							
Sep-30	100							
Oct-01								
Oct-02								
Oct-03								
Oct-04								
Oct-16 85 85								
Nov-01 85 85								
Max Fill	85,850	80,950						
Oct-31	70,000	70,400						

Based on this proposed operations plan, the end of October storage in the reservoir is projected to be 70,400 acre-feet which is approximately 66% of full. The TLUG members wanted to revisit the conditions at the end of July rather than waiting the full month between meetings.

The next TLUG meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

## **Meridian Lake Reservoir Update:**

Sonja Chavez performed a site visit on July 13 to Meridian Lake Reservoir in order to provide an elevation measurement. Based on the visit, the reservoir is currently nearly full with a slight reduction from last month, and the elevation is approximately 9,606.85 feet which corresponds to 425.52 storage content. See the picture below of the staff gage at the reservoir.



## **Lake San Cristobal Update:**

The current elevation (July 15) for Lake San Cristobal is 8995.25 feet which is down slightly from the June reading of 8,995.39. The flows out of the reservoir are currently at 71 cfs and the current flows at the Lake Fork at Gateview gage are 363 cfs.

## **Lake Powell Update:**

The current update was provided on June 15, 2022, on the *Glen Canyon Dam Operations* page provided by the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR).

In light of the prolonged drought, low runoff conditions, and depleted storage at Lake Powell, the Department of the Interior implemented an action under Sections 6 and 7.D of the 2007 Interim Guidelines specifically reducing the Glen Canyon Dam annual releases to 7.0 million acre-feet (maf) in water year 2022.

The forecast for water year 2022 unregulated inflow to Lake Powell, issued on June 3, 2022, by the Colorado Basin River Forecast Center, projects that the most probable (median) unregulated inflow volume this year will be 5.61 maf (58 percent of average).

In addition to the June 2022 24-Month Study based on the Most Probable inflow scenario, and in accordance with the Drought Response Operational Agreement (DROA), Reclamation has conducted model runs in June to determine a possible range of reservoir elevations under probable most, maximum and minimum inflow scenarios. The probable minimum and probable maximum model runs are conducted simultaneously in January, April, August, and October, or when necessary to incorporate changing conditions. The probable minimum inflow scenario reflects a dry hydrologic condition which statistically would be exceeded 90 percent of the time. The most probable inflow scenario reflects a median hydrologic condition which statistically would be exceeded 50 percent of the time. The probable maximum inflow scenario reflects a wet hydrologic condition which statistically would be exceeded 10 percent of the time. There is approximately an 80 percent probability that a future elevation will fall inside the range of the minimum and maximum inflow scenarios. Additionally, there are possible inflow scenarios that would result in reservoir elevations falling outside the ranges indicated in these reports.

The DROA coordination will continue until either (1) the minimum probable projected elevation remains above 3,525 feet for 24 months or (2) the process moves to the next step when the most probable projected elevation indicates Powell elevations below 3,525 feet and a Drought Response Operations Plan is developed. This 2022 Plan is described above and available for review here: <a href="https://www.usbr.gov/dcp/droa.html">https://www.usbr.gov/dcp/droa.html</a>.

The June forecast for water year 2022 ranges from a minimum probable of 5.04 maf (52 percent of average) to a maximum probable of 6.61 maf (69 percent of average) with the most probable forecast for water year 2022 of 5.61 maf (58 percent of average).

Based on the current forecast of 5.61 maf unregulated inflow for water year 2022, the <u>June 24-Month Study</u> projects Lake Powell elevation will end water year 2022 near 3525.79 feet with approximately 5.98 maf in storage (25 percent of capacity). Note that projections of elevation and storage for water year 2022 have significant uncertainty at this point in the season. Projections of end of water year 2022 elevation using the minimum and maximum inflow forecast results from the June 2022 model run are 3,521.64 feet and 3,534.05 feet, respectively. The annual release volume from Lake Powell during water year 2022 will be 7.0 maf as determined under Section 6.C.1 and 7.D of the Interim Guidelines as determined by the Department of the Interior.

Do your Rain Dance!
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# **AGENDA ITEM 9**

**Treasurer's Report** 



## **Communication with Those Charged with Governance**

June 6, 2022

Board of Directors
Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District
210 W. Spencer Ave
Gunnison, CO 81230

I have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and the business-type activities of Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District (District) for the year ended December 31, 2021. Professional standards require that I provide you with information about my responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of my audit. I have communicated such information in my letter to you dated December 13, 2021. Professional standards also require that I communicate to you the following information related to my audit.

## Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the District are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted, and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2021. I noted no transactions entered into by the District during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the District's financial statements was:

Management's estimate of the life of its assets is based on knowledge of the asset and the wear and tear placed on the assets in the normal course of business. I evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the life and depreciation of those assets in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements were:

The disclosure of Significant Accounting Policies in Note 1

The disclosure of the Deposit and Investments in Note 5

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

I encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing my audit.

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#### Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatement

Professional standards require me to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.

#### Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to my satisfaction, which could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. I am pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of my audit.

## Management Representations

I have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated June 6, 2022.

## Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the District's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, my professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with me to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To my knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

## Other Audit Findings or Issues

I generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the District's auditor. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of my professional relationship and my responses were not a condition to my retention.

#### Other Matters

I applied certain limited procedures to the Management Discussion and Analysis and the Budget to Actual Comparison - General Fund, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. My procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

I was engaged to report on the Budget to Actual – Enterprise fund, which accompany the financial statements but is not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, I made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to my audit of the financial statements. I compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

## Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors and management of Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Paul D Miller, CPA, LLC

Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District Financial Statements December 31, 2021

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors'
Upper Gunnison River Water Conservation District

## **Opinions**

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservation District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservation District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservation District, as of December 31, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Basis for Opinions**

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am required to be independent of the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservation District, and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to my audit. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

## Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservation District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, I:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

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- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are
  appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Upper
  Gunnison River Water Conservation District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in my judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservation District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

I am required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that I identified during the audit.

## **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. I have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

## Supplementary Information

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservation District's basic financial statements. The budgetary comparison information for the Enterprise Fund on page 28, relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. I have applied certain limited procedures to the supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Paul D. Miller, CPA, LLC

Grand Junction, CO June 6, 2022

As management of the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District, (the District), we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the additional information furnished in our basic financial statements to better understand the financial position of the District.

## General Background

The Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District was formed pursuant to the Colorado Water Conservancy Act, Sections 37-45-101 et seq., C.R.S. The original organizational decree was entered June 1, 1959, with reorganization decrees entered in October 1991 and November 2011. The District boundaries include all the Upper Gunnison River basin drainage, which is made up of the majority of Gunnison County and portions of Hinsdale and Saguache Counties. The Water Conservancy Act gives the District fairly broad powers. The District can appropriate water, litigate, enter into contracts, hold real property, operate projects, and perform other functions as needed to meet the present and future water needs of the District. The 2011 reorganization shifted a boundary line between Divisions 4 and 5 and added a second director to Division 5 based on the 2010 U.S. Census data. This resulted in a temporary increase from eleven to twelve directors. When a vacancy subsequently arose in Division 8, City of Gunnison, the number of directors in that division decreased from four to three and the total number of directors reverted to eleven.

The District's mission is to be an active leader in all issues affecting the water resources of the Upper Gunnison River Basin.

An eleven-member Board of Directors governs the District. Each member of the Board of Directors serves a four-year term. The terms are staggered with no more than four seats open in any given year. The Board utilizes committees to assist in resolving specific issues affecting the District. Regular meetings of the Board are generally held on the fourth Monday of each month. The Board also holds special meetings and work sessions, as necessary.

A staff of five, consisting of a general manager, office manager, administrative assistant, water resource specialist, and general counsel, along with contracted engineering consultants, carries out the activities of the District as directed by the Board.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The District's assets exceeded its liabilities by \$6,579,447 (i.e., net position) as of December 31, 2021, an increase of \$332,617 in comparison to the prior year.
- The District's Net Position for the General Fund was \$5,269,893, an increase of \$81,423 in comparison to the prior year.
- General property taxes totaled \$1,355,144 or 94% of general revenues.

## **OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The basic statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements.

## Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances in a manner like a private-sector business.

The **statement of net position** presents information on all the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two being reported as net position. Over time, the increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The **statement of activities** presents information showing how the District's Net Position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in Net Position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses reported in this statement for some items will result in cash flows in future periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused personal time).

The government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the District that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*Governmental Activities*) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (*Business-type Activities*). The Governmental Activities of the District include general government administration. The Business-type Activities of the District include the following water enterprise fund.

## Fund Financial Statements

A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The District's funds can be divided into two categories: Governmental Funds and Proprietary Funds.

**Governmental Funds** – *Governmental funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on *short-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's short-term financing requirements. The accounting method is called *modified accrual* accounting.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental activities in the

Governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's short-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The District maintains one governmental fund, the General Fund. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general fund.

**Proprietary Funds** – The District maintains one type of proprietary fund. *Enterprise Funds* are used to report the same functions presented as *business-type activities* in the government-wide financial statements. The District uses a separate enterprise fund to account for its utility fund: Water Enterprise Fund.

## Notes to Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements.

## **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

## **Net Position**

As noted previously, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District's financial position. For the year ended December 31, 2021, the District's combined assets exceeded liabilities by \$6,579,447. Of this amount, \$4,882,002 is unrestricted and available to meet the District's ongoing financial obligations.

A portion of Net Position is the investment in capital assets (net of related debt) of \$11,634,188 (25% of Net Position). This amount reflects the investment in all capital assets (e.g., infrastructure, land, dams, reservoirs, and office equipment) less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. These capital assets are used to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the investment in capital assets is reported net of debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources since capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

The following table summarizes the District's governmental and business-type Net Position for 2020 and 2021:

	Governmental		Busines	ss-Type	Government-Wide			
	Acti	vities	Activ	vities	Totals			
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020		
Assets								
Current and other assets	\$ 3,157,259	\$ 4,072,040	\$ 314,159	\$ 133,848	\$ 3,471,418	\$ 4,205,888		
Capital assets	-	-	1,003,813	1,007,042	1,615,169	1,629,434		
Long-term Investments	3,118,220	2,006,161			3,118,220	2,006,161		
Total assets	6,275,479	6,078,201	1,317,972	1,140,890	8,204,807	7,841,483		
Current Liabilities Non-current liabilities	83,787	145,760	8,418	7,530	92,205	153,290		
Compensated absences	_	_	-	_	50,545	38,182		
Loans payable	-			75,000	-	75,000		
Total liabilities	83,787	145,760	8,418	82,530	142,750	266,472		
Deferred Inflow of Resources								
Property taxes	1,495,005	1,304,782		-	1,495,005	1,304,782		
Net Position								
Investment in capital assets,								
net of related debt	-	-	1,003,813	932,042	1,615,169	1,554,434		
Restricted	63,257	51,249	-	-	63,257	51,249		
Nonspendable	6,234	•	-	-	6,234	-		
Unrestricted	4,627,196	4,576,410	305,741	126,318	4,888,626	4,664,546		
Total net position	\$ 4,696,687	\$ 4,627,659	\$ 1,309,554	\$ 1,058,360	\$ 6,573,286	\$ 6,270,229		

An additional portion of net position, \$63,257, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used, the Nonspendable amount represents prepaid expenses and therefore is not available funds to spend. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position, \$4,888,626 (74% of Net Position), may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

## **Change in Net Position**

Governmental and business-type activities increased the District's Net Position by \$69,028 in 2021.

	Governmental Activities			ss-Type vities	Gevernment-Wide Totals			
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020		
Revenues								
Program revenues								
Charges for services	\$ 494,321	\$ 266,943	\$ 287,080	\$ 73,458	\$ 781,401	\$ 340,40		
General Revenues								
Taxes	1,444,576	1,415,167	-	-	1,444,576	1,415,16		
Miscellaneous	1,441	6,930		-	1,441	6,931		
Interest income	(3,776)	82,900	47	287	(3,729)	83,18		
Lake San Cristobal				<u> </u>	<u>-</u>			
Totals	1,936,562	1,771,940	287,127	73,745	2,223,689	1,845,68		
Expenses								
Salaries & Benefits	557,250	502,303	27,144	23,185	521,027	521,02°		
Public Outreach	27,125	16,676	-	-	27,125	16,670		
Legal & Accounting	6,033	5,188	293	257	6,326	5,44!		
Occupancy Expenses	14,053	14,435	505	617	14,558	15,05		
Bonding & Insurance	8,586	9,592	1,038	1,026	9,624	10,61		
Office Expense	154,086	94,375	3,114	2,942	157,200	97,31		
Board of Directors Expenses	5,628	5,778	169	263	5,797	6,04		
Board of Directors Fees	9,680	12,160	-	-	9,680	12,16		
General & administrative	40,891	24,256	375	314	41,266	24,571		
Membership & Dues	12,398	6,091	-	-	12,398	6,09 <sup>-</sup>		
Stream Monitoring	177,818	137,808	-	-	177,818	137,80		
Bad Debts	-	13,421	-	-	-	13,42°		
Taylor Park Project	7,436	6,377	-	-	7,436	6,37		
Basin Planning & Development	346,665	212,771	-	-	346,665	212,77 <sup>-</sup>		
Fish Recovery Program	6,000	3,000	-	-	6,000	3,00		
Water Costs & Supply Program	290,679	258,337	-	_	290,679	258,33°		
Lake San Cristobal	13,464	13,464	-	-	13,464	13,46		
Cloud Seeding Program	140,962	128,658	-	-	140,962	128,65		
Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	66	105	66	10!		
Capital Outlays	48,780	15,638	-	-	-			
Depreciation Expense	-		3,229	3,229	27,249	26,979		
Total Expenses	1,867,534	1,480,328	35,933	31,938	1,815,340	1,515,91		
Increase in net assets	69,028	291,612	251,194	41,807	408,349	333,419		
Beginning	4,627,659	4,336,047	1,058,360	1,016,553	5,942,094	5,352,600		
Ending	\$ 4,696,687	\$ 4,627,659	\$ 1,309,554	\$ 1,058,360	\$ 6,350,443	\$ 5,686,019		

## **Business-type Activities**

Business-type activities for the year resulted in an increase in Net Position of \$251,194. Charges for services accounted for 100% of total revenues.

## FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF GOVERNMENT'S FUNDS

**Governmental funds.** The focus of the District's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the District's financing requirements. Unreserved net position may serve as a useful measure of the District's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

The District has one governmental fund, the General Fund, which is the primary operating fund for the District. At the end of 2021, unassigned net position of the General Fund was \$4,567,688 while the total fund balance was \$4,627,659. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned net position and total net position to total fund expenditures. The net position of the District's General Fund increased by \$291,612 during 2021.

**Proprietary funds.** The District's proprietary fund statements provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

The District has one enterprise fund: Water Enterprise Fund. At the end of 2021, the fund represented the following net position amounts:

Fund: Water

Unrestricted net position \$ 305,741 Total net position \$ 1,309,554 Increase in net position \$ 251,147

The substantial increase in services charged was due to a large block of water (Units) being purchased by one entity.

## **GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

The District budgeted \$2,108,577 for 2021 expenditures. Actual expenditures were \$1,867,535. There was no amendment to the original budget for the General Fund or the Enterprise Fund.

## CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

The District's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of December 31, 2021, was \$1,634,188.

