



Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS **AGENDA - REGULAR MEETING**

Monday, September 22, 2025

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9tSmfC-uyOpNAka4y9T7Tu>

MISSION STATEMENT

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

- 5:00 p.m. Dinner Served**
- 5:30 p.m. 1. Call to Order**
- Introduction of Director Stuart Asay
- 5:32 p.m. 2. Agenda Approval**
- 5:34 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 August 25, 2025 Minutes
 - Monthly Budget Summary
 - Bank and Bond Balances
 - Consideration of Expenses
- 5:40 p.m. 4. 2024 Audit**
- Review of Manager's Discussion & Analysis (MD&A) of Audit
 - **Action** – Approval of Audit
- 5:55 p.m. 5. Treasurer's Report**

- 5:57 p.m. 6. General Counsel Update**
- Legal Overview Stream Access
- 6:10 p.m. 7. 2026 Budget Work Session**
- 6:35 p.m. 8. Basin Water Supply Update**
- 6:40 p.m. 9. Presentation of Gap Weather Radar Occultation Analysis by Brian Bellew and James Romine, Baron Weather**
- 7:05 p.m. 10. General Manager, Staff and Committee Updates**
- General Manager
 - Water Resources Project Implementation
 - Water Quality/Quantity Program
 - Wet Meadow & Riparian Restoration Program
 - **Action:** Approval purchase of heavy-duty field truck
 - Drought Resiliency Planning
 - Education & Outreach Program
 - **Action:** Approval of 2026 Education & Outreach Action Plan
 - Taylor Local User's Group Update
 - September 4, 2025 Meeting Minutes
 - Scientific Endeavors
 - Gunnison Basin Roundtable
- 7:45 p.m. 11. Miscellaneous Matters**
- CRWCD Annual Seminar – Friday, October 3, 2025
- 7:45 p.m. 12. Citizens Comments**
- 7:47 p.m. 13. Future Meetings**
- 7:50 p.m. 14. Summary of Meeting Action Items**
- 7:55 p.m. 15. Adjournment**

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AGENDA ITEM 3

Consent Agenda Items

**Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 25, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.**

The Board of Directors of the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District (UGRWCD) conducted a regular Board meeting on Monday, August 25, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District, 210 West Spencer, Suite A, Gunnison, Colorado and via Zoom video/teleconference.

Board members present: Stuart Asay (via Zoom), Rosemary Carroll, Joellen Fonken, Rebie Hazard, John Perusek, Camille Richard (via Zoom), Don Sabrowski, Jeff Writer (via Zoom), and Brooke Zanetell.

Board members absent: Andy Spann and Brian Stevens

Others present:

Kelli Starritt, 7th Judicial District Judge (Division 2, Gunnison County)
Amanda Aulenbach, Wet Meadows Program Director
Stacy Beaugh, Strategic By Nature (via Zoom)
Curtis Beutler, Lawrence Berkley Laboratories (via Zoom)
Sonja Chavez, UGRWCD General Manager
John McCLOW, UGRWCD General Counsel
Stacy McPhail, Former UGRWCD Board Member (via Zoom)
Luke Mecklenburg, Colorado Attorney General's Office (via Zoom)
Julie Nania, Former UGRWCD Board Member
Bill Nesbitt, Former UGRWCD Board Member
Carrie Padgett, Harris Engineering (via Zoom)
Beverly Richards, UGRWCD Office/Senior Program Manager
Robert Sabatka, Ag Water Policy Advisor, Colorado Department of Agriculture (via Zoom)
Sue Uerling, UGRWCD Administrative Asst./Communications Specialist
Ari Yamaguchi, Water Resources Specialist

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Don Sabrowski called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Director Rosemary Carroll moved and Director Rebie Hazard seconded approval of the agenda as circulated. The motion carried.

3. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

Via Zoom, Judge Kellie Starritt administered the Oath of Office to Stuart Asay, who will represent Division 6, Ohio Creek Division.

4. RESOLUTIONS 2025-03 AND 2025-04 HONORING FORMER DIRECTORS STACY McPHAIL AND JULIE NANIA

General Manager Sonja Chavez read both resolutions and thanked former Directors Stacy McPhail and Julie Nania for their many years of service to the District.

Director John Perusek moved and Director Brooke Zanetell seconded approval of Resolution 2025-03 honoring Stacy McPhail for her service.

Director Joellen Fonken moved and Director Rosemary Carroll seconded approval of Resolution 2025-04 honoring Julie Nania for her service.

5. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Director John Perusek moved and Director Rosemary Carroll seconded approval of the consent agenda items. The motion carried.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer John Perusek briefly referred to the Treasurer's Report in the Board packet. No questions were raised.

7. 2026 DRAFT BUDGET REVIEW

Senior Program Manager Beverly Richards reviewed the 2026 draft budget with the current data. She noted that most of the figures used for 2026 were based either on an average of actual income and expenses to date projected through the end of the fiscal year; included a five percent increase; or are actual amounts known for 2026. She reported that where there are line items with no figures for 2026 in the draft budget, actual amounts for these programs will be finalized over the next couple of months.

General Manager Sonja Chavez reviewed the timeline for the budget process.

The following questions and responses transpired:

Director Rebie Hazard asked for clarification on the vehicle income figure. It was explained that this is primarily income received from grant funding as either a cost per day or mileage recoupment for use of District vehicles.

Director Rosemary Carroll asked if the monies set aside in the 2025 budget for Aquatic Nuisance Species control are not fully utilized are they rolled over into the 2026 budget. General Manager Chavez replied that unspent funding from budget line items do not “roll over” and are returned to the general fund.

General Counsel John McClow explained that the increase associated with the Taylor Park Project Expense line item was the result of the new 2025 Taylor Reservoir Storage Exchange Agreement that updates the 1975 Agreement. He noted that this expense will be reviewed by the Four Parties every five years and updated if necessary.

Director Carroll asked for clarification on the “Regional Water Supply Improvement” income item. It was explained that this line item represents income received through grants or other joint funding agreements associated with programs like the Agricultural Return Flow study, cloudseeding program, airborne snow flights for water supply measurement and planning, etc. General Manager Chavez noted that the District is still waiting to hear from the several funding regarding shared expense for 2026.

Director Brooke Zanetell asked for clarification on what all is included in the non-operating expense category “Regional Water Supply Improvement.” It was explained that expenses for Airborne Snow Observatory flights, the cloud seeding program, the Taylor River Modeling program and the annual expenses for the Agricultural Return Flow study are all included in this category.

8. GENERAL COUNSEL UPDATE

Watershed Management Plan Final Report: Counselor McClow is reviewing the final report draft and editing as necessary.

New Board Member Orientation: Counselor McClow and staff are updating policies and editing the District manual. He noted that as an action item, a date needs to be set for the new board member orientation, sometime in September.

9. BASIN WATER SUPPLY REPORT

Senior Program Manager Beverly Richards referred to her memo included in the packet. In addition, she reported information from Aspinall Unit Operations meeting held on August 21st. It was reported that drought conditions were level D3 in May and recently increased to level D4, exceptional drought, in much of the western half of the state. They noted Gunnison County experienced its 10th driest year in the 130 year record. The runoff efficiency was only 48 percent of normal and soil moisture content is very dry at the moment. She said that although the forecast for the next 6 to 10 days and 8-14 days calls for an increase of precipitation, by the middle of September, conditions will return to above normal temperatures and little to no precipitation. The current climate pattern has returned to “neutral” which is likely to last through the end of the year. In January 2026, forecasters are predicting a return to a La Nina pattern, which historically results in dryer conditions for this area depending on where the polar jet stream sets up.

10. GENERAL MANAGER, STAFF AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Employee Home Opportunity Program (EHOP) Review: General Manager Chavez reported that following the last meeting, senior staff reviewed the EHOP and edited the draft to include language to offer the program to *all* full-time employees in good standing in order to address concerns expressed by the Board regarding fair access to housing benefits.