	Balance 12/31/2020		Increase		Decrease		Balance 12/31/2021	
Governmental Funds					is			
Buidling and Land	\$	759,424	\$	-	\$	-	\$	759,424
Office Equipment		50,829		18,556		-		69,385
Vehicles		_		45,861		_		45,861
Projects in process		15,637		-	15	,637		-
Less Accumulated Depreciation		(214,534)		(29,762)		_		(244,296)
Net Governmental Capital Assets	\$	611,356	\$	34,655	\$ 15	,637	\$	630,374
Business-type Activities								
Asset not being depreciated	\$	942,457	\$	-	\$	-	\$	942,457
Asset being depreciated					-			
Dam Rehabilitation		113,024		-		-		113,024
Less Accumulated Depreciation		(48,439)		(3,229)		_		(51,668)
Net Depreciable Capital Assets		64,585		(3,229)		-		61,356
Total Business-type Capital Assets	\$	1,007,042	\$	(3,229)	\$		\$	1,003,813

## **Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget**

General fund revenues increased by approximately \$209,000 in 2021 and we anticipate that revenues will remain stable in 2022.

Several areas of the economy of the region comprising the District continue to be impacted by the novel coronavirus pandemic in 2021. Issues around availability of work force housing and cost of living continue to plague the community. Businesses, local and federal governments, hospital, ski area, restaurants, etc., continue to have difficulty attracting and filling vacant positions due to lack of available housing and cost of housing which has sky rocketed over the past two years in the Gunnison Valley. According to the Common-Sense Institute, inflation over the last twelve months in the Denver Metro area was 7.9% (January 2021-January 2022) as reported by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics. On average Colorado households spent a combined \$2,902 more on food, housing, transportation, medical care, recreation and education in the past 12 months than in 2020. The two price categories that grew the fastest over the last 12 months were energy and transportation, which grew by 24.9% and 21.1%, respectively.

Two state agencies in Colorado develop Consumer Price Index (CPI) projections for the Denver-Aurora-Lakewood CPI (used by many local governments across Colorado) and they are the Colorado Legislative Council and the Colorado Office of State Planning and Budgeting. CPI projections for June of 2022 are 7.9% and 8.2%, respectively.

The Board of Directors also commissioned a professional salary compensation study in the fall of 2021 with Employers Council in order to evaluate pay within the District based upon industry standards and our specific geographic area. The study showed that District salaries were 90.7% of the strategic target comparison ratio for similar jobs (50<sup>th</sup> percentile or range mid-point). As a result, the Board of Directors adopted a Total Rewards Philosophy & Strategies in 2021 which included the goal of paying employees within 90-110 percent of the target range mid-point while

taking into account individual skills, experience, performance, and contribution to and longevity within the organization. Adjustments to salaries were made beginning in the 2022 budget.

Over the past two year (late 2020-2022), the District has hired two new employees (Administrative Assistant/Communications Support Specialist and Watershed Program Coordinator). In order to address the impact of local housing issues on new employees, the Board of Directors is evaluating a potential Employee Home Loan Assistance Buying Program in order to help attract, recruit, and retain a skilled and high performing work force now and into the future.

Inflation and supply chain issues are affecting all areas of the economy. The District has noticed significant increases in construction costs associated with our Grant Program. For example, in recent conversations with water managers across the western slope of Colorado, construction estimates for irrigation improvements developed in 2019 have easily doubled or tripled in 2021. Delays in receipt of piping orders are now commonly 4 - 8 months depending upon the type.

Finally, the Western Slope of Colorado has been experiencing a long-term, 20-year on-going drought, with significant to extreme drought in the past 5 years. Extreme drought in the seven Colorado River Basin states along with Lower Basin overuse is threatening water supplies in Lake Powell with potential for Upper Basin states to not be able to physically move water through infrastructure. The Bureau of Reclamation recently announced that Colorado River Basin states must come up with a plan in the next 60 days to reduce water use by two to four million acre-feet starting in 2023. It is unclear at this point how those reductions will be distributed and accomplished, but we do anticipate potential direct and secondary economic impacts.

## Request for Information

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to General Manager, Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District, 210 West Spencer Avenue, Suite B, Gunnison, CO. 81230 or 970-641-6065, 970-641-1162 (fax), schavez@ugrwcd.org

## Government-Wide Statement of Net Position December 31, 2021

	Primary Government						
			В	usiness			
		vernmental		Туре			
Accate		Activities		ctivities	_	Totals	
Assets							
Current Assets:					_		
Cash & equivalents	\$	305,850	\$	24,493	\$	330,343	
Certificates of deposits		829,125		_		829,125	
Investments-ColoTrust		492,382		289,637		782,019	
Accounts receivable		8,418		29		8,447	
Due from other Governments		10,007		-		10,007	
Property taxes Receivable		1,495,005		-		1,495,005	
Accrued Interest Receivable		10,238		-		10,238	
Prepaid expenses		6,234		-		6,234	
Total Current Assets		3,157,259		314,159		3,471,418	
Long-term Investments:							
Bonds		3,118,220			_	3,118,220	
Capital Assets:							
Office equipment		69,386		-		69,386	
Office building & land		759,424		-		759,424	
Vehicle		45,861		_		45,861	
Dam rehabilitation		-		113,024		113,024	
Meridian Lake Reservoir		-		942,457		942,457	
Less accumulated depreciation		(244,296)		(51,668)	_	(295,964)	
Net Capital Assets		630,375		1,003,813		1,634,188	
TOTAL ASSETS		6,905,854		1,317,972	_	8,223,826	
Liabilities							
Accounts payable		83,787		8,418		92,205	
Noncurrent Liabilities:		00,701		0,410		02,200	
Compensated absences		57,169		-		57,169	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		140,956		8,418	_	149,374	
Deferred Inflow of Resources							
Property taxes		1,495,005		<u>-</u>		1,495,005	
Net Position						1 00 1 100	
Investment in capital assets		630,375		1,003,813		1,634,188	
Restricted for TABOR reserve		63,257				63,257	
Unrestricted	_	4,576,261		305,741		4,882,002	
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$	5,269,893	\$	1,309,554	\$	6,579,447	

Government-Wide Statement of Activities December 31, 2021

	Primary Government						
			В	usiness			
	Gov	ernmental		Туре			
		ctivities	A	ctivities		Totals	
Expenses Programs							
Salaries & Benefits	\$	563,874	\$	27,144	\$	591,018	
Public Outreach		27,125		-		27,125	
Legal & Accounting		6,033		293		6,326	
Occupancy Expenses		14,053		505		14,558	
Bonding & Insurance		8,586		1,038		9,624	
Office Expense		154,087		3,114		157,201	
Board of Directors Expenses		5,628		169		5,797	
Board of Directors Fees		9,680		-		9,680	
General & administrative		40,891		375		41,266	
Membership & Dues		12,398		-		12,398	
Stream Monitoring		177,818		-		177,818	
Taylor Park Project		7,436		-		7,436	
Basin Planning & Development		346,665		_		346,665	
Fish Recovery Program		6,000		-		6,000	
Water Costs & Supply Program		290,679		_		290,679	
Cloud Seeding Program		140,962		-		140,962	
Lake San Cristobal		13,464		-		13,464	
Repairs & Maintenance		· <u>-</u>		66		66	
Depreciation Expense		29,761		3,229		32,990	
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES	-	1,855,140		35,933		1,891,073	
Program Revenue	3						
Basin wide Planning		344,497		-		344,497	
Cloud Seeding Program		90,750		_		90,750	
Charges for services		59,074		287,080		346,154	
Total Program Revenue		494,321	-	287,080		781,401	
NET PROGRAM REVENUE( EXPENSES)	17 <del>2 - (</del>	1,360,819)		251,147		1,109,672	
General Revenues	<del></del>	.,,,					
Property taxes		1,355,144		_		1,355,144	
Specific Ownership taxes		89,432		_		89,432	
Interest on deposits and investments		(3,776)		47		(3,729	
Miscellaneous		1,441		.,		1,441	
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES		1,442,241		47		1,442,288	
Change in Net Position		81,423		251,194		332,617	
Net Position - January 1		5,188,470		1,058,360		6,246,830	
Net Position - December 31	\$	5,269,893	\$	1,309,554	\$	6,579,447	

## Balance Sheet - General Fund December 31, 2021

Assets	
Current Assets:	
Cash & equivalents	\$ 305,850
Certificates of deposits	829,125
Investment-ColoTrust	492,382
Due from other Governments	10,007
Accounts receivable	8,418
Property taxes receivable	1,495,005
Accrued interest receivable	10,238
Prepaid expense	6,234
Total Current Assets	3,157,259
Long-term investments:	
Investments	3,118,220
TOTAL ASSETS	6,275,479
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	83,787
TOTAL LIABILITIES	83,787
Deferred Inflow of Resources	
Property taxes	1,495,005
Net Position	
Restricted for TABOR reserve	63,257
Nonspendable	6,234
Unassigned	4,627,196
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 4,696,687
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## UPPER GUNNISON RIVER WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT Reconciliation of the Governmental Net Position to

## the Statement of Net Position December 31, 2021

Total Governmental Net Position	\$ 4,696,687
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore are not reported as assets in the governmental funds.	630,375
Long-term liabilities for compensated absences are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the funds.	(57,169)
Net position of Governmental Activities.	\$ 5,269,893

## UPPER GUNNISON RIVER WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Net Position - General Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Revenues	
Taxes	\$ 1,444,576
Charges for services	59,074
Interest on deposits and investments	(3,776)
Basin Wide plan	344,497
Cloud seeding program	90,750
Miscellaneous	1,441
TOTAL REVENUES	1,936,562
Expenditures	
Current:	
Salaries & Benefits	557,250
Public Outreach	27,125
	6,033
Legal & Accounting	14,053
Occupancy Expenses	-
Bonding & Insurance	8,586 154.087
Office Expense	154,087
Board of Directors Expenses	5,628
Board of Directors Fees	9,680
General & Administrative	40,891
Membership & Dues	12,398
Stream Monitoring	177,818
Taylor Park Project	7,436
Basin Planning & Development	346,665
Fish Recovery Program	6,000
Water Costs & Supply Program	290,679
Lake San Cristobal	13,464
Cloud seeding program	140,962
Capital Outlay	48,780
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,867,535
NET CHANGE IN NET POSITION	69,028
Net Position January 1	4,627,659
Net Position December 31	\$ 4,696,687

## Reconciliation of the Governmental Net Position to the Statement of Net Position December 31, 2021

Net Change in Net Position - Governmental Fund		
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	\$	69,028
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.  Fixed assets added during year Depreciation	\$ 48,780 (29,761)	19,019
Expenses for compensated absences reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds		(6,624)
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$	81,423

## Statement of Net Position Enterprise Fund December 31, 2021

	Water Enterprise Fund
Assets	
Current Assets:	
Cash & equivalents	\$ 24,493
Accounts Receivable	29
Investments-ColoTrust	289,637_
Total Current Assets	314,159
Capital Assets:	
Meridian Lake Reservoir	942,457
Dam Rehabilitation	113,024
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(51,668)
Net Capital Assets	1,003,813
Total Assets	1,317,972
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	8,418
Total Current Liabilities	8,418
Total Liabilities	8,418_
Net Position	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	1,003,813
Unrestricted	305,741
Total Net Position	\$ 1,309,554

## UPPER GUNNISON RIVER WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position Enterprise Fund For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Water Enterprise Fund
Operating Revenues:	
Charges for Services	\$ 287,080
Total Operating Revenue	287,080
Operating Expenses:	
Salaries & Benefits	27,144
Accounting & Legal	293
Occupancy Expenses	505
Bonding & Insurance	1,038
Office Expenses	3,114
General & Administrative	375
Board Expenses	169
Repairs & maintenance	66
Depreciation	3,229_
Total Operating Expenses	35,933_
Operating Income (Loss)	251,147
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	
Interest Income	47
Miscellaneous income	
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expense)	47
Income (Loss) Before Transfers	251,194
Total Net Position, January 1	1,058,360
Total Net Position, December 31	\$ 1,309,554

## Statement of Cash Flows Enterprise Fund

## For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Water Enterprise Fund
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:	
Cash Received from Charges for Services	\$ 287,080
Payments to and on behalf of employees	(27,144)
Cash Payments for Goods and Services	(4,672)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	255,264
Cash Flows From Financing Activities:  Note payable	(75,000)
Net Cash Used by Financing Activities	(75,000)
Net Cash Osed by Financing Activities	(75,000)
Cash Flows From Investing Activities	
Increase in Investment	(250,046)
Interest on Investments	47
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	(249,999)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents	(69,735)
Cash Balance, January 1	94,228
Cash Balance, December 31	\$ 24,493
Reconciling of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 251,147
Adjustment to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss) to Net	=
Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	
Depreciation Expense	3,229
Assets (Increased) Decreased	
Accounts Receivable	-
Liabilities Increased (Decreased)	
Accounts Payable	888
Total Adjustments	4,117
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	\$ 255,264

## Upper Gunnison River Conservancy District Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2021

## NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District (the District) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

The more significant of the District's accounting policies are described below:

#### Reporting Entity

These financial statements present the financial position and results of operations of the District, a political subdivision of the State of Colorado created on June 1, 1959. The District is supported jointly by Gunnison, Hinsdale, and Saguache counties based upon a mill levy on real property located in the District. The purpose of the District is to represent the water interests of the residents of the Upper Gunnison River Watershed area. An eleven-member board governs the District.

These financial statements include only the District as there are no component units required to be included in accordance with GASB Statement No 14.

## Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of governmental net position and the statement of governmental activities) report information on all the nonfiduciary activities of the District. *Governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on user charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given program are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific program. *Program revenues* include charges to those who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

#### Fund Financial Statements

The accounts of the District are organized based on funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and how spending activities are controlled.

All governmental funds are accounted for on a flow of current financial resources basis Balance sheets for these funds generally include only current assets and current liabilities. Reported fund balances are considered a measure of available, spendable resources. Operating statements for these funds present a summary of available, spendable resources and expenditures for the period. The District has only one governmental fund, the General *Fund*, which is the general operating fund of the District.

Proprietary Funds are accounted for using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. The accounting objectives are determinations of net income; financial position and cash flow. All assets and liabilities are included on the Statement of Net Position. The District has presented the following major proprietary fund.

## Upper Gunnison River Conservancy District Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2021

## NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES-Continued

## Water Enterprise Fund

Water Enterprise Fund is used to account for the provision of water services to the residents of the Upper Gunnison River Watershed and include administration, operations and maintenance of the water system and billing and collection activities. The fund also accounts for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, long-term debt principal and interest for water debt. All costs are financed through charges to customers.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. Operating expenses for the proprietary funds include the cost of personal and contractual services, supplies, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

## Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by all governmental funds. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period (60 days). Those revenues associated with the current period susceptible to accrual are property taxes, interest revenue, and charges for services. All other revenues are reported when cash is received. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred.

It is the District's policy to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted Net Position are available.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## Property Taxes Receivable

Property taxes for the current year are levied and attached as a lien on property on January 1 of the succeeding year. They are payable in full by April 30 or in two equal installments due on February 28 and June 15. Property taxes levied in the current year and payable in the following year are reported as a receivable on December 31. However, since the property taxes are not available to pay current liabilities, the receivable is reported as deferred revenue.

## Capital Assets

Capital assets are stated at cost. Donated assets are recorded at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The District defines capital assets as assets with an initial cost of \$2,000 or greater. Replacements, which improve or extend the lives of property, are capitalized. Maintenance, repairs, and equipment replacements of a routine nature are charged to expenditures as incurred and are not capitalized.

### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

### Capital Assets – continued

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Office equipment 5-10 years Dam rehabilitation 35 years

The District started to depreciate the cost of the Meridian Lake Reservoir dam rehabilitation in 2006 when the asset was transferred to the enterprise fund.

### Compensated Absences

Full-time employees, except for the manager and water attorney who are covered under separate contracts, earn paid time-off based upon the number of years of service. At the Board's discretion, part-time employees may earn paid time-off on a pro-rata basis. The maximum amount of paid time-off that can be accumulated is 432 hours, after 15 years of service. All earned paid time-off is payable upon termination.

### **Net Position**

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets consist of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use by external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, laws, or regulations of other governments.

### NOTE 2 - RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The governmental funds balance sheet includes reconciliation between *fund balances* of the *governmental funds* and *Net Position of governmental activities* as reported in the government-wide statement of Net Position. Additionally, the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances includes reconciliation between the *net change in fund balances of the governmental funds* and the *changes in Net Position of governmental activities* as reported in the government-wide statement of activities.

These reconciliations detail items that require adjustment to convert from the current resource's measurement and modified accrual basis for government fund statements to the economic resources measurement and full accrual basis used for government-wide statements.

### NOTE 3 - TAX, SPENDING AND DEBT LIMITATIONS

In November 1992, Colorado voters passed an amendment to the State Constitution, Article X, Section 20, which has several limitations, including revenue raising, spending abilities, and other specific requirements of state and local governments.

On November 3, 1998, the electors of the District approved the retention and spending of the District's non-tax revenues for the year beginning January 1, 1999, and subsequent years, without regard to the limitations imposed by the Amendment and to impose a maximum property tax rate not to exceed 2.0 mills. The Amendment requires that an emergency reserve be maintained at three percent of fiscal year spending. A portion of the general fund's fund balance is classified as restricted for emergencies as required by the Amendment. The Amendment is complex and subject to judicial interpretation. The District believes it is in compliance with the requirements of the Amendment.

### NOTE 4 - BUDGETS

The District adheres to the following procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- A. Budgets are required by state law for all governmental, proprietary, and trust funds.
- B. The budget officer is required to submit a proposed budget to the Board by October 15.
- C. Public hearings are conducted by the Board to obtain taxpayer comments.
- D. Certification of the mill levies to the Board of County Commissioners and adoption of the budget and appropriations are required by December 15.
- E. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the fund level. Board approval is required for changes in the budget. No changes were made to the originally adopted budget.
- F. Budget appropriations lapse at the end of each year.
- G. The District adopts budgets on a basis that is consistent with GAAP.

### NOTE 5 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA) requires that all units of local government deposit cash in eligible public depositories. Eligibility is determined by state regulators. The eligible depository is required to pledge to the Colorado Division of Banking a pool of collateral having a market value that at all times exceeds 102% of the uninsured aggregate public deposits. The eligible collateral is determined by the PDPA, which includes obligations secured by first lien mortgages on real property located in the state. PDPA allows the institutions to create a single collateral pool for all public funds. The pool is to be maintained by another institution or held in trust for all uninsured public deposits as a group. The State Regulatory Commission for banks and financial services is required by statute to monitor the naming of eligible depositories and reporting of the uninsured deposits and assets maintained in the collateral pools. There is no custodial credit risk for public deposits collateralized under PDPA.

On December 31, 2021, the carrying amounts of the District's deposits were \$330,244. Of the bank balances, \$330,244 is covered by FDIC depository insurance. Of the above bank balance, the General Fund's share is \$305,751 and the Water Fund's share is \$24,493.

Colorado statutes specify investment instruments meeting defined rating and risk criteria in which local government entities may invest. Authorized investments include obligations of the United States and certain US government agency securities, certain international agency securities; general obligation and revenue bonds of U.S. local government entities; bankers' acceptances of certain banks; commercial paper; local government investment pools; written repurchase agreements collateralized by certain authorized securities; certain money market funds; and guaranteed investment contracts. The District's investment policy follows Colorado statutes. On December 31, 2021, the District's investments included certificates of deposit, funds held in Colotrust and long-term government bonds. The CD's have maturity dates ranging from April 2023 to December 2024. The long-term Government maturities range from September 2022 to May 2026.

·	 Carrying Value	, =	Cost	
CD's (Level 1)	\$ 735,580	\$	739,000	
Federal Farm Credit Banks (Level 2)	337,840		345,000	Moodys AAA; S&P AA+
Federal Home Loan Bank (Level 2)	1,440,014		1,460,000	Moodys AAA; S&P AA+
U.S. Treasuty Notes (Level 2)	 604,786	=======================================	604,315	Moodys AAA
	\$ 3,118,220	\$	3,148,315	

### NOTE 5 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - continued

The District Categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value measurements must maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. There is a hierarchy of three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value.

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for an identical asset or liability that a government can access at the measurement date.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for an asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, Level2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the asset or liabilities.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs for an asset or liability.

### Net Asset Value Investment

The District had invested \$1,372,197 in the Colorado Government Liquid Asset Trust (COLOTRUST), an investment vehicle established for local government entities in Colorado to pool surplus funds. COLOTRUST operates similarly to a money market fund and each share is equal in value to \$1.00. Investments of COLOTRUST consist of U.S. Treasury bills, notes, and note strips and repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities. A designated custodial bank provides safekeeping and depository services to COLOTRUST in connection with the direct investment and withdrawal functions of COLOTRUST. Substantially all securities owned by COLOTRUST are held by the Federal Reserve Bank in the account maintained for the custodial bank. The custodian's internal records identify the investments owned by COLOTRUST. These pools are not required to and are not registered with the SEC. COLOTRUST's funds are rated AAA by Standard and Poor's, Fitch's, and Moody's rating services. The General Funds share of the amount is \$492,383and the Water fund's share is \$289,637. These Investments are measured at Net Asset Value.

### NOTE 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets activity for the year ended December 31, 2021, was as follows:

Governmental Funds	1	Balance 2/31/2020	li	ncrease	Dec	rease	_ 1	Balance 2/31/2021
Capital assets being depreciated								
Building and Land	\$	759,424	\$	-	\$	_	\$	759,424
Office Equipment		50,829		18,556		-		69,385
Vehicle				45,861		-		45,861
Project in process		15,637		-	1	5,637		_
Less Accumulated Depreciation		(190,514)		(24,020)		_		(214,534)
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net.	\$	635,376	\$	40,397	\$		\$	660,136
Business-type Activities								
Capital assets not being depreciation	\$	942,457	\$	-	\$		\$	942,457
Captial assets being depreciated	:							
Dam Rehabilitation		113,024		-		-		113,024
Less Accumulated Depreciation		(48,439)		(3,229)		-		(51,668)
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated		64,585	-	(3,229)		_		61,356
Business-Type Activities Capital Asets, Net.	\$	1,007,042	\$	(3,229)	\$		\$	1,003,813

Total depreciation expense for the General Fund for the year ended December 31, 2021, was \$29,761, which was charged to the General and Administrative function. Water Enterprise Fund had depreciation expense of \$3,229.

### NOTE 7 - RETIREMENT PLANS

The District participates in the Colorado Retirement Association (CRA that provides retirement benefits through a defined contribution money purchase plan (the Plan) to participating Colorado counties, municipalities, and special districts. In a defined contribution plan, benefits depend solely on amounts contributed to the plan plus investment earnings. All employees must participate in the plan immediately after employment. The District has agreed to contribute 7% of employee compensation. The employee is required to contribute an amount equal to the District's contribution and may contribute up to 10% of compensation. Employees are 100% vested once they are eligible to participate in the Plan. The covered payroll for the . Plan was \$439,127 for the year ended December 31, 2021. The District and employees, each, contributed \$30,739, which is 7% of the covered payroll. The employer can authorize the term benefits and has the right to amend those terms.

The District's employees may participate CRA's 457 deferred compensation plan if they so choose. There is no District participation in this plan.

### **NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. Settled claims have not exceeded commercial coverage in any of the past three years.

### NOTE 9 - COMMITMENTS

In 2007, the District entered into an agreement with Hinsdale County and the Town of Lake City to commission a feasibility study for a controlled outlet structure for Lake San Cristobal and the District. That project was on going as of December 31, 2021.

### NOTE 10 - LONG TERM DEBT

The Water Enterprise Fund has an operating loan. The Fund borrowed \$75,000 from the general fund on an interest free operating loan. This loan was paid back in 2021.

The following is a detailed breakdown of those debt service payments.

	Balance		Balance
	1/1/2021	Payments	12/31/2021
Operating Loan	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ -
	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ -

### NOTE 11 - LEASES

The District leases a copier. The lease term is 60 months at \$243 per month. Below is the remaining lease payment schedule on December 31, 2021.

2023-2024 / \$2,915 per year	\$ 5,830
2025	972
Total	\$ 6,802

### NOTE 12 - FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

During 2021, the District implemented GASB 54, Fund Balance Classification. With this new GASB, the fund balance is broken into five classifications. (1) Non-spendable – not in spendable form, (2) Restricted-fund constrained by external parties, (3) Committed – constraints on use of funds imposed by the highest level of decision-making authority, in the District's case that is the Board of Directors. The funds must be established, modified, or rescinded by use of resolution of the Board. (4) Assigned – funds intended to be used for a specific purpose, where the intent is expressed by an official authorized by the governing board, in the District's case that is the General Manager and (5) Unassigned – which are funds available for any purpose. The District does not have Committed or Assigned fund classifications in 2021.

It is the District's policy to spend restricted funds first, then unrestricted funds, for the purpose for which the restriction dictates. Committed and assigned funds are spent first, when expenditure is incurred for which the commitment or assigned designation was established.

The District does have fund classifications as follows:

- Restricted which is dictated by Colorado State Law
- Nonspendable
- Unassigned.

# UPPER GUNNISON RIVER WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance - Budget & Actual

### General Fund

For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Original & Final Budget	Actual	Variance
Revenues			
Carryover from Prior Year Taxes:	\$ 47,754		\$ (47,754)
Property	1,347,248	1,351,856	4,608
Specific Ownership	65,000	89,432	24,432
Interest of Delinquent Taxes	3,300	3,288	(12)
Total Taxes	1,415,548	1,444,576	29,028
Cloud Seeding Program	93,750	90,750	(3,000)
Basin Implementation Plan	562,000	344,497	(217,503)
Water Contract Sales	19,885	24,759	4,874
Water Quality Monitoring	34,315	34,315	0
Earnings on Deposits & Investments	52,500	(3,776)	(56,276)
Miscellaneous	1,000	1,441	441
Total Revenues Expenditures	2,226,752	1,936,562	(290,190)
Salaries & Benefits	585,618	557,250	28,368
Public Outreach	34,000	27,125	6,875
Legal & Accounting	7,500	6,033	1,467
Occupancy Expenses	13,396	14,053	(657)
Bonding & Insurance	10,274	8,586	1,688
Office Expense	129,106	154.087	(24,981)
Board of Directors Expenses	14,200	5.628	8.572
Board of Directors Fees	13,520	9,680	3,840
General & Administrative	38,500	40,891	(2,391)
Membership & Dues	6,565	12,398	(5,833)
Stream Monitoring	165,731	177,818	(12,087)
Taylor Park Project	6,377	7,436	(1,059)
Basin Planning & Development	239,000	346,665	(1,009)
Fish Recovery Program	3,000	6,000	(3,000)
Water Costs & Supply Program	804,326	290,679	513,647
Lake San Cristobal		13.464	0 13,047
Contingency	13,464	13,404	24,000
Cloud Seeding Program	24,000	140,962	(140,962)
	-	•	
Capital Outlay	-	48,780	(48,780)
Total Expenditures	2,108,577	1,867,535	241,042
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	118,175	69,028	(49,147)
Fund Balance, January 1	-	4,627,659	4,627,659
Fund Balance, December 31	\$ 118,175	\$4,696,687	\$ 4,578,512

### UPPER GUNNISON RIVER WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

# Schedule of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Available Resources - Budget & Actual Water Enterprise Fund

### For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Original & Final Budget	Actual	Variance
Revenues	\ <u></u>	<u>.</u>	·
Annual Meridian Dues	\$ 33,183	\$ 287,080	\$ 253,897
Other Income	-	-	•
Earnings on Deposits & Investments	850	47	(803)
Total Revenues	34,033	287,127	253,094
Expenses			
Salaries & Benefits	26,118	27,144	1,026
Accounting & Legal	335	293	(42)
Occupancy Expenses	597	505	(92)
Bonding & Insurance	1,021	1,038	17
Office Expenses	3,141	3,114	(27)
General & Administrative	1,137	375	(762)
Board Expenses	633	169	(464)
Repairs & Maintenance	200	66	(134)
Total Expenses	33,182	32,704	(478)
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	851	254,423	253,572
Reconciliation to Statement of Activities:			
Depreciation	-	(3,229)	(3,229)
Available Resources, January 1	25,826	1,058,360	1,032,534
Available Resources, December 31	\$ 26,677	\$1,309,554	\$ 1,282,877

# REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION



**General Manager and Committee Updates** 

**TO**: UGRWCD Board of Directors

**FROM**: Sonja Chavez, General Manager

**DATE**: July 19, 2022

**SUBJECT**: General Manager, Committee, and Staff Updates



### I. Treasurer's Report (Director Nesbitt)

### II. General Manager's Report

### A. Miscellaneous Updates

### 1. Gap Weather Radar Data

The General Manager is concerned about the long-term acquisition of gap weather radar data across the west. The District was successful in lobbying for a Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) request for \$2M dollars in 2021 in support of the purchase of gap weather radar data in the west via the National Mesonet Program (NMP), but to date there has been no *permanent* increase in NMP funding for purchase of gap weather radar data in the western United States. According to the Undersecretary of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and NOAA Administrator, "Of the \$22.2M appropriated for NMP in 2021, after data management, quality control, and program administrative costs, \$18.8M was used to purchase data. Approximately \$3.5M went to Western States, proportionate to those states representing states representing twenty percent of the total."

It is the position of the General Manager that directing only 20 percent of the federal budget on weather radar data in the west is not acceptable. There are many gaps in weather data coverage across the west as portrayed in the attached maps. The maps represent both radar sites and CoAgMet sites and to be clear, the CoAgMet sites do not provide weather forecasting data, they provide data in support of calculating evapotranspiration (ET) rates.

The seven Colorado River Basin states are experiencing unprecedented drought and need adequate forecasting tools to help us manage our water supplies. It is the recommendation of the General Manager to the Board that she work to bring this matter to the attention of congress in collaboration with other western states including but not limited to Wyoming, Idaho, and Utah and especially Colorado River Basin States. The first step should include the District drafting a joint letter to key members of Congress in collaboration

with the Colorado River District as was done in 2021 for the CDS request and outreach to other basin states.

**ACTION:** The General Manager would appreciate the opportunity to have further discussion with the Board on this matter.

### 2. Colorado River District Updates

The General Manager will update provide the Board with a verbal update on several Colorado River District discussion items including:

- Update on Interstate Issues on the Colorado River
- Discussion with Colorado State Engineer, Kevin Rein, Regarding Potential Compact Curtailment Administration and Rules.
- Discussion with the Executive Director of the Upper Colorado River Commissioner, Chuck Cullom, Regarding UCRC Roles and Solutions.
- Discussion with the United States Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado Regional Director, Wayne Pullan, Regarding Commissioner's Call for Conservation.

### 3. Harmful Algal Bloom Study

Staff continues to work with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) on development of a grant proposal to the Community Funding Partnership Program in support of the Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) study on Blue Mesa Reservoir. We anticipate submittal by the end of the month.

The General Manager also assisted with water-quality data collection on July 15 at Iola Basin, Cebolla, and Sapinero reservoir sites.

### 4. Gunnison County Flood Plain Mapping Update

FEMA has updated the flood plain mapping for Gunnison and Hinsdale Counties. The new mapping shows significant changes as more detailed assessments and improvements in technology since the 90's.

### 5. Town of Crested Butte Source Water Protection Planning

Staff facilitated a preliminary meeting between Colorado Rural Water Association (CRWA) and the Town of Crested Butte. The District anticipates a preliminary field visit from CRWA staff in August and we hope to be able to start planning in the fall.

### B. Watershed Management Planning (WMP) Update (GM Chavez)

Watershed & Wildfire Risk Assessment: Staff continues to move the watershed and wildfire risk assessment protection planning forward. We anticipate sending a draft final report to the WMP Committee for review, discussion, and revisions. The next committee meeting will focus on drilling down to needed next steps in the assessment process.