Director Joellen Fonken commended staff for making this change and for taking actions to address the lack of affordable housing options in Colorado.

Director Joellen Fonken moved and Director John Perusek seconded the motion to approve the updated UGRWCD EHOP program document, which includes language for all full-time staff in good standing to be eligible for the program. The motion carried.

Letter of Comment RE Homestake Alternatives Analysis: General Manager Chavez and Water Resource Specialist Ari Yamaguchi reviewed the UGRWCD Letter of Comment to the Water Quality Control Division regarding “Alternatives Analysis Related to Homestake Mining DSV Request”.

With respect to the alternatives suggested in the letter, Director Rebie Hazard asked if Saguache and Gunnison County were involved in the meetings or had been consulted with respect to the letter. She questioned whether or not Saguache or Gunnison Counties could or actually already do perform some winter maintenance on the road to the mine. Director Fonken also noted that there is a snow cat that grooms that area for cross-country skiing in the winter, so she wondered why that could not be used to access the mine during the off-season. Ms. Chavez offered that the letter could be shared with representatives from both counties.

Director Rosemary Carroll motioned and Director Brooke Zanetell seconded approval of sending the UGRWCD Letter of Comment to the Colorado Department of Health and Public Environment Water Quality Control Division regarding the “Alternative Analysis for a DSV” submitted by Homestake Mines. The motion carried.

Approval of the Upper Gunnison Drought Plan (DCP Plan): General Manager Chavez stated that only 5-6 public comments were submitted on the Draft DCP by the public and a few more items of input from members of the Drought Task Force, but no major changes were required. She commended the committee and Savannah Nelson, who provided the graphic design and website development, for their efforts in creating a very good product.

Director Joellen Fonken asked how the plan will be distributed to be sure it is utilized in the District. General Manager Chavez explained that partners prioritized steps in the action plan, and all partners have responsibilities in carrying out certain steps in the plan and that the Task Force would be meeting regularly.

Director John Perusek moved and Director Rosemary Carroll seconded approval of the final draft of the Upper Gunnison DCP Plan to be forwarded to the Bureau of Reclamation. The motion carried.

Taylor Local User’s Group (TLUG): TLUG Chair Don Sabrowski reported that the TLUG representatives met on August 5th. Based on declining hydrology a decision was made to reduce flows from 250 cfs to 225 cfs to try to conserve some storage due to the recent dry, hot weather. He noted that the rafting/boating recreators agreed to the reduction and determined that they would need to reduce the number of individuals in rafts to be able to overcome the lower river conditions. The next meeting is September 4th at 8:30 a.m.

Director Sabrowski also reported that at the meeting, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) reported that the dam at Spring Creek is failing and they are considering options going forward including an option for dam removal although CPW believes this is an unlikely option to be selected. General Manager Chavez noted that the District would hate to see the loss of this storage and hopes that there will be better alternatives to consider. She did offer at the meeting that the District could help CPW with fund raising in support of dam repairs. Director Sabrowski noted that the Spring Creek dam has had issues since it was erected back in the 1960’s and the impacts of the storage restrictions were impacting Wilders downstream water availability.

Scientific Endeavors: Director Rosemary Carroll reported that she is excited about a partnership between the Colorado River Sustainability Campaign (CRSC) and DOE to conduct research relating to improving forest health and ultimately hydrology by using active forest management. The CRSC is a nonprofit foundation that provides expertise, capacity, and collaboration support

for the protection and conservation of the Colorado River. Through this partnership, Director Carroll noted that they will be developing models in the East and Taylor River basins to assess snowpack when trees are removed. She is excited that renowned hydrologist Joel Peterman will be leading the modeling.

11. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Colorado Water Congress (CWC) Summer Conference: Directors Joellen Fonken and John Perusek reported on their experiences at the CWC conference in Steamboat Springs August 19-21. Both felt the conference was very informative about water issues affecting the West and the challenges in determining water rights and allocation.

Office Park Maintenance: General Manager Chavez reported that the Spencer parking lot has been re-sealed and striped. She asked the Executive Committee to consider dates provided to conduct performance reviews for her and Counselor McClow. She also noted that the Upper Gunnison Valley is in a flash flood watch until 12:00 a.m. on August 27th.

New Board of Directors Orientation Date/Time: After discussion with the new board members appointed in 2025, it was determined that the New Board of Directors Orientation would be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, September 29, 2025.

12. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Former UGRWCD Director Bill Nesbitt provided current directors with a copy of a news article from *The Epoch Times* entitled “If Water Has Memory, What Is it Remembering?” Mr. Nesbitt also asked for the District’s continued support of the Gunnison Recreation Center’s free swimming lessons program. He said the program was instrumental for young children to learn water safety and reaches 450 families. It was noted by staff that the District did support the free swimming lessons program this year with a \$750 donation.

13. FUTURE MEETINGS

In addition to the meetings included in the packet, it was noted that a tour of the Homestake Mine will be offered on Monday, September 22nd at 1 p.m. (prior to the September Board meeting).

14. SUMMARY OF MEETING ACTION ITEMS

- General Manager Chavez will share the “Letter of Comment Regarding Homestake Alternatives Analysis” with representatives from Saguache and Gunnison Counties. John McClow noted that the titles of the individuals the letter would be sent to are absent and should be provided.

- Staff will share information about the USGS workshop. The link for further information is provided here:
<https://www.usgs.gov/centers/colorado-water-science-center/news/2025-usgs-stream-workshop-science-technology-research>
- Staff will confirm the New Director Orientation on Monday, September 29, 2025 with all new Directors, including Brian Stevens, who was not present at the meeting.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Don Sabrowski adjourned the August 25, 2025 regular Board Meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebie Hazard, Secretary

Don Sabrowski, President

Upper Gunnison Water Conservancy District
Monthly Budget Summary 2025

	Aug 25	YTD 2025	2025 Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Asp Water Sales	685.10	28,319.14	25,000.00	113.28%
Rent Income	4,050.00	23,700.00	43,500.00	54.48%
Cloud Seeding Income	0.00	100,750.00	124,500.00	80.92%
Interest Income	18,194.78	149,640.83	50,000.00	299.28%
Property Tax Income	68,129.70	2,139,838.58	2,204,862.00	97.05%
Reimbursed Exp Income	0.00	47,973.83	42,000.00	114.22%
Watershed Mgmt Income	0.00	104,174.19	291,291.00	35.76%
Wet Meadows Income	0.00	175,212.78	385,422.00	45.46%
WQ Monitoring Inc	0.00	35,328.00	46,319.00	76.27%
Vehicle Income	0.00	1,073.80	10,000.00	10.74%
Additional Contribution Reserve	0.00	0.00	457,435.00	0.0%
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	2,275.00		
Total Income	91,059.58	2,808,286.15	3,680,329.00	76.31%
Expense				
1 Op X				
Admin.Travel & Exp.	3,640.71	14,664.34	35,000.00	41.9%
Audit Expense	7,950.00	7,950.00	10,000.00	79.5%
Accounting & Professional Fees	3,010.00	28,329.18	45,000.00	62.95%
BOD Expenses	2,240.26	6,385.10	15,000.00	42.57%
BOD Mileage	140.00	1,540.00	5,500.00	28.0%
BOD Mtg Fees	900.00	6,000.00	13,360.00	44.91%
Bonding and Insurance	0.00	25,903.00	15,500.00	167.12%
Building Rep/Maint	7,634.72	9,129.26	10,000.00	91.29%
CAM	1,338.12	4,522.31	7,500.00	60.3%
Computer Exp	4,490.57	29,720.36	32,200.00	92.3%
Copier Expenses	274.83	2,274.05	7,000.00	32.49%
County Treasurers' Fees	1,868.77	63,737.33	75,000.00	84.98%
Spencer Bldg Reserve Contrib	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	100.0%
Dues, Memberships&Subscriptions	763.68	12,919.59	17,260.00	74.85%
Legal Publication	385.31	3,346.70	5,000.00	66.93%
Manager's Discretionary	878.83	11,545.85	25,000.00	46.18%
Meeting Expenses	419.45	2,234.87	5,000.00	44.7%
Office Cleaning	787.50	5,557.50	6,200.00	89.64%
Office Supplies & Misc Expenses	2,144.18	14,333.69	10,000.00	143.34%
Payroll Exp	88,174.62	682,691.35	1,005,511.00	67.9%
Postage	78.00	1,638.10	1,500.00	109.21%
Telephone	311.76	5,883.80	9,000.00	65.38%
Utilities	1,017.78	6,497.13	6,000.00	108.29%
Vehicle Expense	467.50	3,746.69	3,500.00	107.05%
Total 1 Op X	128,916.59	960,550.20	1,375,031.00	69.86%
2 Non-Op X				
Aquatic Nuisance Species	0.00	3,595.00	20,000.00	17.98%
Asp Subordination Report	0.00	5,604.40	6,000.00	93.41%
Aspinall Contract Costs	0.00	21,578.53	21,000.00	102.76%
Gunnison County Hazardous Waste	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	100.0%
Consulting/Engineering	0.00	14,163.54	50,000.00	28.33%
Coal Creek Watershed Coalition	0.00	17,000.00	17,000.00	100.0%
Donation Dust on Snowpack	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	100.0%
Drought Contingency Cont	52.41	13,744.08	30,000.00	45.81%
Grant Program	48,500.00	191,957.48	555,000.00	34.59%
Gunnison River Festival	0.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	100.0%
Endanger Fish Recovery Program	0.00	3,750.00	3,750.00	100.0%
Lake Fork Conservancy	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.0%