**Geo-Fluvial Assessments:** Our consultant (Watershed Science & Design) is continuing their summer field assessments and has been providing technical input on various projects within the basin including grant program projects. Consultant was in the field the week of July 18-22.

**Agricultural Assessments:** Field work continues. We anticipate completing approximately fifteen to twenty assessments this season. Our consultant also continues to assist with development of preliminary engineering and cost estimation on high priority projects as a service to our constituents. In all, we have experienced over a 95% success rate in assessed projects moving to construction. In addition, interim and final engineering inspections on more complicated projects has been very beneficial to staff.

### C. Grant Program (Beverly Richards, Water Resource Specialist)

See Memorandum from Beverly Richards.

### D. Wet Meadows Update (Cheryl Cwelich, Watershed Program Coordinator)

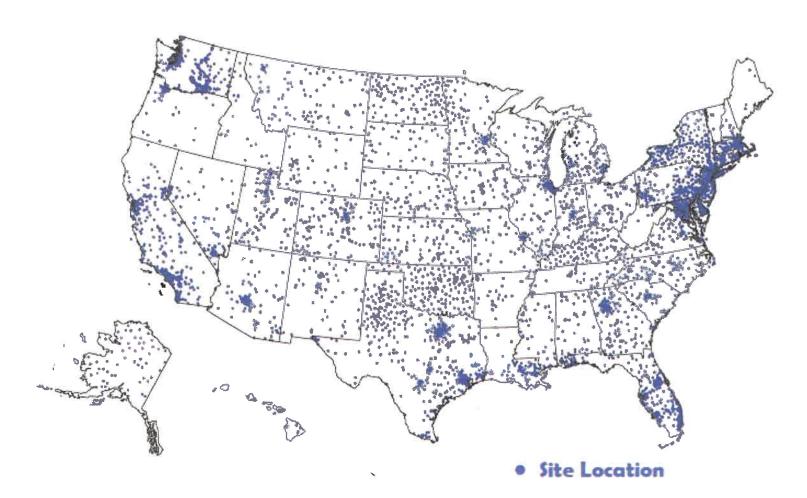
See Wet Meadows Program Memorandum.

### E. Taylor Local Users Group (Director Sabrowski)

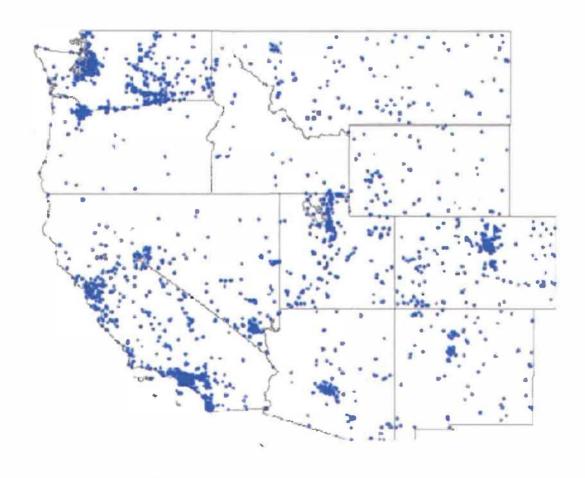
Verbal Update will be given by Director Sabrowski (TLUG Chair). Draft meeting minutes attached as Exhibit A.

- F. Scientific Endeavors Update (Director Carroll)
- **G. STOR Committee Update (Director Fonken)**

### Locations of National Mesonet Sites Across the USA



## Locations of National Mesonet Sites in the Western USA



Site Locations

# MINUTES Taylor Local Users Group July 8, 2022

### **TLUG Attendees:**

**TLUG Representatives:** 

Don Sabrowski (Chair)
Roark Kiklevich (Wade Fishing)
Mark Schumacher (Whitewater)
Ernie Cockrell (Taylor Placer)
Ryan Birdsey (Flatwater Recreation; by Zoom)
ABSENT – Pete Dunda (Property Owners) and Andy Spann (Agricultural)

### Others in person:

Doug Forshagen – Crystal Creek Homeowner's Association
Dustin Brown – Scenic River Rafting
Bill Gallenbeck – Taylor Dam Outlet Operations
Sue Uerling – UGRWCD

### By Zoom:

Sonja Chavez – UGRWCD Erik Knight - BOR Raquel Flinker – Colorado River District Ryan Christianson – BOR John Bocchino – Riffle and Rise

Erik Knight presented the July 1 CBRFC forecasted inflow which was 73,000 AF.

Sonja relayed information from Dave Gochis WRF Hydro Model forecast which was 78,000 AF.

Question around WRF Hydro forecast being at 78,000 AF which is 5,000 AF above Reclamation forecast of 73,000 AF and whether we could possibly see this additional amount in July.

- Erik response was that he would be surprised if we can generate an additional 5,000 AF in July.

### Flow Recommendation Discussions:

Ernie Cockrell: End of year storage content is a big part of stipulation. He wonders if we could go below the end of year target storage content by 1500 AF to 68,050 in order to provide some additional flows through August. According to his calculations, this is the difference between not having the 5-day flushing flow (which was very beneficial) and having the flush (300 cfs dry year – 445 cfs for five days = 1500 AF). Allows us to take a little more water for the benefit of the rafting community and he'd be o.k. with a slightly lower winter flow (84 cfs versus 85 cfs).

Mark Schumacher asked for 250 cfs through August 15. If we did this, Erik indicated that our October 31 end of year storage content would be 69,000 AF. This would require a winter flow of 84 cfs.

Ryan Birdsey agreed we need to keep tabs on the changing forecast and glad people are willing to work with each other. Thought it would be good to look at starting to slowly reduce flows through late August and September.

Group agreed that it would be necessary to meet again after the July 15<sup>th</sup> forecast is released because of how much we've seen the forecast fall below expectations.

**Citizen Comments:** Doug Forshagen's concern was to keep winter flows as high as possible for benefit of fishery.

### FINAL RELEASE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Reduce flows immediately to 250 cfs and maintain until our July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- The hope is to extend the 250 cfs release through August 15<sup>th</sup> for the boaters but this decision will depend upon the forecast we receive at our July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Gage below Taylor has been reading between 275 and 285 cfs at the outlet for the past week or so. Not sure what's going on. *Post Meeting Note*: Erik called USGS and they said that this is somewhat typically at the current flow release and didn't think that they would correct, but they will send a technician out to check.

Erik suggested that Dan Brauch (CPW) be prepared to talk about how a potential 100 cfs flow release might impact the fishery beginning in September.

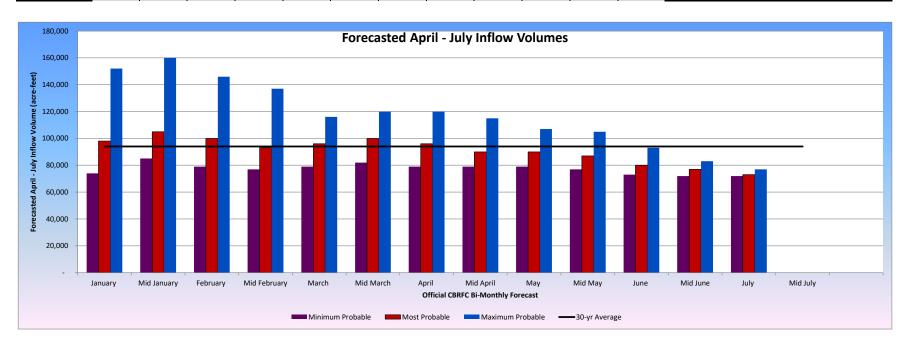
**Spring Creek Reservoir Update:** Dan Brauch indicated that they had to wait for storage to drop back down below sensor (when it does the storage is 10 feet of storage) so now talking to contractor about when they can get in to replace gate on outlet structure. Likely to be August before they get in but certainly plan to finish this summer. Likely not going to do much storage recovery until 2023 runoff. There is a bubbler in place to measure storage in Spring Creek.

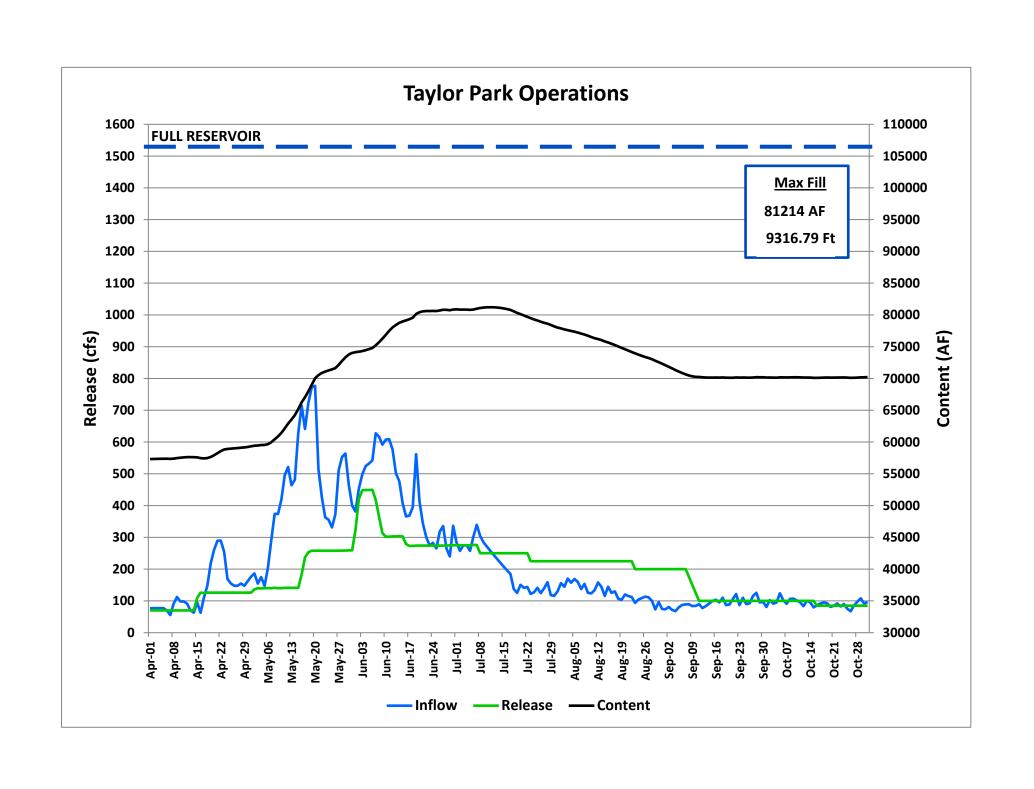
**UGRWCD Post Meeting Note:** Will need to consult with Four Parties on the proposal to go below the October 31, end of year storage objective.

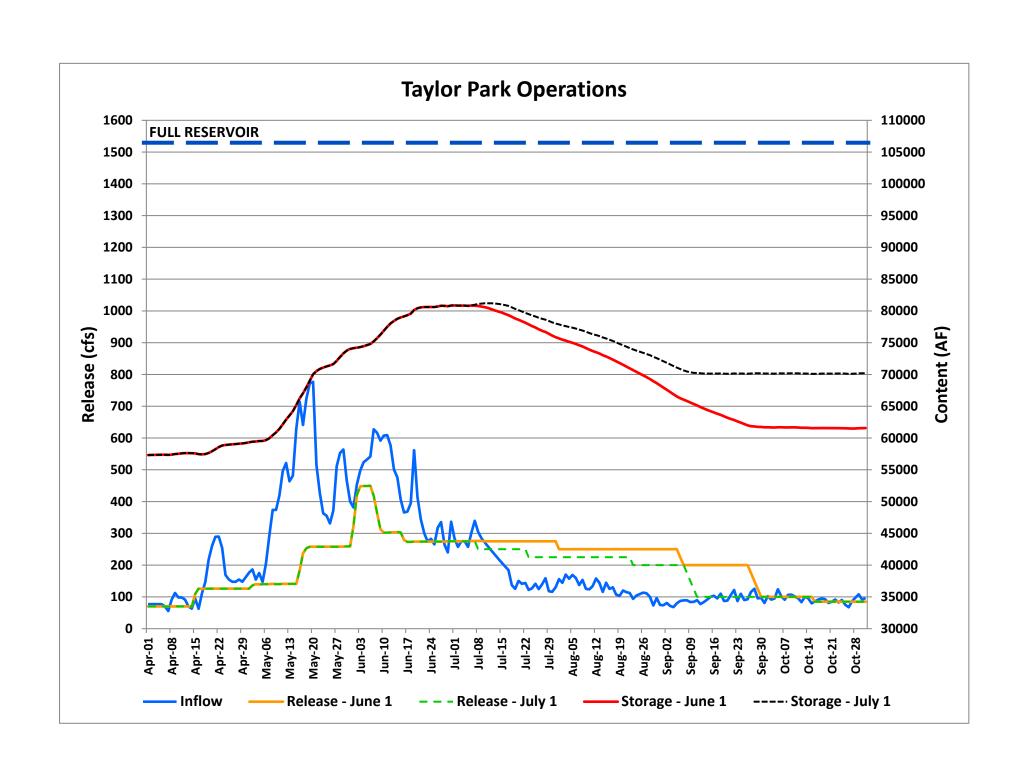
Next meeting date set for: July 25th at 9am.

Meeting adjourned at: 10:40am

	WY2022 CBRFC - Taylor Park Reservoir Most, Max and Min Inflow Forecasts (acre-feet)												<u>.</u> I						
CBRFC Forecast					Monthly	Inflow Volum	e Forecast (Ad	cre-Feet)											
Issued	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September							
October	4,500	4,400	3,600																
Mid October	4,600	4,000	3,600											Ар	ril - July	/ Forecas	ts		
November	4,900	3,900	3,500	3,200															
Mid November	4,900	4,100	3,600	3,300															
December	4,900	4,300	3,600	3,400	2,800														
Mid December	4,900	4,300	3,600	3,400	2,800								Most	% of Avg	Min	% of Avg	Max	% of Avg	Α
January	4,900	4,300	4,500	3,400	3,100	3,500							98,000	104%	74,000	79%	152,000	162%	9
Mid January	4,900	4,300	4,500	4,000	3,100	3,500							105,000	112%	85,000	90%	160,000	170%	9
February	4,900	4,300	4,500	4,000	3,200	3,500	7,000						100,000	106%	79,000	84%	146,000	155%	9
Mid February	4,900	4,300	4,500	4,000	3,400	3,500	7,000	27,000	42,000	17,000			93,000	99%	77,000	82%	137,000	146%	9
March	4,900	4,300	4,500	4,000	3,500	3,800	7,000	28,000	43,000	18,000			96,000	102%	79,000	84%	116,000	123%	9
Mid March	4,900	4,300	4,500	4,000	3,500	3,900	7,000	30,000	46,000	17,000			100,000	106%	82,000	87%	120,000	128%	9
April	4,900	4,300	4,500	4,000	3,500	4,100	7,500	30,000	42,000	16,500			96,000	102%	79,000	84%	120,000	128%	9
Mid April	4,900	4,300	4,500	4,000	3,500	4,100	7,200	25,000	41,000	16,800			90,000	96%	79,000	84%	115,000	122%	9
May	4,900	4,300	4,500	4,000	3,500	4,100	7,900	27,000	40,000	15,100			90,000	96%	79,000	84%	107,000	114%	9
Mid May	4,900	4,300	4,500	4,000	3,500	4,100	7,900	32,000	34,000	13,000			87,000	93%	77,000	82%	105,000	112%	9
June	4,900	4,300	4,500	4,000	3,500	4,100	7,900	27,000	33,000	12,200			80,000	85%	73,000	78%	93,000	99%	9
Mid June	4,900	4,300	4,500	4,000	3,500	4,100	7,900	27,000	31,000	11,200	8,000		77,000	82%	72,000	77%	83,000	88%	9
July	4,900	4,300	4,500	4,000	3,500	4,100	7,900	27,000	25,800	12,200	7,500	5,500	73,000	78%	72,000	77%	77,000	82%	9
Mid July	4,900	4,300	4,500	4,000	3,500	4,100	7,900	27,000	25,800					0%		0%		0%	9
August	4,900	4,300	4,500	4,000	3,500	4,100	7,900	27,000	25,800					0%					
Mid August	4,900	4,300	4,500	4,000	3,500	4,100	7,900	27,000	25,800										
September	4,900	4,300	4,500	4,000	3,500	4,100	7,900	27,000	25,800										
Mid September	4,900	4,300	4,500	4,000	3,500	4,100	7,900	27,000	25,800										







Proposed Operation
Taylor Park Reservoir
July 1st forecast = 78% (73,000) af
July 7, 2022

		Average		Average	EOM	EOM
	Inflow	Inflow	Outflow	Outflow	Content	Elevation
<u>Month</u>	<u>ac-ft</u>	<u>cfs</u>	<u>ac-ft</u>	<u>cfs</u>	<u>ac-ft</u>	<u>ft</u>
					58,892	
Nov 1-15	2,320	78	2,230	75 	58,982	9302.74
Nov 16-30	2,000	67	2,240	75	58,742	9302.57
Dec 1-15	1,930	65	2,210	74	58,462	9302.38
Dec 16-31	2,590	82	2,350	74	58,702	9302.55
Jan 1-15	1,920	65	2,020	68	58,602	9302.48
Jan 16-31	1,930	61	2,200	69	58,332	9302.29
Feb 1-15	1,600	58	1,940	70	57,992	9302.05
Feb 16-28	1,700	61	1,940	70	57,752	9301.87
Mar 1-15	1,830	62	2,050	69	57,532	9301.71
Mar 16-31	1,990	63	2,210	70	57,312	9301.56
Apr 1-15	2,440	82	2,160	73	57,592	9301.76
Apr 16-30	5,390	181	3,750	126	59,232	9302.91
May 1-15	10,110	340	4,140	139	65,202	9306.97
May 16-31	16,830	530	7,990	252	74,042	9312.56
Jun 1-15	15,760	530	10,810	363	78,992	9315.51
Jun 16-30	10,050	338	8,160	274	80,882	9316.60
Jul 1-15	7,960	268	7,790	262	81,052	9316.70
Jul 16-31	4,470	141	7,490	236	78,032	9314.95
Aug 1-15	4,350	146	6,690	225	75,692	9313.56
Aug 16-31	3,350	106	6,690	211	72,352	9311.53
Sep 1-15	2,480	83	4,660	157	70,172	9310.18
Sep 16-30	3,020	102	2,980	100	70,212	9310.20
Oct 1-15	2,890	97	2,980	100	70,122	9310.15
Oct 16-31	2,810	89	2,700	85	70,232	9310.21

73,010 = April-July inflow

78% of normal

81,214 = Maximum Content

### RELEASE CHANGES

Jul-16     275     250       Jul-23     225       Aug-01     250     225       Aug-16     250     225       Aug-23     200     200       Sep-06     225     200       Sep-07     200     200       Sep-08     175       Sep-09     125       Sep-10     125       Sep-11     100       Sep-27     175       Sep-28     150       Sep-29     125       Sep-30     100       Oct-01     100	Apr-16 May-01 May-16 May-17 Jun-01 Jun-02 Jun-07 Jun-08 Jun-09 Jun-16 Jul-01	June 1 125 140 200 250 350 445 400 350 300 275 275	1-Jul 125 140 200 250 350 445 400 350 300 275 275
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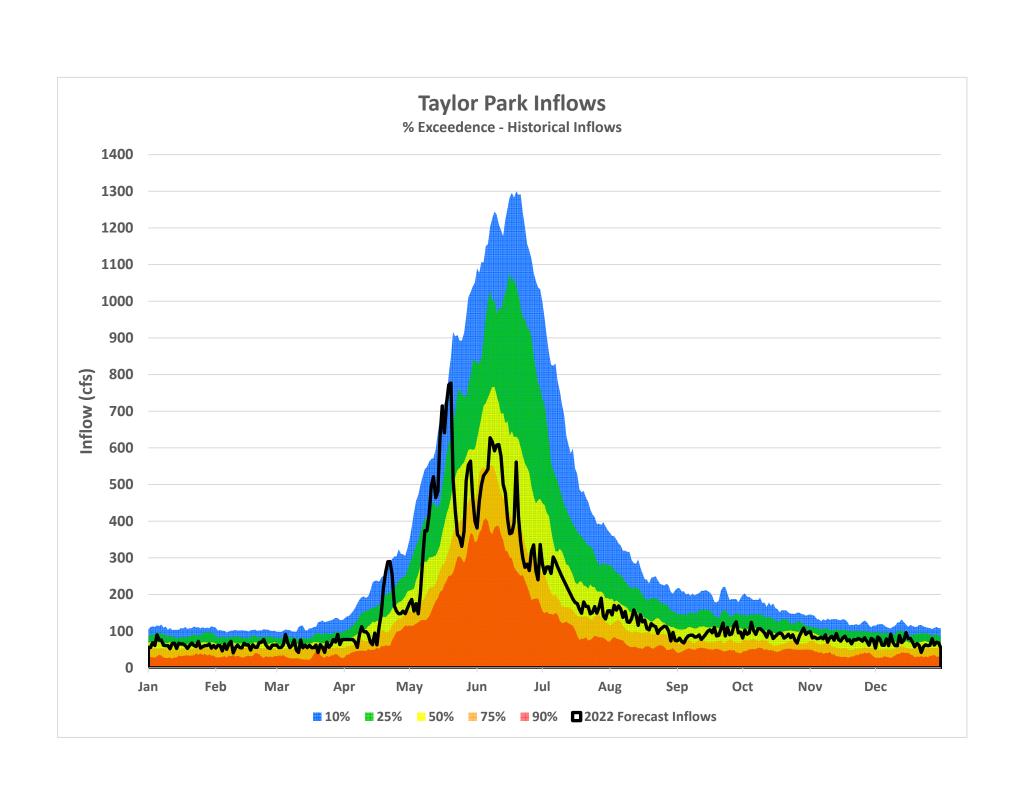
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**TO:** UGRWCD Board Members

FROM: Watershed Management Planning Committee

**DATE:** July 14, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Watershed Management Planning Committee Meeting Summary

A meeting of the committee was held on July 14, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Stacy McPhail, Sara Bergstrom, Julie Nania, Brad Piehl, Jesse Kruthaupt, Nancy Johnston, Ryan Unterreiner, Sonja Chavez, Beverly Richards, Cheryl Cwelich, Jill Steele, and Sue Uerling were in attendance.

Agenda topics included updates on the watershed/wildfire assessment, recreation improvements at the Gunnison White Water Park, and CWCB WMP purchase order status.

As a result of these discussions the following action and discussion items were identified:

### **Action and Discussion Items**

- Cheryl Cwelich will continue to provide updates on the Gunnison White Water Park Improvements.
- Sonja Chavez will continue to work on the development of the third purchase order from CWCB for the watershed management planning process.
- Brad Piehl will provide the draft report by July 20th. This will be distributed to the WMP Committee for review and input on next steps and focus areas.
- Staff and committee members will meet to discuss input on wildfire assessment report.
- Staff will continue to provide updates on assessment ongoing in the basin.

### **Next Meeting**

Watershed Management Planning Committee – August 10, 2022 – 1:30 p.m.

### Adjournment

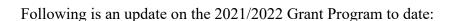
The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

**TO**: UGRWCD Board of Directors

**FROM**: Bev Richards, Water Resource Specialist

**DATE**: July 19, 2022

**SUBJECT**: Grant Committee Update



- 2022 Contracts: Completed 8; In progress 4; Not started 2
- 2021 Contracts: Open 6; Closed 10.
- The District canceled one 2021 contract due to sale of the property and uncertainty with regard to the new owners interest in the project. Staff recommended to the applicant that they come back in a future grant cycle. The amount canceled was \$9,600.

It is the recommendation from staff that these funds be used to complete the Strand Ditch Bridge project.

### In summary:

- Total 2021 Grant Budget is \$204,130
- Total Expended to Date is \$111,527
- Balance Remaining is \$92,603 (includes \$9,600 for canceled project)

**RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION:** Approve the expenditure of \$9,600 of available 2021 Grant Program Funds in support of the Strand Ditch Project.



**TO**: UGRWCD Board of Directors

**FROM**: Cheryl Cwelich, Watershed Program Coordinator

**DATE**: July 18, 2022

**SUBJECT**: Wet Meadows Program Update (July)



During the month of July, the following activities have commenced or been completed in the Gunnison Basin Wet Meadows & Riparian Restoration Collaborative (GBWMRRC):

### **Notable Activities Completed or in Progress**

### • Construction:

- Contracted with Pinnacle Construction for \$30,714 to perform rock hauling, staging and sub-staging; as well as conducting earthwork on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) property.
- O In negotiations with Grizzly Fence for ~\$15,000 to construct drift fences on Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) and Ute Mountain Ute properties to push livestock and wildlife trails up out of delicate wet meadow and riparian areas. Trailing contributes to flow concentration, channel formation and incision that degrades water attenuation in wet meadows.
- CPW conservation crew completed hand-built structure work at Dry Creek, Cerro Summit and Bohr Flats.

### • <u>Funding</u>:

- Final grant award announcements on Congressional Directed Spending (CDS) to be announced in August.
- Collaborating with Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) for a Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) "America the Beautiful" funding of \$100,000, which will be used towards a wetland assessment of the Gunnison Basin.
- A five-year funding agreement is being finalized with U.S. Forest Service with \$20,000 earmarked for 2022. Of this, ~\$8,000 will go to BIO-Logic for restoration consultation, ~\$1,500 for material costs, and \$10,000 for

- Coordinator's salary. An additional indirect cost rate of 10% for grant administration and BIO-logic support will be included.
- o Awaiting final payment of \$32,941.05 on U.S. Forest funding agreement.
- Received funding reimbursement of \$174,989.25 on NFWF Phase II grant.
   Balance remaining: \$

### • Outreach:

- Participated in Community Foundation of Gunnison Valley (CFGV)
   Environmental Sandbox on June 28<sup>th</sup> and July 19<sup>th</sup> focused on bringing various agencies and organizations together to discuss ongoing projects and vision in the Gunnison Valley.
- Presented the Wet Meadows Program to Water Education Colorado (WECo)
   Water Fluency Workshop on July 13<sup>th</sup> focused on discussing the diversity of water uses in the Gunnison Basin, the federally threated Gunnison sage-grouse and the value of partnerships in restoration and conservation.

### • Strategic Planning & Vision

- Attended River Network's Stream Assessment & Management Workshop in Steamboat Springs on July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> to inform process on Wet Meadow site prioritization matrix, standardized form templates and partner engagement.
- Continuing to standardize data collection practices with partners in the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) in close collaboration with The Nature Conservancy (TNC).
- The core Wet Meadows partners will meet in October or November to pick up short and long-term planning for the project.

**Scientific Endeavors Update** 

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**STOR Committee Update** 

**Miscellaneous Matters** 

### **Monthly Energy Production Report**

Generated for Beverly Richards on 07/18/2022

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This report provides energy production for July.

Week	Peak Power	Energy Produced
07/01/2022 - 07/07/2022	5.92 kW	259 kWh
07/08/2022 - 07/14/2022	5.92 kW	268 kWh
07/15/2022 - 07/21/2022	5.92 kW	117 kWh
07/22/2022 - 07/28/2022	0 W	0 Wh
07/29/2022 - 07/31/2022	0 W	0 Wh
July 2022 Total:		643 kWh
Previous Month Total:		1.24 MWh
Year to Date:		6.69 MWh
Lifetime Production:		32.5 MWh

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# Colorado River District Acts to Address Spiking Colorado River Temperatures

District calls on Front Range diverters to assist in prevention of further fish kills, economic impairment.

Glenwood Springs, Colorado — Low flows and high water temperatures are creating critical conditions on the Upper Colorado for the second consecutive year, triggering fishing closures amidst reports of struggling and dying fish. Anticipating these conditions, the Colorado River District chose to bypass inflow from an already-reduced Wolford Mountain Reservoir last weekend. This voluntary release generated approximately 200 acre-feet of water to protect the health of the river — and by extension, local economies and downstream water users. District staff, however, says further action is needed.

"Our constituents are seeing fish floating by belly-up and struggling to survive current hot temperatures," said Brendon Langenhuizen, the River District's Director of Technical Advocacy. "We've also received reports of dead fish along the riverbanks. Since the beginning of July, these new-normal conditions are having major impacts on the Upper Colorado River ecosystem. Colorado Parks & Wildlife's fishing closures are symptomatic of a larger issue that needs the attention of all water users. Our District has and will continue to do our part with voluntary releases when water is available from our limited resources at Wolford Mountain Reservoir."

Recent monsoonal rains are bringing some relief, but soil moisture issues and hot, dry conditions forecasted for early next week have prompted a need for direct action. In response, the River District began releasing an additional 50 cubic feet-per-second (cfs) Friday morning, July 15, and will continue through Sunday, July 17, providing another 300 acre-feet of water for the river by Monday morning. Limited West Slope water supplies will inhibit the River District's ability to fully address temperature and flow issues, however.

"We can't fix this situation alone," Langenhuizen stated. "Our constituents are asking for help to address the river's unhealthy conditions causing fish kills. They're wondering why large Front Range providers are not reducing their transmountain diversions to join the River District in aiding Colorado's namesake river and the livelihoods it supports."

Front Range water diverters participate with the River District and other stakeholders in collaborative workgroups like Learning By Doing as part of their commitment to address the

impacts of water diversions on the Colorado River and West Slope communities. The River District urges these water providers to act in partnership with West Slope water users to protect the health of the Upper Colorado River.

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TOP STORY

### The Colorado River is in the throes of a 22-year-old megadrought. What's at stake?

DEBBIE KELLEY and MARY SHINN The Gazette Jul 16, 2022

The 100-year-old water truce among seven states of the Southwest may be moving toward open hostilities again as the life-giving but drought-decimated Colorado River is at a tipping point, federal officials say. The Colorado is the most endangered river in America, according to the conservation nonprofit American Rivers.

The river basin is at its driest period in 1,200 years, Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton told Congress in June. She said the states — including Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and New Mexico in the upper basin and Arizona, Nevada and California in the lower basin — must agree to conserve 2-million-to-4-million-acre-feet of river water next year to avoid collapse of the river system, including hydropower production on Lake Powell and Lake Mead.

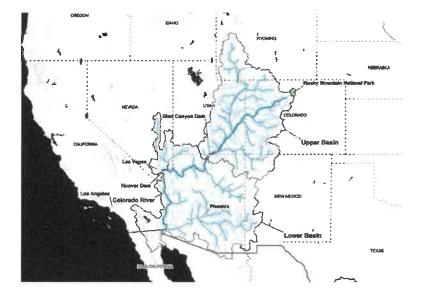
The call to conserve that massive amount of water might be compared to the approximate 3.5 million acre-feet consumed by the four upper basin states each year, according to Andy Mueller, general manager of the Colorado River District. The three lower basin states consume about 8.5 million acre-feet annually, he said.

The call for conservation could impact the Front Range directly because Denver, Colorado Springs and many other cities are highly dependent on Colorado River water diverted through tunnels beneath the mountains. Colorado Springs Utilities relies on the Colorado to meet 70 percent of its needs.

The Gazette dispatched a team of reporters, a photographer and a videographer to the diminishing riverscape to tell the stories of those struggling with the 22-year megadrought.