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Monthly Budget Summary 2025

LSC Expenses	-185.00	13,464.00	13,464.00	100.0%
Public Outreach	1,293.97	26,456.04	41,270.00	64.11%
Regional Water Supply Imp. Exp.	50,043.87	271,507.52	488,375.00	55.59%
Strategic Planning	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	0.0%
Taylor Park Projects Exp	0.00	7,436.00	7,500.00	99.15%
Watershed Mgmt X	13,083.85	127,520.95	312,533.00	40.8%
Wet Meadow X	1,689.55	50,624.95	395,422.00	12.8%
WQ Monitoring	0.00	92,950.00	207,484.00	44.8%
Total 2 Non-Op X	114,478.65	878,852.49	2,226,298.00	39.48%
Capital Outlay Expense				
Xeriscaping	6,757.95	13,332.36	25,000.00	53.33%
Spencer Unit A Reno	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.0%
Spencer Unit C Reno	0.00	2,391.14	10,000.00	23.91%
Capital Outlay Expense	6,757.95	15,723.50	55,000.00	28.59%
Contingency	0.00	0.00	24,000.00	0.0%
Total Expense	250,153.19	1,855,126.19	3,680,329.00	50.41%
Net Ordinary Income	-159,093.61	953,159.96	0.00	100.0%
Net Income	-159,093.61	953,159.96	0.00	100.0%

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Expenses For Approval (Paid & Payable)
August 2025

Date	Name	Account	Amount
Saguache County			
08/12/2025	Saguache County	70100 · Property Tax Current	1,272.69
08/12/2025	Saguache County	70154 · Delinquent Tax & Interest	2.12
08/12/2025	Saguache County	70152 · Specific Ownship	271.41
08/12/2025	Saguache County	82540 · County Treasurers' Fees	-38.23
Total Saguache County			1,507.99
AARP Medicare Rx			
08/01/2025	AARP Medicare Rx	74166 · Medical Insurance	104.70
Total AARP Medicare Rx			104.70
Airborne Snow Obervatories, Inc.			
08/31/2025	Airborne Snow Obervatories, Inc.	85401 · Regional Water Supply ...	50,043.87
Total Airborne Snow Obervatories, Inc.			50,043.87
Alan Wartes Media LLC			
08/31/2025	Alan Wartes Media LLC	80548 · Legal Publication	60.72
Total Alan Wartes Media LLC			60.72
Andy Spann BOD			
08/31/2025	Andy Spann BOD	81601 · BOD Mileage	4.90
Total Andy Spann BOD			4.90
Anthem			
08/01/2025	Anthem	74166 · Medical Insurance	389.14

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Date	Name	Account	Amount
Total Anthem			389.14
Applegate Group, Inc.			
08/31/2025	Applegate Group, Inc.	CWCB 2023-3317 (WMP Phase 3)	3,197.50
08/31/2025	Applegate Group, Inc.	CFP Multi Project	1,585.00
Total Applegate Group, Inc.			4,782.50
Arch Ditch Association			
08/31/2025	Arch Ditch Association	85400 · Grant Program	27,500.00
08/31/2025	Arch Ditch Association	85400 · Grant Program	21,000.00
Total Arch Ditch Association			48,500.00
Atmos Energy			
08/31/2025	Atmos Energy	Utilities - Unit A	55.92
08/31/2025	Atmos Energy	Utilities - Unit A	58.29
Total Atmos Energy			114.21
Beverly Richards			
08/01/2025	Beverly Richards	74166 · Medical Insurance	185.00
Total Beverly Richards			185.00
Bird Conservancy of the Rockies			
08/31/2025	Bird Conservancy of the Rockies	BLM GNA 140L1724	486.08
Total Bird Conservancy of the Rockies			486.08
Blair & Associates, P.C.			

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Date	Name	Account	Amount
08/31/2025	Blair & Associates, P.C.	80516 · Audit Expense	7,950.00
Total Blair & Associates, P.C.			7,950.00
Brooke Zanatell BOD			
08/31/2025	Brooke Zanatell BOD	81602 · BOD Mtg Fees	100.00
Total Brooke Zanatell BOD			100.00
Camille Richard BOD			
08/31/2025	Camille Richard BOD	81602 · BOD Mtg Fees	100.00
Total Camille Richard BOD			100.00
Capital Business Systems, Inc.			
08/31/2025	Capital Business Systems, Inc.	80541 · Copier Expenses	274.83
Total Capital Business Systems, Inc.			274.83
CEBT			
08/01/2025	CEBT	74166 · Medical Insurance	5,221.10
Total CEBT			5,221.10
Chase - United Credit Card			
08/31/2025	Chase - United Credit Card	81258 · Vehicle Expenses - Toy...	188.15
08/31/2025	Chase - United Credit Card	81257 · Vehicle Expenses - Toy...	279.35
08/31/2025	Chase - United Credit Card	81559 · Postage	78.00
08/31/2025	Chase - United Credit Card	85402 · Wet Meadow X	67.50
08/31/2025	Chase - United Credit Card	80554 · Admin.Travel & Exp.	2,749.54
08/31/2025	Chase - United Credit Card	81558 · Computer Software	238.70
08/31/2025	Chase - United Credit Card	80557 · Office Supplies & Misc ...	1,902.23

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Date	Name	Account	Amount
08/31/2025	Chase - United Credit Card	80547 · Manager's Discretionary	713.83
08/31/2025	Chase - United Credit Card	ATBC Expense	231.20
08/31/2025	Chase - United Credit Card	Xeriscaping	100.00
08/31/2025	Chase - United Credit Card	82530 · Meeting Expenses	544.76
08/31/2025	Chase - United Credit Card	82556 · Dues, Memberships&Su...	19.99
08/31/2025	Chase - United Credit Card	81600 · BOD Expenses	1,876.08
08/31/2025	Chase - United Credit Card	80512 · Public Ed./Advertising	233.97
08/31/2025	Chase - United Credit Card	80548 · Legal Publication	260.92
08/31/2025	Chase - United Credit Card	85408 · Drought Contingency ...	52.41
08/31/2025	Chase - United Credit Card	GRF Receivable	47.92
08/31/2025	Chase - United Credit Card	Wet Meadows Miscellaneous	808.28
Total Chase - United Credit Card			10,392.83
City of Gunnison			
08/31/2025	City of Gunnison	Utilities - Unit A	47.48
08/31/2025	City of Gunnison	Utilities - Unit A	373.80
08/31/2025	City of Gunnison	Utilities - Unit A	125.98
08/31/2025	City of Gunnison	Utilities - Unit A	356.31
Total City of Gunnison			903.57
Colin Uerling			
08/31/2025	Colin Uerling	80547 · Manager's Discretionary	165.00
Total Colin Uerling			165.00
Crested Butte News			
08/31/2025	Crested Butte News	80548 · Legal Publication	46.07

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Date	Name	Account	Amount
Total Crested Butte News			46.07
Don Sabrowski BOD			
08/31/2025	Don Sabrowski BOD	81602 · BOD Mtg Fees	100.00
08/31/2025	Don Sabrowski BOD	81601 · BOD Mileage	44.80
Total Don Sabrowski BOD			144.80
Fullmer's Ace Hardware			
08/31/2025	Fullmer's Ace Hardware	Xeriscaping	142.95
08/31/2025	Fullmer's Ace Hardware	ATBC Expense	50.57
08/31/2025	Fullmer's Ace Hardware	Building Rep/Maint - Unit A	4.72
08/31/2025	Fullmer's Ace Hardware	BLM GNA 140L1724	38.84
08/31/2025	Fullmer's Ace Hardware	Wet Meadows Miscellaneous	7.08
Total Fullmer's Ace Hardware			244.16
GL Computer Service, Inc.			
08/31/2025	GL Computer Service, Inc.	Carbonite Storage	3,274.91
08/31/2025	GL Computer Service, Inc.	81543 · Computer Repair/IT Su...	750.00
Total GL Computer Service, Inc.			4,024.91
GoDaddy			
08/31/2025	GoDaddy	82556 · Dues, Memberships&Su...	22.99
Total GoDaddy			22.99
Golden Eagle Trash Service			
08/31/2025	Golden Eagle Trash Service	84550 · CAM	78.12

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Date	Name	Account	Amount
Total Golden Eagle Trash Service			78.12
Gunnison Bank and Trust			
08/06/2025	Gunnison Bank and Trust	80517 · Accounting & Professio...	5.00
08/29/2025	Gunnison Bank and Trust	80517 · Accounting & Professio...	5.00
Total Gunnison Bank and Trust			10.00
Gunnison Radio, Inc.			
08/31/2025	Gunnison Radio, Inc.	80512 · Public Ed./Advertising	300.00
Total Gunnison Radio, Inc.			300.00
Humana			
08/01/2025	Humana	74166 · Medical Insurance	91.00
Total Humana			91.00
Jeff Writer BOD			
08/31/2025	Jeff Writer BOD	81602 · BOD Mtg Fees	100.00
Total Jeff Writer BOD			100.00
Joellen Fonken BOD			
08/31/2025	Joellen Fonken BOD	81602 · BOD Mtg Fees	100.00
08/31/2025	Joellen Fonken BOD	81601 · BOD Mileage	7.00
Total Joellen Fonken BOD			107.00
John McClow			
08/01/2025	John McClow	74166 · Medical Insurance	185.00

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Date	Name	Account	Amount
08/31/2025	John McClow	80554 · Admin.Travel & Exp.	1,024.40
Total John McClow			1,209.40
08/31/2025	John Perusek	81600 · BOD Expenses	364.18
Total John Perusek			364.18
08/31/2025	John Perusek BOD	81602 · BOD Mtg Fees	100.00
Total John Perusek BOD			100.00
08/31/2025	KEJJ Radio	80512 · Public Ed./Advertising	300.00
08/31/2025	KEJJ Radio	80512 · Public Ed./Advertising	125.00
Total KEJJ Radio			425.00
08/31/2025	KVLE FM	80512 · Public Ed./Advertising	125.00
Total KVLE FM			125.00
08/31/2025	LexisNexis	82556 · Dues, Memberships&Su...	720.70
08/31/2025	LexisNexis	80557 · Office Supplies & Misc ...	241.95
Total LexisNexis			962.65
Lightspeed Voice			

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Date	Name	Account	Amount
08/31/2025	Lightspeed Voice	80534 · Telephone	310.10
08/31/2025	Lightspeed Voice	80534 · Telephone	1.66
Total Lightspeed Voice			311.76
Melinda McCawmedia			
08/31/2025	Melinda McCawmedia	CWCB Pepo 2025-0557	81.85
Total Melinda McCawmedia			81.85
New Morning Improvement, LLC			
08/31/2025	New Morning Improvement, LLC	Office Cleaning	787.50
Total New Morning Improvement, LLC			787.50
Pinnacol Assurance			
08/25/2025	Pinnacol Assurance	74200 · Work Comp Ins	558.00
Total Pinnacol Assurance			558.00
QuickBooks			
08/03/2025	QuickBooks	81558 · Computer Software	100.00
Total QuickBooks			100.00
Rebie Hazard-BOD			
08/31/2025	Rebie Hazard-BOD	81602 · BOD Mtg Fees	100.00
08/31/2025	Rebie Hazard-BOD	81601 · BOD Mileage	41.30
Total Rebie Hazard-BOD			141.30
Rosemary Carroll - BOD			

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Date	Name	Account	Amount
08/31/2025	Rosemary Carroll - BOD	81602 · BOD Mtg Fees	100.00
08/31/2025	Rosemary Carroll - BOD	81601 · BOD Mileage	42.00
Total Rosemary Carroll - BOD			142.00
SealCo Incorporated			
08/31/2025	SealCo Incorporated	Building Rep/Maint - Unit A	7,630.00
Total SealCo Incorporated			7,630.00
Silver World Publishing			
08/31/2025	Silver World Publishing	80548 · Legal Publication	17.60
08/31/2025	Silver World Publishing	80512 · Public Ed./Advertising	100.00
Total Silver World Publishing			117.60
Strategic by Nature			
08/31/2025	Strategic by Nature	85554 · USBR Drought Continge...	5,990.00
Total Strategic by Nature			5,990.00
Stuart Asay - BOD			
08/31/2025	Stuart Asay - BOD	81602 · BOD Mtg Fees	100.00
Total Stuart Asay - BOD			100.00
Summit Landscapes LLC			
08/31/2025	Summit Landscapes LLC	84550 · CAM	1,080.00
08/31/2025	Summit Landscapes LLC	84550 · CAM	180.00
08/31/2025	Summit Landscapes LLC	Xeriscaping	6,515.00

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Date	Name	Account	Amount
Total Summit Landscapes LLC			7,775.00
Sunshine Creatives			
08/31/2025	Sunshine Creatives	CWCB Pepo 2025-0557	1,252.00
08/31/2025	Sunshine Creatives	80512 · Public Ed./Advertising	110.00
Total Sunshine Creatives			1,362.00
Thomas N Stoeber, CPA			
08/31/2025	Thomas N Stoeber, CPA	80517 · Accounting & Professio...	3,000.00
Total Thomas N Stoeber, CPA			3,000.00
Visionary Broadband			
08/31/2025	Visionary Broadband	81556 · Internet	126.96
Total Visionary Broadband			126.96
Wilson Water Group			
08/31/2025	Wilson Water Group	85554 · USBR Drought Continge...	977.50
Total Wilson Water Group			977.50
TOTAL			168,843.19