The river stretches for 1,450 miles from the Continental Divide in Rocky Mountain National Park to the Gulf of California in Mexico, although its waters are used up before reaching its natural terminus. It is the primary source of water for some 40 million people and provides agricultural irrigation, hydropower generation, fish and wildlife sustenance, and recreation to much of the Southwest.

Recurring themes emerged as staff members learned about how the drought and the aftermath of recent



wildfires are affecting farmers and ranchers, tourism, the dams, tribal reservations, politics, conservation and average citizens.

#### Those include:

- Everyone takes from the river and is asking too much of it.
- Some farmers, ranchers and growers are among the first to feel the pinch, leaving their fields go fallow and forcing up the price of some commodities. ..

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- Scorching wildfires can leave watersheds damaged for years, further diminishing supplies and creating ongoing increased costs for ratepayers.
- Cities in multiple states are calling for voluntary cutbacks. Los Angeles and Las Vegas have issued restrictions.
- Some people who live, work and recreate on river water that accumulates from snow runoff and rainfall say drought conditions ebb and flow. They are optimistic water levels will rebound. But in many locales levels have reached historic lows.
- Meeting the Bureau's call for conservation will require cities and farms and ranches to conserve more. But it's unknown what that might entail.
- •People realize that there will be sacrifices but say that working together will produce the best results.

Look for The Gazette's series, "Tipping Point: The Colorado in Peril," beginning July 17 and running Sundays through August in print and online at gazette.com.

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Climate change is punishing the Colorado River — and fueling devastating wildfires on the basin



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### A 150-year-old San Luis Valley farm stops growing food to save a shrinking water supply. It might be the first deal of its kind in the country

By Michael Elizabeth Sakas · Jul. 11, 2022, 4:00 am

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A front-row view of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains frames a line of grain silos overlooking a 150-year-old farm in southern Colorado. The fields would usually be green this time of year, grown lush on a supply of millions of gallons of groundwater pumped to the surface.

Now, the fields are brown, cracked and dry.

Farmers and ranchers across the San Luis Valley face a deadline: Their underground water source is drying up from a combination of overuse and a decades-long drought driven by climate change.

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To restore a balance of supply and demand, farmers and ranchers across the valley need to drastically cut how much water they pump out of the ground, according to the Colorado Division of Water Resources. If they don't, the state has threatened to step in and shut off hundreds of wells, which local water managers say would devastate the valley's agriculture-driven economy.

Sarah Parmar, the director of conservation with Colorado Open Lands, a nonprofit that works to protect land from development, looks down at the brittle ground and recounts her first visit to this farm last summer.

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Sarah Parmar, as the director of conservation for Colorado Open Lands, helped negotiate an agreement with a San Luis Valley farmer to create a groundwater conservation easement that would halt irrigation water pumping on the land, and in turn help replenish the aquifer under the region. Photographed Thursday, June 30, on a dry field in the San Luis Valley.



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Irrigation piping set out on an empty field in the San Luis Valley on Thursday, June 30, 2022.

"The farmer had a mix of peas and oats that he was growing, and they were up to his waist," Parmar said. "It's definitely a very productive farm."

No food grows here now. The farmer has stopped watering these 1,800 acres. Instead, he's working with Parmar on a deal to leave that water alone to save the area's shrinking groundwater supply and keep other farms in operation.

The farmer plans to sign a contract with Parmar to permanently end the use of his water rights to grow food here, and that rule would apply to any future owner of the property. Parmar calls the agreement a groundwater conservation easement — and said it could be the first of its kind in the country.

Conservation easements are legal arrangements that typically aim to protect a farm or a ranch by tying the land and its water rights together so it can't be divided up and turned into a housing development. In this case, Parmar said the groundwater conservation easement means changing the property's use to provide a more regional public benefit.

Once the agreement is signed, the farmer plans to sell the land to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District, which will work to revegetate the acres with native plants.

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A center pivot irrigates a crop of potatoes with water pumped from underground the San Luis Valley on June 30, 2022.

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An advertisement for Colorado potatoes painted on the side of a shed in Center, Colo. on June 30, 2022. Potatoes are one of the more popular crops in the San Luis Valley, which grow well in the sandy soil.

Putting the farm out of production will keep about 358 million gallons of water beneath the San Luis Valley, which is desperately needed. Local leaders have been working to save the dwindling aquifer in other ways, including paying farmers and ranchers to temporarily fallow fields or try less water-intensive crops and more advanced irrigation systems.

The farmer — who Colorado Open Lands declined to identify while the land and easement transactions are being finalized — told Parmar he was in a good position to exit the agriculture business because he and his wife don't have any children. He knows that his neighbors have a new generation that will eventually take over the management of those family farms.

Putting this single farm out of production is expected to preserve enough groundwater for the Rio Grande Water Conservation subdistrict surrounding the operation to meet its water sustainability goals — or come really close. This likely means the region can avoid state interventions and well-shutoffs, and other farms can continue operating and growing food.

Other areas of the valley are still at risk of a widespread well shutdown.

Chris Ivers, a program manager for the Rio Grande Water Conservation District who runs the subdistrict, said the state historically issued more well permits than the area could support. Climate change has only made the situation more dire, he said.

"We're dealing with sort of the sins of our fathers, trying to reduce the draw on the aquifer and get back into a sustainable balance," Ivers said.

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temporary moves, like larmers or ranchers agreeing to cut back on their water use for a season or two, haven t been enough. He said the water district has struggled to hit sustainability targets, and water managers in the valley are starting to realize that some farmland needs to be removed from production for good.



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Chris Ivers is the program manager for subdistricts 4 and 5 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District headquartered ion Alamosa.



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Cutting hay on irrigated land in Saguache County, in the San Luis Valley north of Moffat, Thursday, June 30, 2022. A center-pivot irrigation system can be seen in the background.

That isn't great news for the San Luis Valley, where 500,00 irrigated acres that host potatoes, alfalfa and vegetables like lettuce and carrots are the primary economic driver. Ivers said shutting down some farms is better than the alternative, which is a forced shutdown of hundreds of operations.

Republican State Sen. Cleave Simpson, who represents part of the valley and is the head of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District, uses groundwater to irrigate about 2,000 acres of family farmland. The operation mostly grows alfalfa, which Simpson said is the most water-intensive crop you can grow in the region.

"I lay awake at night thinking, 'I don't think I can keep doing what I've been doing and what my family has been doing for decades,'" Simpson said.

Simpson said farms like his are part of the problem. He's experimenting with growing hemp and other drought-friendly crops in an attempt to use less water. Simpson said if farmers and ranchers in the area don't start to do things differently and the climate continues to get warmer and drier, then 20 percent of the current irrigated farmland will be without water in the next 20 years.





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Cleave Simpson, a rancher and farmer, and state senator, is the general manager of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District in Alamosa, Photographed Friday, July 1, 2022, at the district's headquarters in Alamosa, where he spoke about the ongoing drought and its impact on agriculture in the San Luis Valley.



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A downpour blows in over the La Garita Mountains in Saguache County on the west side of the San Luis Valley, Thursday, June 30, 2022.

Simpson said new ideas like a groundwater conservation easement are the kind of incremental solutions necessary to avoid a sudden economic fallout in the valley, which he said is getting harder to do.

"This isn't just 20 years of drought, this is truly the aridification of the West," Simpson said, referring to research that has found that the long-term impact of climate warming means the dry conditions aren't temporary like the term drought might suggest.

Simpson said a groundwater conservation easement also gives farmers and ranchers more options for making money off their water rights.

Commissioners in Douglas County, south of Denver, recently considered working with a private company to buy water rights from San Luis Valley farmers and ranchers so it could pump that water to serve its local residents. The <u>project is on hold for now</u>, and the concept has <u>met strong opposition from locals and state leaders</u>. But the company, called Renewable Water Resources, claims that there's a list of farmers and ranchers who want to make money by selling their water rights.

That would mean the water would leave the valley, adding to the challenge of restoring aguifers to sustainable levels.



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A suffocation warning sign on the side door of a grain silo in the San Luis Valley of Colorado, July 1, 2022.

Simpson said the option of a groundwater conservation easement could help keep that water in the valley. He said other farmers and ranchers have reached out to him about the idea, which would allow them to suspend just a portion of their groundwater use. That would enable them to continue some amount of farming and ranching while getting paid not to use all of their water.

"If we don't come together and work together to manage this more appropriately, we'll look similar to some parts of California where people just keep deepening the well as far as they can," Simpson said. "And the last one with the most money is the last one left to pump."

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### COUNTY MAY ADOPT CODES FOR WILDFIRE PROTECTION

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"It's a cultural shift..."

[ By Katherine Nettles ]

Gunnison County officials will be considering some building code adjustments in the next month to strengthen wildfire hazard mitigation within the wildland-urban interface throughout the Gunnison Valley. The county's Community and Economic Development Department presented potential changes mostly aimed at new development to the Gunnison County Planning Commission earlier this year and the commission approved of a recommendation last Thursday, July 7. If approved by county commissioners, the code could tighten up regulations over things like landscaping, roofing and siding materials that would be allowed and how decks are constructed.

Gunnison County commissioners reviewed how these recommendations to adopt the 2021 International Wildland Urban Interface Code (IWUIC) and related amendments to the Gunnison County Land Use Resolution would impact the valley's building industry, homeowners, community planners and emergency workers among others. Commissioners will be holding a public hearing in August or September before deciding on the proposed code adoption and officials seem to recognize there will be an increased demand on the county's personnel if the code is passed.

The Community Development Department has worked with various regional and state level agencies and fire-related organizations since it received grant funding in 2019 for wildfire planning assistance. The Community Planning Assistance for Wildfire (CPAW) program prepared a report and recommendations, and in collaboration with local fire professionals and stakeholders updated wildfire mapping throughout Gunnison County.

Assistant county manager for community and economic development Cathie Pagano and building official Crystal Lambert presented an overview of the proposed code changes and how they could help make the Gunnison Valley better prepared in the event of a wildfire in a commissioners work session on Tuesday, July 12. According to the CPAW team findings, new home builds using traditional—and in many cases flammable —materials are comparable in cost to those using fire resistant materials. Retrofitting homes can prove

much more costly, but the code recommendations would be optional for existing homes unless they applied for a permit to make alterations. The recommendations approved by the planning commission were also designed to offer homeowners a variety of ways to comply with tighter fire protection codes, such as using more defensible space or creating a vegetation management plan for the entire property.

The proposed amendments would adopt wildland urban interface definitions, update local wildfire hazard maps, use the IWUIC code, require that any new developments address wildfire prevention standards in the protective covenants, and require that they also comply with WUI water supply requirements. It is also recommended that any proposed vegetation management plans should comply with WUI code, although that recommendation is expected to take an additional toll on county staff.

Sean Caffrey, CEO of the Crested Butte Fire Protection District attended the work session with much of his fire protection team and said the CBFPD is prepared to help in the transition to a new code. "We have people who are lined up and excited to help make progress on this front," he said. "It's been an amazingly collaborative process with our partners in the emergency response community as well as with Cathie and her team and with the planning commission."

Caffrey emphasized that fire code changes today will pay off later.

"What you're really doing by adopting this code is creating a generational shift in how we approach buildings in the wildland urban interface. And that's probably not going to pay off tomorrow, and there's going to be a bunch of things that bother us about it in the near term. But in 20, 40, 60, 100 years I think it is very much going to pay off just by starting the process now," he said.

Jamie Gomez with West Region Wildfire Council said the code is part of a national strategy. "As the county contemplates adopting this, it should also consider the personnel needed to support it," he said. "The science is simple...but translating that information to builders and homeowners is exceptionally difficult."

Gomez described the overall national wildland fire management strategy's three components: providing for safe and effective wildfire response; ensuring landscapes are resilient to climate change and wildfire; and creating fire adapted communities. He said this county is not ready for a wildfire, but this code will help.

"Adopting this code is a piece to this puzzle of getting toward what we call fire adapted communities," he said.

Andy Sovick, vice chair of the Gunnison County planning commission, spoke on behalf of the commission. "We worked on this for nearly six months," he said, and admitted that although he is resistant to adding more codes in general, he realized it was a major missing component to what exists. "You can't get a

certificate of occupancy if your toilet is too close to the wall, but you can put cedar chips next to cedar siding all day long..." he offered. "It's a cultural shift."

Sovick said it had been a lot to grapple with but seemed overdue considering the wildfire hazards. "It's not just about protecting people's homes, it's a social responsibility. And I think the benefits outweigh the consequences."

He likened the code to a dial system, in which there are many tools to choose from in order to manage fire hazard ratings.

"What's cool about this code is if you really want wood siding, you can probably have it, you just need to have defensible space. If you want your trees closer together, you might need to do different siding, or a metal roof etc. You can adjust things," said Sovick. But he recognized that recommending new homes have a vegetation management plan done by a homeowner and not a professional may overwhelm county staff.

"It might be a mistake, and if it is then we'll adjust it."

Pagano agreed that implementation may be rocky, and there will be a learning curve. Lambert said she thought it would be feasible to hold some training sessions if the code were adopted, to ease the transition as well.

The three commissioners expressed their readiness to move forward with scheduling a public hearing, which will likely occur in late August or early September.





### **COUNCIL SMELLS THE RETURN OF THE RV DUMP STATION ISSUE**

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It seems to be working but there is a future alternative

[ By Mark Reaman ]

The big kerfuffle over people lining up to use Crested Butte's RV Dump station and disrupting a local neighborhood seems to have subsided but that doesn't mean the issue has gone away. In fact it will be coming to a head this fall when the issue will again be in front of the council.

After myriad complaints about the increase in traffic and potential safety issues as RVs pulled in to use the dump in 2019 and 2020, the town initially voted to close the dump, but after broad community pushback re-opened it with directional traffic changes that seem to have alleviated much of the congestion problems. But the council said the RV Dump station would only be open until the end of the 2022 season while an alternative location was found. The current RV Dump station is located adjacent to the town wastewater treatment plant.

In a memo to the council from Crested Butte recreation, open space and trails supervisor Joey Carpenter, reminded the council that the dump is supposed to be open until the end of this camping season. There are

only two other such dump sites in the valley, one in Gunnison and one in Taylor Park that is past its usable life.

According to Carpenter's memo, traffic cameras were used at times in 2021 to monitor activity at the dump. "Peak usage topped out at 28 vehicles on August 1," he relayed. "The highest concertation of visits was between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Most visitors utilized the station correctly...Vehicle stacking on Butte and/or 8<sup>th</sup> Street was eliminated because of the measures that were implemented in 2021." He also noted that zero tickets were issued by marshals for idling vehicles although the town did receive some complaints about that issue. As for the voluntary payment collections, \$12,400 was collected in 2020 while \$7,600 was collected in 2021.

Carpenter said that the other three nearby wastewater treatment plants (Mt. Crested Butte, East River Sanitation and Crested Butte South Metro) all express zero interest in adding a dump station to their services. So Carpenter informed council that the staff consensus for the most viable alternative to the current site was to construct an RV Dump Station along Highway 135 if the town ends up providing wastewater services to the proposed Whetstone affordable housing project proposed for south of town.

"Suitable flows would come from the Whetstone development to move waste into our town treatment systems," he wrote. "Utility extensions would be completed and paid for as part of a much larger project instead of an extension solely for the dump station. If permitting could be obtained from CDOT (Colorado Department of Transportation), an 'on/off ramp' style entrance-exit could be developed eliminating the need for turn lanes."

But Carpenter stated this would not be possible to complete by the start of the 2023 season. "Council would need to consider continuing with the sunset and having no North Valley station available until completion or revisiting the sunset if appropriate plans for an alternative are underway," he said.

While admitting that the traffic reconfigurations to the dump station were temporary in nature, he said they seemed to have made a marked difference in improving circulation and related traffic concerns in the neighborhood. While one neighbor consistently continued to complain about the RV Dump in 2021, he said that this year, there have been fewer complaints overall but a letter was sent to council in June by a neighbor raising safety concerns.