UGRWCD						
Account Name: LPL Bonds	Instrument Type	Balance 8/31/2025	Cost Basis	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Date Callable
LPL Bond 33 (FNMA) CUSIP 3136GALS6	BOND	398,624.00	400,000.00	4.260%	8/6/2030	2/6/2026
LPL Bond 23 (FEDL) CUSIP 3130ALLD4	BOND	245,794.25	250,000.00	0.900%	3/17/2026	3/17/2025
LPL Bond 24 (FHLB) CUSIP 3130AMDY5	BOND	489,491.00	500,000.00	1.020%	5/20/2026	2/20/2025
LPL Bond 26 (FHLB) CUSIP 3130APBE4	BOND	155,093.12	160,000.00	1.030%	9/30/2026	3/30/2025
LPL Bond 31 (FHLMC) CUSIP 3134HAV34	BOND	250,078.50	250,000.00	5.000%	12/24/2029	6/24/2025
LPL Bond 32 (FAMC) CUSIP 31424WH47	BOND	499,844.50	500,000.00	4.280%	7/8/2027	1/8/2026
LPL Bond 34 (FAMC) CUSIP 3142WN99	BOND	399,124.00	400,000.00	4.050%	8/12/2030	8/12/2027
LPL BOND SUBTOTAL:		\$ 2,038,925.37	\$ 2,460,000.00	2.934%		
Account Name: LPL Certificates of Deposit						
LPL 31 Morgan Stanley Bank CD CUSIP 61690D4C9	CD	220,597.08	220,000.00	4.040%	5/7/2027	
LPL 32 Morgan Stankey PVT Bank CD CUSIP 61776NSJ3	CD	246,596.91	245,000.00	4.120%	5/22/2028	
LPL 33 Toyota Financial Savings Bank CD CUSIP 89235MSK8	CD	246,282.82	245,000.00	4.080%	5/22/2028	
LPL CD SUBTOTAL:		\$ 713,476.81	\$ 710,000.00	4.080%		
Account Name: LPL Money Markets Savings						
LPL Money Market Savings Account	M.M. SAVINGS	18,040.87	-	1.000%	N/A	
LPL MM SUBTOTAL:		\$ 18,040.87				

Account Name	INSTRUMENT TYPE	Balance 8/31/2025	Cost Basis	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Notes
Community Banks of Colo. Lake City CD 7668	CD	109,228.30	105,015.89	4.01%	11/20/2026	*Updated on an Annual Basis
10520 Gunnison Bank & Trust CD 6637	CD	219,894.70	200,000.00	4.00%	2/26/2030	*Updated on an Annual Basis
10540 Gunnison Bank & Trust MM - Spencer Building Acct. 3589	CHKG	44,532.96		0.50%		
Gunnison Bank & Trust 8756	CHKG	74,050.87				
				Average Mo. Yield		
COLOTRUST PLUS 8001	COLO.	2,240,664.05		4.37%	N/A	
COLOTRUST PLUS UGRWCD EHOP 8003	COLO.	109,314.44		4.37%	N/A	
COLOTRUST PLUS SPENCER BUILDING 8005	COLO.	81,825.26		4.37%		
COLOTRUST PRIME 4001	COLO.	6,501.48		4.23%	N/A	
10200 Petty Cash	PETTY	80.00		N/A	N/A	
MISCELLANEOUS BANK & COLOTRUST SUBTOTAL:		\$ 2,886,092.06				
TOTAL UGRWCD		\$ 5,656,535.11				

UGRWAE	INSTRUMENT	Balance	Cost	Interest	Maturity	Date
Account Name	TYPE	8/31/2025	Basis	Rate	Date	Callable
LPL Bond CUSIP 3136GAAY5 (FNMA)	Bond	300,320.40	300,000.00	5.00%	2/21/2030	11/21/2025
LPL Bond CUSIP 31424WK43 (FAMC)	Bond	300,947.70	300,000.00	4.25%	7/16/2030	7/16/2027
Gunnison Bank & Trust 8764	CHKG	22,295.27				
COLOTRUST PLUS 8002	COLO.	154,934.08		4.37%	N/A	
MISCELLANEOUS BANK & COLOTRUST SUBTOTAL:		\$ 778,497.45				
Account Name: LPL Money Markets Savings						
LPL Money Market Savings Account	M.M. SAVINGS	22,996.64	-	0.250%	N/A	
LPL MM SUBTOTAL:		\$ 22,996.64				
TOTAL UGRWAE		\$ 801,494.09				

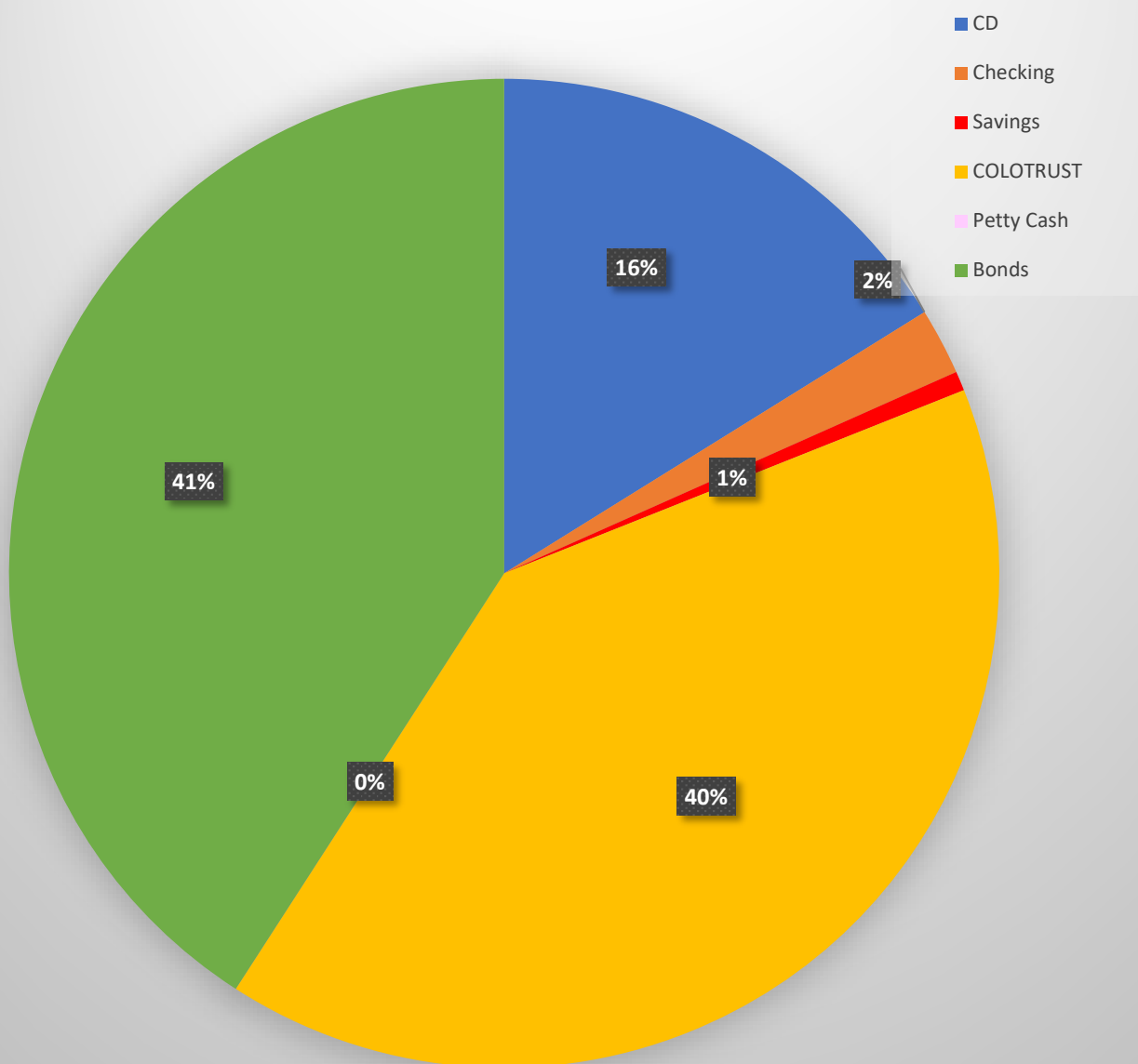
TOTAL UGRWCD + UGRWAE	\$ 6,458,029.20
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Total UGRWCD and UGRWAE by Bank			Total UGRWCD & UGRWAE by Investment Type		
LPL Financial	\$ 3,394,707.79	53%	CD	16%	1,042,599.81
Community Banks of Colo.	109,228.30	2%	Checking	2%	140,879.10
Gunnison Bank & Trust	360,773.80	6%	Savings	1%	41,037.51
COLOTRUST	2,593,239.31	40%	COLOTRUST	40%	2,593,239.31
Petty Cash	80.00	0%	Petty Cash	0%	80.00
TOTAL ALL SOURCES	\$ 6,458,029.20	100%	Bonds	41%	\$ 2,640,193.47
			Total	100%	\$ 6,458,029.20

UGRWCD & UGRWAE INVESTMENTS BY TYPE

CD	16%	\$	1,042,599.81
Checking	2%	\$	140,879.10
Savings	1%	\$	41,037.51
COLOTRUST	40%	\$	2,593,239.31
Petty Cash	0%	\$	80.00
Bonds	41%	\$	2,640,193.47
Total	100%	\$	6,458,029.20

UGRWCD + UGRWAE INVESTMENTS BY TYPE



AGENDA ITEM 4

2024 Audit Review and Approval

RETURN TO AGENDA

Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District
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December 31, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of directors
Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District
Gunnison Colorado

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Upper Gunnison River Conservation District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our 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, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District, as of December 31, 2024, 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

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

Our 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 our 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.

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:
- 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.

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 Conservancy 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 our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are 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 we 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. We 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 our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We 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

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District's basic financial statements. The budgetary comparison information for the Enterprise fund is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the budgetary comparison information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Blair and Associates, P.C.

Cedaredge, Colorado
June 13, 2025

Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District
Management's Discussion and Analysis
December 31, 2024

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, 2024. 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 seven, consisting of a general manager, office manager /senior program manager, administrative assistant/communication specialist, water resource specialist, wet meadows program director, water resource project manager, and general counsel, along with contracted engineering consultants, and accounting/CPA firm, carries out the activities of the District as directed by the Board.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The District's assets exceeded its liabilities by \$8,249,813 (i.e., net position) as of December 31, 2024, an increase of \$919,893 in comparison to the prior year.
- The District's Net Position for Governmental Activities was \$5,086,464, an increase of \$484,747 in comparison to the prior year.
- General property taxes totaled \$2,321,700 or 89% of general revenues.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis
December 31, 2024

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis are 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.

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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 are 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, 2024, the District's combined assets exceeded liabilities by \$8,249,813. Of this amount, \$5,685,165 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 accumulated depreciation) of \$2,481,158 (30% 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 are 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.

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December 31, 2024

The following table summarizes the District's governmental and business-type Net Position for 2024 and 2023:

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Government-Wide Totals	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Assets						
Current and other assets	\$ 4,420,138	\$ 4,144,576	\$ 442,971	\$ 391,039	\$ 4,863,109	\$ 4,535,615
Capital assets	1,487,033	1,402,153	994,125	997,354	2,481,158	2,399,507
Long-term Assets	3,153,126	2,677,290	300,125	-	3,453,251	2,677,290
Total assets	<u>9,060,297</u>	<u>8,224,019</u>	<u>1,737,221</u>	<u>1,388,393</u>	<u>10,797,518</u>	<u>9,612,412</u>
Current Liabilities	300,442	174,917	-	243	300,442	175,160
Non-current liabilities						
Compensated absences	60,905	62,059	-	-	60,905	62,059
Total liabilities	<u>361,347</u>	<u>236,976</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>243</u>	<u>361,347</u>	<u>237,219</u>
Deferred Inflow of Resources						
Lease income	78,015	-	-	-	78,015	-
Property taxes	2,108,343	2,045,272	-	-	2,108,343	2,045,272
Total Deferred Inflows	<u>2,186,358</u>	<u>2,045,272</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,186,358</u>	<u>2,045,272</u>
Net Position						
Investment in capital assets, net of related debt	1,487,033	1,402,153	994,125	997,354	2,481,158	2,399,507
Restricted	83,490	63,257	-	-	83,490	63,257
Nonspendable	22,631	7,070	-	-	22,631	7,070
Unrestricted	4,919,438	4,415,107	743,096	390,796	5,662,534	4,805,903
Total net position	<u>\$ 6,512,592</u>	<u>\$ 5,887,587</u>	<u>\$ 1,737,221</u>	<u>\$ 1,388,150</u>	<u>\$ 8,249,813</u>	<u>\$ 7,275,737</u>

An additional portion of net position, \$83,490, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used, the nonspendable amount represents prepaid expenses and therefore are not available funds to spend. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position, \$5,662,534 (69% 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 \$919,892 in 2024.

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	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Government-Wide Totals	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Revenues						
Program revenues						
Charges for services	\$ 712,275	\$ 842,364	\$ 375,446	\$ 51,166	\$ 1,087,721	\$ 893,530
General Revenues						
Taxes	2,321,700	1,637,729	-	-	2,321,700	1,637,729
Miscellaneous	61,868	108,507	-	-	61,868	108,507
Interest income	225,647	203,391	21,874	19,823	247,521	223,214
Totals	<u>3,321,490</u>	<u>2,791,991</u>	<u>397,320</u>	<u>70,989</u>	<u>3,718,810</u>	<u>2,862,980</u>
Expenses						
Salaries & Benefits	814,514	722,530	36,173	31,724	850,687	754,254
Public Outreach	57,220	44,545	-	-	57,220	44,545
Legal & Accounting	47,178	49,751	1,960	2,079	49,138	51,830
Occupancy Expenses	40,200	46,859	1,052	1,200	41,252	48,059
Bonding & Insurance	15,818	15,040	650	1,496	16,468	16,536
Office Expense	138,743	90,932	1,045	1,200	139,788	92,132
Board of Directors Expenses	13,553	11,439	649	614	14,202	12,053
Board of Directors Fees	11,700	16,223	-	-	11,700	16,223
General & administrative	26,834	28,677	1,402	32,845	28,236	61,522
Membership & Dues	17,539	14,689	-	-	17,539	14,689
Computer Expense	16,141	36,641	-	-	16,141	36,641
Vehicle Expense	2,769	3,065	-	-	2,769	3,065
Lake Fork conservancy	10,000	10,000	-	-	10,000	10,000
Fish Recovery Program	750	3,000	-	-	750	3,000
Taylor Park Project	7,436	7,436	-	-	7,436	7,436
Watershed Program	409,158	264,425	-	-	409,158	264,425
Aspinall Expense	25,223	29,357	-	-	25,223	29,357
Consulting & Engineering	19,913	19,119	2,088	-	22,001	19,119
Regional Water Supply Improv.	396,364	4,035	-	-	396,364	4,035
Water Quality Program	234,885	214,622	-	-	234,885	214,622
Wet Meadows Program	108,091	196,555	-	-	108,091	196,555
Water Supply & Improvements	(4,498)	69,190	-	-	(4,498)	69,190
Lake San Cristobal	13,972	13,464	-	-	13,972	13,464
Cloud Seeding Program	-	167,659	-	-	-	167,659
Grant Programs	200,708	240,811	-	-	200,708	240,811
Donation-Dust on Snowpack	3,500	3,500	-	-	3,500	3,500
Capital Outlays	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation Expense	68,774	56,169	3,230	3,229	72,004	59,398
Total Expenses	<u>2,696,485</u>	<u>2,379,733</u>	<u>48,249</u>	<u>74,387</u>	<u>2,744,734</u>	<u>2,454,120</u>
Increase in net assets	625,005	412,258	349,071	(3,398)	974,076	408,860
Beginning	5,887,587	5,475,329	1,388,150	1,391,548	7,275,737	6,866,877
Ending	<u>\$ 6,512,592</u>	<u>\$ 5,887,587</u>	<u>\$ 1,737,221</u>	<u>\$ 1,388,150</u>	<u>\$ 8,249,813</u>	<u>\$ 7,275,737</u>

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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. An unassigned fund balance 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 2024, the unassigned fund balance of the General Fund was \$4,980,343 while the total fund balance was \$5,086,464. 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 fund balance of the District's General Fund increased by \$484,787 during 2024.