Town staff will continue to monitor the situation for the rest of 2022 and he said the council could expect to see the issue on one of their agendas this fall.



Laura Puckett Daniels on her candidacy for county commissioner



# UNNISON COUNTRY

\$1.00 Thursday, June 23, 2022

### Data reveals boost in **Gunnison** sagegrouse population

Uptick believed to stem from 2021 monsoons

> Bella Biondini Times Associate Editor

In 2022, Colorado Parks and Wildlife's (CPW) annual Gunnison sage-grouse population estimate report revealed a 24% increase in the basin's pop-

Gunnison sage-grouse A6



Jacob Spetzle

The 'most beautiful mystery'

After a procession through town, Father Andrés Ayala-Santiago leads a benediction, blessing those gathered with the Eucharist. The event marked the beginning of a National Eucharistic Revival, and St. Peter's Catholic Church welcomed all parishioners from Gunnison, Crested Butte and Lake City, as well as the public, to join the celebration. Read more on A2.

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### County antes up \$30K toward Food Pantry's new home

Plans call for early September opening

> Paul Wayne Foreman Times Staff Writer

The Gunnison County Commissioners gave a nod of approval for the Gunnison Country Food Pantry's Food for Life expansion project, chipping in a grant of \$30,000 to help finance the pantry's purchase and renovation of its future facility at 405 W. Tomichi, site of the former Colorado Pitness

"It's important for the county to lead, and be an advocate for the importance of the pantry's project and to encourage other governmental agencies to do likewise. It's essential for us at this time to step right in," said County Commissioner Jonathan Houck.

In its 15th year of operation, the Gunnison Country Food Pantry (GCFP), a non-profit organization, has been guided by its mission statement that "No one should go hungry in Gunnison County." However,

the Pantry's success in feeding Gunnison County's food insecure population resulted in its outgrowing its present 321C N. Main Street facility.

"We came into the project with \$3,500, and since January we have raised \$300,000," said GCFP Vice President Katie Dix. "We are seeking \$300,000 more to cover this year's renovation. If all goes smoothly, we can open on Sept. 5, the day after Labor Day.

The pantry's new location, besides housing operations, will also generate income to help the GCFP quickly retire the building's mortgage, meet operational expenses and enable GCFP to focus the donations it receives to better feed people in need

'We're buying a building that's 7,000 square feet overall, with 4,000 square feet dedicated to the pantry," Dix said. "The remaining 3,000 square feet will be designated as a non-profit service hub. We are looking for a non-profit partner who needs some space. Once we find a partner, the pantry will for the first time have a second revenue

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### **Upper Taylor and Soap** Creek designated as 'Outstanding Waters'



Brett Henderson

Soap Creek flows from the West Elk Wilderness into Blue Mesa.

### Statewide collaboration makes preservation possible

Bella Biondini

Times Associate Editor

On June 14, the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission designated the headwaters of the Taylor

River and lower Soap Creek as "Outstanding Waters," a label that will protect the water quality of the stream reaches for future generations.

During its June rulemaking hearing, the state commission voted to protect 25 of the 26 stream segments proposed encompassing 520 river miles throughout the Animas, Gunnison, San Juan, San Miguel and the Upper Dolores basins. The proposal, three years in the making, was cre-

Outstanding Waters A7

#### **BRIEFS**

#### Applications for Lazy K lottery open

Applications are now available for five cabins at the Lazy K affordable housing development in west Gunnison.

These homes have been remodeled and will be ready for occupancy during the summer of 2022. The cabins are adjacent to the soon-to-built West Gunnison Park and are within walking distance of transit and the river.

The two-bedroom homes are deed restricted through Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority. Three of the cabins are priced at approximately \$268,000 and are 744 square feet. To qualify, buyers must have an income at or below \$49,600 for a one-person household, \$56,650 for a two people or \$63,750 for three. Household also need to have a member who makes 80% of more of their income in the val-

An additional two-bedroom, one-bath unit will be sold for \$427,473 and is 782 square feet. This unit is available for a local business to purchase and use as employee housing, or a locally employed individual to purchase and reside in. For this unit, eligible individuals need to have an income at or below \$86,800 for a one person household, \$99,120 for two people, or \$111,580 for three.

Upcoming events related to Lazy K sales include:

- June 26 Open house • July 8 at 5 p.m. Application deadline to
- participate in lottery

   July 22 Lottery drawing Units are expected to be under contract by July 29 and sales complete by the end of September 2022. Applications are available at gyrha.org.

#### Voluntary fishing closure in effect on Tomichi Creek

With low flows and warm water temperatures observed this week, Colorado Parks and Wildlife is asking anglers to voluntarily avoid fishing after noon on the 4-mile section of Tomichi Creek that runs through Tomichi Creek State Wildlife Area east of Gunnison. The voluntary fishing closure is in effect immediately.

Water temperatures have already reached 71 degrees," said CPW Aquatic Biologist Dan Brauch. "Temperatures spike in the afternoon. Fish caught when temperatures are that high may experience increased stress, and anglers may find it difficult to release fish safely."

Brauch said anglers should fish early to avoid the higher water temperatures commonly seen in the afternoon and seek out high-elevation trout lakes and streams where water temperatures are more suitable.

CPW aquatic biologists will regularly monitor temperatures on the creek in the coming weeks to let anglers know when conditions have improved.

### Gunnison procession celebrates nationwide Eucharistic revival



Attendees walk down West Georgia Avenue.

Jacob Spetzler

### Event invites the Jesus Christ (Christi) in the faithful to return to the church

Bella Biondini

Times Associate Editor

On Sunday, Father Andrés Ayala-Santiago led a procession down the streets of Gunnison to celebrate the beginning of a National Eucharistic Revival, a three year initiative to reunite Catholics across the country in the holy sacrament of the Eucharist.

The National Eucharistic Revival launched on June 16 on the annual feast of Corpus Christi, a Roman Catholic festival that honors the presence of the body (corpus) of

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Sunday marked the start of the three-year revival designed to bring Catholics closer to Jesus through the Eurcharist - commencing with processions in dioceses and parishes, not only in Gunnison, but around the country. The revival will conclude with a National **Eucharistic Congress in 2024** in Indianapolis, Indiana, a gathering expected to draw 80,000 faithful to worship the Eucharistic Lord.

St. Peter's Catholic Church welcomed all parishioners from Gunnison, Crested Butte and Lake City, as well as the public, to come together once again and celebrate the "most beautiful mystery" of the Catholic faith, Ayala-Santiago said.

After Sunday mass, parishioners gathered outside to begin the procession. Covered a colorful canopy made in Mexico, Ayala-Santiago carried the Eurcharist in a monstrance - a ceremonial vessel through town, up Ohio Street to Main and Tomichi. The celebration ended with a final benediction, blessing those gathered with the Eucharist, followed by food and music at the church.

"We believe in the power of prayer," said Kay Flint, liturgy coordinator and sacristan, "We had a lot of people praying for us, that we would be able to do our procession and benediction without getting rained on. And God allowed us to do that.

First Communion children also joined the procession. dressed in white to celebrate

their first time receiving the sacrament. Ayala-Santiago requested community members to dress in either white or black to promote bridges of trust throughout the valley and

Sunday was St. Peter's first big event since the start of the pandemic as well as an invitation for community members to return to church.

"After COVID, we have a lot of people that are still in fear and stopped going to Mass ... with this revival, we wanted to motivate the Catholic faithful to come back. The Lord is here and that the Lord stayed with us," Ayala-Santiago said.

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NEW LISTING Willow Creek Drainage is 660 deeded acres overlooking Mill Creek & the Ohio Creek Valley, with awesome views of the Castlee & Anthracites. So much to camping, fall hunting camps & hiking. Large elk & mule deer herds nestled in the asper & pine groves. Owners get 2 deer tags for Unit 54, 2500 County Road 6; \$1,900,000.

#### **NEW LISTING**

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opportunity in town where each home is 2 bdrm/1 bath, is 2 borrn/1 bath, tenants pay utilities, \$5,400 income per month. Location near the airport and fairgrounds. 314 S. 12th St; \$1,200,000.



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### Gunnison sage-grouse

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ulation, likely due to a fruitful monsoon season at the end of last summer.

A hard winter in 2019 that persisted into the springtime resulted in a sharp decline in the population, with lingering snow cover that made monitoring leks difficult. Over the past two years, the number of birds has slowly increased. In 2022, the population made another jump upward after a notably

CPW Wildlife Biologist Nate Seward said the moisture kept wildflowers productive and in bloom into the late summer. attracting insects that act as a primary food source for chicks.

"I do think that's what facilitated this increase we docu-mented this spring," Seward said. "We had better chick survival and recruitment into the population."

Each spring from April 1 to May 10, local agencies, landowners and community members work together to organize early morning lek counts during the bird's breeding season.

Counters visit active leks once every 10 days and record the number of males and females present at each lek. CPW uses the data collected to create a population estimate, utilizing the highest male and female counts from each lek. Although only about half are active, counters monitored over 87 leks in 2022.

The agency has been consistently counting leks using these methods since 1996. Though satellite populations exist elsewhere in the region, the Gunnison Basin contains nearly 87% of the world's remaining Gunnison sage-grouse popula-

This year, CPW reported a sage-grouse population of 3,832 birds within the basin, an increase of 746 from 2021. The high female count was 293, the highest number of females recorded since 1998.

Seward said the final count shows a lot of reproduction

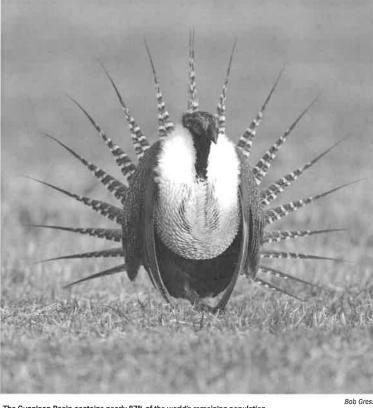
'We likely have a lot of hens that were on nests, because they were at leks participating in the breeding," Seward said. "Hopefully they're able to pull off a successful brood of chicks. Right now we've got these little delicate chicks out on the landscape that were just hatched at the beginning of June."

To me, that's still an extremely vulnerable population ... We're dealing with this long-term and growing drought, which I think is the biggest enemy of sage-grouse. Things are going to be tough for these birds in the future. I don't feel like we're really anywhere close to recovering the species at this point, even with these good numbers.

**Pat Magee** 

According to the Gunnison-Sage Grouse Rangewide Conservation Plan, the goal is to maintain a population of at least 3,000 birds within the Gunnison Basin — a population large enough it can handle some decline from random fluctuations in the valley's cli-

Since 1996, the population trend has remained relatively static overall. After a heavy winter in 2019 almost cut the population in half, the trend shifted downward.



**Bob Gress** 

The Gunnison Basin contains nearly 87% of the world's remaining population.

"But again, that really demonstrates that we can go through drought and we can go through hard winters," Seward said. "We have a pretty resilient population here in Gunnison."

Unfortunately that's not the case with the Gunnison sagegrouse's smaller outlying populations, they're just too small, Seward said. Maintaining a viable population in Gunnison allows the agency to augment the populations outside of the valley, but CPW has not moved birds since 2014.

Relocating birds is part of the Gunnison-sage grouse recovery plan, but requires a three-year high male count average of 752. Lek counts in 2022 recorded a high-male count average of 620. Another significant increase

during the spring of 2023 is necessary before the trap and transplant tool would be considered.

Pat Magee, Western Colorado University associate professor and founder of Sisk-a-dee, a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of the Gunnison sage-grouse and the sagebrush ecosystem, said he recorded the highest counts since 2003 at the Waunita Watchable Wildlife Site. The organization partners with Western and CPW to collaboratively manage the site, allowing the public to get a peak at the action without disturbing the birds. This spring, the site attracted viewers from four different countries and 13 states, bringing almost \$60,000 into the local economy, Magee said.

Although the uptick in the population is good news, Magee said he's always worried that the number metric of 3,000 birds was set "artificially low."

"To me, that's still an extremely vulnerable population ... We're dealing with this long-term and growing drought, which I think is the biggest enemy of sage-grouse," he said. Things are going to be tough for these birds in the future. I don't feel like we're really anywhere close to recovering the species at this point, even with these good numbers."

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### Food Pantry

from A1

Having the steady income from the leasable space will help the pantry to stabilize its finances, Dix said, easing the pressure and uncertainty inherent to running an organization dependent primarily upon donations for its operations.

We have been so dependent on donations," Dix said.

The quick weekend transfer of operations will hopefully eliminate interruption to the pantry's role of feeding Gunnison County's citizens for whom food insecurity is a daily fact of life.

"The amount of food insecurity in this community is significant," Dix said. "We will keep the food pantry open until the last moment. Once we close, we'll be having a food parade moving all the food from freezers to freezers. We plan to be open on Tuesday, September 6."

After the doors open, plans call for the addition of solar panels in 2023, plus a bit of landscaping as finances permit. If all goes as hoped, the pantry by the third year will have paid off the mortgage on its new

Your services are so essential right now," said Commissioner Liz Smith. "I recently read an article about how Colorado ranks third in the nation in wage increases, and that the increases are only just keeping up with the cost of living given the rise in the cost of fuel and groceries. We know across the state food insecurity is on the rise. As for the reported wage increases,

I can't imagine that raises are occurring proportionally across all industries. The data actually suggests that some people are hurting even more than ever, if their wages are not increasing in pace with the rest of Colorado. I only see the Food Pantry becoming more and more important to our community down the road."

Dix pointed out the pantry serves a broad range of citizens, and also serves "Alice."

"We serve children at risk, home-bound seniors, the Cora and Hispanic communities that are struggling, people dealing with chronic poverty and 'Alice' Dix said. "Alice is half of the people we serve. Alice stands for asset limited income constrained employees. Alice is not the people stereotypically thought of needing the help of a food pantry. She's the everyday person walking down the

Commissioner Houck said the county also serves "Alice."

"I think you make a very important point," he said. "We see 'Alice' across many services that the county is connected to. The majority of people receiving county services are the working poor. These people are working in essential jobs, they are contributing, their work ethic is strong, but their income compared to the cost of living falls

Dix noted that nearly onethird of Gunnison County's population connects with the pantry in one way or another.

"If you count the 2,500 people who visit the pantry to get food for their families, and you count the people reached through our outreach efforts, the mobile pantry, the cupboards in every school, the volunteers, the people who donate, and look at the vendors we do business with, more than 6,000 people in this county engage with the pantry, about one-third of the population."

Recent events such as COVID have shown just how quickly economic situations can change, Dix said.

"If you think food insecurity is not ever going to affect you or vours, a recession could be on the horizon," she said. "Some of the people who organized a school food drive in 2019, which brought in 1,000 pounds of food, were some of the same people standing in line in May

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## Outstanding Waters

from A1

ated by the Southwest Colorado Outstanding Waters Coalition, a group of stakeholders and organizations from across the state, to conserve the segments' exceptionally high water quality and the benefits they provide for wildlife and communities throughout southwestern Colorado.

Through the Clean Water Act, the state can designate a water-way as "outstanding" to protect it from actions that would permanently degrade the water quality such as mining, road development and oil and gas extractions.

The commission reviews each river basin across the state for new designations every three years. The process to nominate a stream is rigorous, and includes year-round water sampling, data analysis and evaluation and widespread public outreach.

A stream must meet three main criteria to qualify as outstanding. First it must have either exceptional recreation-al or ecological significance. Examples include Gold Medal fisheries as well as waters within national parks and monuments. Nominees must also need additional protections from the state to maintain existing quality, and meet water quality standards that support aquatic life, recreation and domestic water supply use - requiring measurements of pH levels, dissolved oxygen, E. coli, metals and other trace elements.