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 2024, the fund represented the following net position amounts:

Fund:	Water
Unrestricted net position	\$ 743,096
Total net position	\$ 1,737,221
Increase in net position	\$ 349,071

The substantial increase in services charged, and the reason net position increased so significantly over 2024, was due to a large block of water (Units) being purchased by one entity.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The District budgeted \$3,364,315 for 2024 expenditures. Actual expenditures were \$2,782,520.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

The District's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of December 31, 2024, was \$2,481,158.

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	Balance 12/31/2023	Increase	Decrease	Balance 12/31/2024
<u>Governmental Funds</u>				
Building and Land	\$ 1,528,247	\$ 136,548	\$ -	\$ 1,664,795
Office Equipment	105,420	17,105	-	122,525
Vehicles	91,111	-	-	91,111
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(322,625)	(68,773)	-	(391,398)
Net Governmental Capital Assets	<u>\$ 1,402,153</u>	<u>\$ 84,880</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,487,033</u>
<u>Business-type Activities</u>				
Asset not being depreciated	\$ 942,457	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 942,457
Asset being depreciated				
Dam Rehabilitation	113,024	-	-	113,024
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(58,126)	(3,230)	-	(61,356)
Net Depreciable Capital Assets	<u>54,898</u>	<u>(3,230)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,668</u>
Total Business-type Capital Assets	<u>\$ 997,355</u>	<u>\$ (3,230)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 994,125</u>

ECONOMIC FACTORS 2024

General Fund Highlights: 2024 revenue from the District's mill-levy (i.e., tax on residential and commercial properties) increased by \$683,971. The District's 2024 net position for the General Fund was \$5,086,464 an increase of \$484,787 over the prior year (2023 net position was \$4,601,677).

Enterprise Highlights: The Water Activity Enterprise's net position increased in 2024 by \$349,071 primarily related to an increase in unrestricted net assets associated with the sale of 91 augmentation base units.

Government Wide Activities: In 2024, the District saw an overall increase in Government-Wide Program Revenue (i.e., General Fund and Enterprise) of \$855,830 and charges for services overall increased by \$194,191. The District's 2024 government-wide net position was \$8,249,813 representing an increase in 2024 of \$919,893 over the prior year. A very positive indicator of the District's continuing strong financial position.

Next Year's Budget (2026)

At the time of the writing of this MD&A, there is significant economic uncertainty due to the federal administration's imposition of tariffs on global trading partners. Higher prices for materials like pipe and steel may increase the cost of water conservation and efficiency projects happening throughout the basin.

The District currently maintains 6 full-time employees and 1 part-time employee as well as temporary seasonal staffing (numbers vary year to year). Wage pressure remains due to high local housing costs and high interest rates for borrowing which may impact employment retention in the District. In addition, inflation remains high, impacting the costs of goods and services for things like groceries, utilities, gasoline, etc. The District will also likely see an 8 - 13 percent increase for health insurance in 2026 as people across the nation start to seek medical care not obtained during pandemic years (2020-2023).

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On the positive side, District staff have been able to raise significant annual outside grant program funding to support implementation of water resource projects throughout the basin and leverage the District's investment in water resource infrastructure and programming. Because of their strong technical and administrative skillsets, the District has been able to offset payroll expenses through grant reimbursements related to salaries and benefits because our staff are able to deliver many of the services identified in the grants the District receives and manages.

Finally, interest rates on District investments (certificates of deposit and treasury bonds) remain high at 3.8 to 4.3 percent compared to historical levels which supports our on-going strong net position (i.e., pre-COVID return on investment was around 1%). The District is also seeing additional stable income from the lease of District office spaces to conservation focused entities as a result of our investment in and full ownership of the Spencer Avenue building.

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 A, Gunnison, CO. 81230 or 970-641-6065, 970-641-1162 (fax), schavez@ugrwc.org

UPPER GUNNISON RIVER WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
Government-Wide
Statement of Net Position
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	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business Type Activities	Totals
Assets			
Current Assets:			
Cash & equivalents	\$ 160,374	\$ 137,844	\$ 298,218
Certificates of deposits	369,080	-	369,080
Investments-ColoTrust	1,546,973	298,947	1,845,920
Accounts receivable	188,533	-	188,533
Due from other Governments	9,388	-	9,388
Property taxes Receivable	2,108,343	-	2,108,343
Accrued Interest Receivable	14,816	6,180	20,996
Prepaid expenses	22,631	-	22,631
Total Current Assets	4,420,138	442,971	4,863,109
Long-term Assets:			
Lease receivable	78,015	-	78,015
Investments	3,075,111	300,125	3,375,236
Total Long-term Assets	3,153,126	300,125	3,453,251
Capital Assets:			
Office equipment	122,525	-	122,525
Office building & land	1,664,795	-	1,664,795
Vehicle	91,111	-	91,111
Dam rehabilitation	-	113,024	113,024
Meridian Lake Reservoir	-	942,457	942,457
Less accumulated depreciation	(391,398)	(61,356)	(452,754)
Net Capital Assets	1,487,033	994,125	2,481,158
TOTAL ASSETS	9,060,297	1,737,221	10,797,518
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	287,114	-	287,114
Accrued liabilities	13,328	-	13,328
Total Current Liabilities	300,442	-	300,442
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Compensated absences	60,905	-	60,905
TOTAL LIABILITIES	361,347	-	361,347
Deferred Inflow of Resources			
Lease income	78,015	-	78,015
Property taxes	2,108,343	-	2,108,343
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS	2,186,358	-	2,186,358
Net Position			
Investment in capital assets	1,487,033	994,125	2,481,158
Restricted for TABOR reserve	83,490	-	83,490
Unrestricted	4,942,069	743,096	5,685,165
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 6,512,592	\$ 1,737,221	\$ 8,249,813

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statement.

UPPER GUNNISON RIVER WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
Government-Wide
Statement of Activities
December 31, 2024

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business Type Activities	Totals
Expenses Programs			
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 814,514	\$ 36,173	\$ 850,687
Public Outreach	57,220	-	57,220
Legal & Accounting	47,178	1,960	49,138
Occupancy Expenses	40,200	1,052	41,252
Bonding & Insurance	15,818	650	16,468
Office Expense	138,743	1,045	139,788
Board of Directors Expenses	13,553	649	14,202
Board of Directors Fees	11,700	-	11,700
General & Administrative	26,834	1,402	28,236
Membership & Dues	17,539	-	17,539
Computer Expense	16,141	-	16,141
Vehicle Expense	2,769	-	2,769
Lake Fork Conservancy	10,000	-	10,000
Fish Recovery	750	-	750
Taylor Park Project	7,436	-	7,436
Aspinall Expense	25,223	-	25,223
Consulting & Engineering Expense	19,913	2,088	22,001
Regional Water Supply Improvement	396,364	-	396,364
Lake San Cristobal	13,972	-	13,972
Watershed program costs	19,450	-	19,450
Wet Meadows program costs	10,000	-	10,000
Water Quality Monitoring program costs	3,887	-	3,887
Water Supply	(4,498)	-	(4,498)
Watershed Management General	389,708	-	389,708
Wet Meadows - General	98,091	-	98,091
Water Quality Monitoring-General	230,998	-	230,998
Grant Program Expense	200,708	-	200,708
Donation-Dust on Snowpack	3,500	-	3,500
Depreciation	68,774	3,230	72,004
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES	2,696,485	48,249	2,744,734
Program Revenue			
Basin Wide Planning	543,763	-	543,763
Cloud Seeding Program	141,850	-	141,850
Charges for services	26,662	375,446	402,108
Total Program Revenue	712,275	375,446	1,087,721
NET PROGRAM REVENUE(EXPENSES)	(1,984,210)	327,197	(1,657,013)
General Revenues			
Property taxes	2,321,700	-	2,321,700
Interest on deposits and investments	225,647	21,874	247,521
Miscellaneous	61,868	-	61,868
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES	2,609,215	21,874	2,631,089
Change in Net Position	625,005	349,071	974,076
Net Position - January 1	5,887,587	1,388,150	7,275,737
Net Position - December 31	<u>\$ 6,512,592</u>	<u>\$ 1,737,221</u>	<u>\$ 8,249,813</u>