"The Outstanding Waters designation acknowledges the high water quality that currently exists and then sets the standard for how it will be in the future," said Kestrel Kunz, a local stewardship director for American Whitewater, an organization that's part of the coalition.

The new designations have important implications for recreation and ecology at Soap Creek as well as the Upper Taylor above the reservoir, Kunz said. Italian Creek, one of the Upper Taylor's tributaries, is habitat for Colorado River cutthroat trout, and the Taylor River itself has unique high alpine paddling opportunities. Downstream, Soap Creek, which flows into Blue Mesa Reservoir, is prized for its fly fishing and has abundant benthic macroinvertebrates.

Gunnison resident Kit Davidson wrote in support of the Upper Taylor's designation — an "incredible section of river" that excels in scenic value as it flows off the backside of the Collegiate Peaks, with water that runs clear even at high flows. Davidson said the quality of boating through this stretch is also very high due to countless moves and sections of whitewater.

"It is a great learning piece of whitewater, as it lacks dangerous or threatening sections, but requires skill, patience and tenacity to navigate safely," he said. "Finally, there are multiple access points allowing for paddling trips anywhere from 3 miles to 10 miles. The flexibility, combined with the high quality character, and high quality water, makes this run in rare company against other Basin streams."

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**Kestrel Kunz** 

In addition to the Upper Taylor and Soap Creek, designations within the Gunnison Basin include Big and Little Dominguez, Escalante, Roubideau and Potter creeks. Kunz said this is the first time the commission has acknowledged recreation as an outstanding natural resource value.

Outstanding designations also make stream segments a much stronger candidate for grant programs, said Julie Nania, of Crested Butte's High Country Conservation Advocates (HCCA), another coalition member.

"Once a watershed is identified as outstanding waters, that's a really compelling argument in a range of different grant applications for restoration work in certain basins," Namia said.

Overall, the successful proposal took an army of data gathering across the Gunnison Basin over the course of two years, she said. The sampling was divided amongst numerous groups including HCCA, American Whitewater, the National Park Service and the Mountain Studies Institute, non-profit mountain research and education center based in Silverton, Colorado.

The proposal itself was built from the ground up, created by local groups and then supported by statewide and even national organizations like American Rivers. The non-profit has continued to push for streams with exceptional water quality for the "health of the communities, ecosystems, and economies connected to it," wrote Mike Fiebig, director of the Southwest River Protection Program.

Despite unprecedented wildfires and drought throughout the region, the state will ensure that these rivers don't become degraded, he said.

"It's a great reminder that we have streams that still exist in these very stressed systems that are exceptional, intact and have great clean water for people and wildlife," Fiebig said. "And we can still keep them that way."

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# Surge in COVID Variant

Week's indoor events curtailed as Lake City Med Center confronts 'massive surge' in positive virus diagnosis...

Friday, July 15, 2022

Lake City Area Medical Center has instigated a drive-through testing option at the rear of the medical center as the result of a recent upswing in the number of people testing positive for the most recent BA.5 Omicron variant.

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As an indication of the dramatic increase in positive cases in Lake City, Physician Assistant Bob Downs states that six patients were tested for the COVID-19 variant on Monday, July 11, four of whom tested positive.

Tuesday morning, July 12, a total of eight individuals were tested or brought in home test kits. Of those eight individuals, all tested positive.

Staff at Silver Thread Public Health on Third Street are also continuing remote testing and maintaining patient counts in both Hinsdale and Mineral Counties, although they caution their statistics are only partial and reflect only cases which are known

or directly reported to public health.

Home test kits for COVID-19 are now widely available - including stocks at both Silver Thread Public Health and Lake City Wagner Public Library. Results of those tests are not always reported to

With the understanding this represents only a partial count, Silver Thread Public Health is reporting 26 positive COVID-19 cases in Mineral County thus far in the month of July, and 28 positive cases in Hinsdale County as of Wednesday afternoon this week.

For the month of June, 61 positive cases were reported to Silver Thread Public Health in Mineral County, and 15 in Hinsdale County.

Once a positive test result for COVID is determined, Silver Thread Public Health continues to advise self-quarantine for between five and seven

According to Public Health Director Tara Hardy, the length of quarantine is largely based on whether symptoms are improving.

Lake City Medical Center's Bob Downs says he suspects the recent upsurge in positive cases in Lake City is the result of out-of-area visitors combined with a slate of indoor public events which took place last week.

He says current cases are almost certainly the most recent Omicron variant, BA.5, which began to increase in the state in early June. Prior to last month, the predominate COVID-19 Omicron variants in the state were BA2, BA.2.12.1, and BA.4, all of which have now been supplanted by this newest BA.5

The BA.5 virus, according to PA Downs, appears to be more easily transmissible and "slightly more serious" which may include one or a combination of symptoms such as fever, chills, body aches, cough, sore throat, vomiting, and congestion.

Symptoms of a positive case of the COVID variant are all over the board," says Public Health Director

"COVID is definitely back," she says.

For those diagnosed with positive test results, Lake City Area Medical Center is dispensing the no-cost Paxlovid pill regiment which is being supplied by the federal government free of charge. The anti-viral medical treatment decreases the severity of symptoms and hastens a faster recovery.

Paxlovid is a hot commodity at the medical center just now, PA Downs reporting that the center was down to its last dose on Tuesday morning, although a renewal order of 40 new doses was expected to arrive by Tuesday afternoon.

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### **Boyce Receives Oath** as New County Assessor ...

Sherri Boyce received her oath of office as new Hinsdale County Assessor rom Hinsdale County Clerk Recorder Roberts, near left, on Thursday morning, July 7.

Boyce, far left and above with her office assistant, Sarah Tubbs, was hired by thencounty assessor Joan Nelson in November, 2016, and served as Deputy Assessor with Assessor Luke de la Parra since March,

She was appointed Hinsdale Assessor following de la Parra's resignation on June 24 and will seek formal election to the county post in November.

## **Governor Polis Praises Lake's** Peninsula Park as "Iconic Project"

Celebration was in the air Wednesday afternoon this week as local residents joined state representatives at an overlook on Peninsula Park with a commanding view out over the sparkling waters of Lake San Cristobal.

Commissioner Greg Levine as master of ceremonies, joined Colorado Governor Jared Polis on his inaugural visit to Hinsdale County and Representatives for Colorado Trust for Public Lands, Great Outdoors Colorado, and Colorado Scenic Byways.

Upwards of 50 standing and seated attendees in the audience applauded as each of the guest speakers praised the county's innovative Peninsula Park project, a \$1.45million purchase which received 90 percent funding from Colorado Lottery proceeds administered by Great **Outdoors Colorado** and a remarkable \$218,000 which was raised as a match

within just five weeks. Remarking on U.S. Highway 50 and State

happen." Highway 149 improvement projects which delayed his arrival at the celebration, Governor Polis was repeatedly interrupted by applause as he referred to the "great coalition" of people and organizations which "resulted in making something bold, innovative, and iconic happen."

"We're here today," said Governor Polis, "to celebrate completion of this really iconic project for Hinsdale County

The Wednesday afternoon, July 13, celebration was opened by Grace Fellowship's Lyn Lampert who drew ties to the placid lake location in reciting the Biblical verse, "He leadeth me beside still waters which restoreth our souls." Lampert then drew parallels to the peninsula purchase, noting that the resulting private/public partnership "brings people together."

Others speaking at Wednesday's celebrationshielded from the streaming sun from beneath canopies — were Jackie Miller on behalf of Great Outdoors Colorado and Patrick Gardner for Trust for Public Land, the latter crediting the work of Hinsdale County Commissioner Kristie Borchers without whose "contagious optimism," he said, "we wouldn't be standing here today."

In her remarks, Miller for GoCo referred to an ongoing partnership between the Lotteryfunded state organization and the county dating back 30 years and totaling \$2.2-million. Further report next week's WORLD:





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Door UGRWCD Grant Award Committee,

Thank you for awarding Gunnison River HOA

with a \$10,837 grant for au thead gate

project! This grant really telped us maintaine

upgrade how we divert water off of Fennison

River and onto our HOA land.

Thank you for all you do in order to protect; preserve our Gunnison Watersked! All the best, Much for your support in forming Gunni CARES, from writing the Community spotlight to participating in our stakeholder workshops. We couldn't have done it without your guidance. Shannan + Jenny

Dear UGRWCD,
Thank you for being a part of the
Land Trust's summer newsletter. We truly
appreciate your time and being able to
share the voices of our local experts and
amazing partners. Thank you for all you do!

Gennison River HOA Board of Directors

Best Wishes for a fun summer,

The Crested Butte Land Trust

Thanks & Team I take

# **AGENDA ITEM 11**

**Citizens Comments** 

# **AGENDA ITEM 12**

**Future Meetings** 

### **FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS**

- ► TLUG Meeting July 25, 2022, 9:00 AM
- ► Executive Committee Meeting July 27, 2022, 11:00AM
- ▶ Watershed Mgt. Planning Committee Meeting August 10, 1:30PM
- ▶ Colorado Water Congress Summer Conference August 23-25, 2022
- ▶ UGRWCD Board Meeting August 29, 2022, 5:30PM
- ▶ Labor Day Holiday Offices Closed September 5, 2022
- ▶ UGRWCD Board Meeting September 26, 2022

# **AGENDA ITEM 13**

**Summary of Action Items** 

# **AGENDA ITEM 14**

Adjournment



### Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District

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### UPPER GUNNISON RIVER WATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS- AGENDA**

### **REGULAR SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING-July 25, 2022**

### 25, 2022

	discussion from the consent agenda at the request of any Board member or citizen.								
8:10	p.m.	3.	Consent Agenda Items: Any of the following items may be removed for						
8:07	p.m.	2.	Agenda Approval						
8:05	p.m.	1.	Call to Order						

- Approval of January 24, 2022 Minutes
- Consideration of Expenses
- **Budget Report**

8:15	p.m.	4.	Meridian Lake Reservoir Update
8:25	p.m.	5.	Miscellaneous Matters
8:30	p.m.	6.	Citizen Comments
8:35	p.m.	7.	Adjournment

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**Consent Agenda Items** 

### <u>UPPER GUNNISON RIVER WATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE</u>

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### REGULAR SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

**January 24, 2022** 

The Board of Directors of the Upper Gunnison River Water Activity Enterprise conducted a semi-annual meeting on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 7:20 p.m. in the District offices, 210 West Spencer Avenue, Suite B, Gunnison, CO, 81230.

Board members present: Sara Bergstrom, Rosemary Carroll (via Zoom), Joellen Fonken (via Zoom), Rebie Hazard (via Zoom), Stacy McPhail, Julie Nania (via Zoom), Bill Nesbitt, John Perusek, Michelle Pierce, Don Sabrowski and Andy Spann (via Zoom).

### Others present:

Cheryl Cwelich, UGRWCD Watershed Programs Coordinator
Sonja Chavez, UGRWCD General Manager
John McClow, UGRWCD General Counsel
Beverly Richards, UGRWCD Water Resource Specialist
Jill Steele, UGRWCD Accountant
Sue Uerling, UGRWCD Administrative Assistant/Communications Support Specialist

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

President Michelle Pierce called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

### 2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Director Bill Nesbitt moved and Director Stacy McPhail seconded approval of the agenda. The motion carried.

#### 3. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

President Michelle Pierce asked if there were any items to be removed for discussion from the consent agenda. None were requested.

Director Sara Bergman moved and Director Bill Nesbitt seconded approval of the consent agenda items, which included Resolution 2022-1 to Set Posting Place. The motion carried.

#### 4. MERIDIAN LAKE RESERVOIR UPDATE:

General Manager Sonja Chavez reported that she met with the dam inspector in the fall and he had no major concerns. She said there is a small seep at the outlet works that has not grown over the years and that she will continue monitor it. There are some bank erosion issues that could be

addressed but that aren't in any way urgent or critical. She recommended that bank stabilization be presented to the Long Lane Working Group.

Water Resource Specialist Beverly Richards reported that 640 base units have been sold leaving 326 available. The initial cost is \$3,500 per base unit and the annual administrative fee is \$55.00 per base unit.

### 5. 2022 BUDGET ADOPTION:

President Michelle Pierce referred to the draft budget included in the Board packet and asked if there were any questions or concerns. None were raised.

Director Stacy McPhail moved and Director Sara Bergman seconded adoption of the 2022 WAE budget.

### **6. CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

There were no citizens present for comments.

### 7. MISCELLANEOUS MATTER:

None were brought forward.

### 8. SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS:

General Manager Sonja Chavez will follow-up on CD rates at area banks.

### 9. ADJOURMENT:

President Michelle Pierce adjourned the Wa	ater Activity Enterprise meeting at 7:25 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,	APPROVED:
John Perusek Secretary	Michelle Pierce President

### UPPER GUNNISON RIVER WATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE - BUDGET SUMMARY 2022

	Jan March		April - June		July - Sept.		0	ct Dec.		2022		2022	2022
		2022		2022		2022		2022		YTD		BUDGET	% TO DATE
REVENUE													
Water Contract Sales	\$	63,231	\$	-						63,231	\$	8	
Annual Assessments		39,914		-						39,914		34,290	116%
Interest on Investments		102		689						791		47	1683%
Miscellaneous										-			
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	103,247	\$	689	\$	-	\$	-	\$	103,936	\$	34,337	303%
Operating Expenses													
Administrative Salaries	\$	3,780	\$	3,780					\$	7,560	\$	15,119	50%
Staff Salaries		2,381		2,387						4,769		7,320	65%
Payroll Taxes		484		474						957		1,744	55%
Employee Benefits		1,096		1,166						2,261		3,558	64%
Audit & Accounting		126		295						420		335	125%
Utilities and Association Dues		187		208						395		692	57%
Bonding and Insurance		18		584						602		535	113%
Office Telephone		118		55						172		317	54%
Office Equipment		176		34						210		959	22%
Administrative Travel & Expenses		344		114						458		847	54%
Office Expenses		610		183						794		1,048	76%
Postage		-		~						-		100	0%
Legal Publication		_		(40)						_		30	0%
Board of Directors' Expenses		148		-						148		669	22%
Meeting Expenses		40		40						81		156	52%
Election Expenses		_		_						-		-	
Board of Directors' Mileage		17		14						30		98	31%
Reservoir Insurance		_								-		563	0%
Dam Operations and Maintenance		-								_		200	0%
Total Operating Expenses	\$	9,523	\$	9,334	\$	-	\$		\$	18,857	\$	34,290	55%
Non-operating Expenses		·									\$	-	
Water Supply Acquisition	\$	_			\$	-	\$	_	\$	_	\$	-	
Capital Improvements	·	_				_		_		_			
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Total Non-operating Expenses	\$	_	\$		\$		\$		\$	<u>-</u>	\$	_	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	9,523	\$	9,334	\$		\$		\$	18,857	\$	34,290	55%
Revenue Over (Under) Expenses	\$	93,724	\$	(8,645)		_	\$	_	\$	85,079	\$	47	
Contribution to the UGRWAE Reserve Fund	•	,	~	(-,0)	•		·*		· T	,	\$	4,822	
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NOTE: Line items in *bold and italics* are those line items to which the UGRWAE contributes at a rate of 4.46%.

# Upper Gunnison River Water Activity Enterprise Expenses for Approval

### 7/13/2022

Name	Account	Amount		
Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District	1st Quarter 2022 Cost Share	\$	9,519.13	
Gunnsion County Clerk and Recorder	Office Expenses		26.00	
Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District	2nd Quarter 2022 Cost Share	-	9,308.26	
TOTAL EXPENSES FOR APPROVAL		\$	18,853.39	

Meridian Lake Reservoir Update

**Miscellaneous Matters** 

**Citizen Comments** 

Adjournment