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UPPER GUNNISON RIVER WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
Balance Sheet - General Fund
December 31, 2024

Assets

Current Assets:

Cash & equivalents	\$ 160,374
Certificates of deposits	369,080
Investment-ColoTrust	1,546,973
Due from other Governments	9,388
Accounts receivable	188,533
Property taxes receivable	2,108,343
Accrued interest receivable	14,816
Prepaid expense	22,631
Total Current Assets	<u>4,420,138</u>

Long-term Assets:

Lease Receivable	78,015
Investments	3,075,111
Total long-term Assets	<u>3,153,126</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>7,573,264</u>

Liabilities

Accounts payable	287,114
Accrued Liabilities	13,328
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>300,442</u>

Deferred Inflow of Resources

Lease income	78,015
Property taxes	2,108,343
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES	<u>2,186,358</u>

Fund Balance

Restricted for TABOR reserve	83,490
Nonspendable	22,631
Unassigned	4,980,343
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 5,086,464</u>

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UPPER GUNNISON RIVER WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
Reconciliation of the General Fund Balance to
the Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2024

Total General Fund Balance	\$ 5,086,464
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.	1,487,033
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.	(60,905)
Net position of Governmental Activities.	<u><u>\$ 6,512,592</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statement.

UPPER GUNNISON RIVER WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance - General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Revenues	
Taxes	\$ 2,321,700
Charges for services	26,662
Interest on deposits and investments	225,647
Watershed Management Income	197,256
Cloud seeding program	141,850
Wet Meadows Income	301,443
Water Quality Monitoring Income	42,393
Water Supply Income	2,671
Miscellaneous	61,868
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>3,321,490</u>
Expenditures	
Current:	
Salaries & Benefits	815,670
Public Outreach	57,220
Legal & Accounting	47,178
Occupancy Expenses	40,200
Bonding & Insurance	15,818
Office Expense	138,743
Board of Directors Expenses	13,553
Board of Directors Fees	11,700
General & Administrative	26,834
Membership & Dues	17,539
Computer Expense	16,141
Vehicle Expense	2,769
Lake Fork Conservancy	10,000
Fish Recovery	750
Taylor Park Project	7,436
Aspinall Expense	25,223
Consulting & Engineering Expense	19,913
Regional Water Supply Improvement	396,364
Lake San Cristobal	13,972
Watershed program costs	19,450
Coal Creek Watershed Coalition	10,000
Drought Contingency Contribution	3,887
Water Supply Costs	(4,498)
Watershed Management General	389,708
Wet Meadows - General	98,091
Water Quality Monitoring-General	230,998
Grant Program Expense	200,708
Donation-Dust on Snowpack	3,500
Capital Outlay	153,653
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>2,782,520</u>
NET CHANGE IN NET POSITION	<u>538,970</u>
Fund Balance January 1	<u>4,547,494</u>
Fund Balance December 31	<u><u>\$ 5,086,464</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statement.

UPPER GUNNISON RIVER WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
Reconciliation of the General Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balance to the Statement of Activities
December 31, 2024

Net Change in Fund Balance - General Fund

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	\$	538,970
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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	\$	153,653	
Depreciation		(68,774)	84,879

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

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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities

	\$	625,005
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UPPER GUNNISON RIVER WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
Statement of Net Position
Enterprise Fund
December 31, 2024

	Water Enterprise Fund
Assets	
Current Assets:	
Cash & equivalents	\$ 137,844
Accrued interest receivable	6,180
Investments-ColoTrust	298,947
Total Current Assets	<u>442,971</u>
Non-Current Assets:	
Investments	<u>300,125</u>
Capital Assets:	
Meridian Lake Reservoir	942,457
Dam Rehabilitation	113,024
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(61,356)</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>994,125</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,737,221</u>
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	<u>\$ -</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>-</u>
Net Position	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	994,125
Unrestricted	743,096
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 1,737,221</u>

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UPPER GUNNISON RIVER WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position
Enterprise Fund
For The Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Water Enterprise Fund
Operating Revenues:	
Charges for Services	\$ 375,446
Total Operating Revenue	<u>375,446</u>
Operating Expenses:	
Salaries & Benefits	36,173
Accounting & Legal	1,960
Occupancy Expenses	1,052
Bonding & Insurance	650
Office Expenses	1,045
General & Administrative	1,402
Board Expenses	649
Consulting & Engineering	2,088
Depreciation	3,230
Total Operating Expenses	<u>48,249</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>327,197</u>
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	
Interest Income	<u>21,874</u>
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expense)	<u>21,874</u>
Income (Loss) Before Transfers	349,071
Total Net Position, January 1	1,388,150
Total Net Position, December 31	<u><u>\$ 1,737,221</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statement.

UPPER GUNNISON RIVER WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
Statement of Cash Flows
Enterprise Fund
For The Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Water Enterprise Fund
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:	
Cash Received from Charges for Services	\$ 369,778
Payments to and on behalf of employees	(36,173)
Cash Payments for Goods and Services	(8,847)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>324,758</u>
Cash Flows From Investing Activities	
Increase in Investment	(208,545)
Interest on Investments	21,874
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	<u>(186,671)</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents	138,087
Cash Balance, January 1	(243)
Cash Balance, December 31	<u><u>\$ 137,844</u></u>
Reconciling of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used)	
by Operating Activities	
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>\$ 327,197</u>
Adjustment to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss) to Net	
Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	
Depreciation Expense	3,230
Assets (Increased) Decreased	
Accounts Receivable	269
Accrued Interest	(6,180)
Liabilities Increased (Decreased)	
Accounts Payable	243
Total Adjustments	<u>(2,438)</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u><u>\$ 324,759</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statement.

Upper Gunnison River Conservancy District
Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2024

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 in the Statement of Net Position. The District has presented the following major proprietary fund.

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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 line 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 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.

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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.

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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, 2024, the carrying amounts of the District's deposits were \$667,298. Of the bank balances, \$537,906 is covered by FDIC depository insurance, \$11,257 is covered by SPIC, and \$118,135 is covered by PDPA. Of the above bank balance, the General Fund's share is \$529,454 and the Water Fund's share is \$137,844.

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, 2024, the District's investments included certificates of deposit, funds held in COLOTRUST and long-term government bonds. The CD has a maturity of July 2025. The long-term Government investment maturities range from April 2025 to December 2029.

	Carrying Value	Cost	
Federal Farm Credit Banks (Level 2)	\$ 618,041	\$ 625,000	Moody's AAA; S&P AA+
Certificates of Deposits	243,830	245,000	
Federal Home Loan Bank (Level 2)	1,764,571	1,815,000	Moody's AAA; S&P AA+
Federal Home Mortgage (Level 2)	448,669	450,000	Moody's AAA; S&P AA+
	<u>\$ 3,075,111</u>	<u>\$ 3,135,000</u>	

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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 input 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, Level 2 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 \$1,845,920 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 Water Fund's share of the amount is \$298,947, and the General Fund's share is \$ 1,546,973 *These Investments are measured at Net Asset Value.*

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NOTE 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets activity for the year ended December 31, 2024, was as follows:

	Balance 12/31/2023	Increase	Decrease	Balance 12/31/2024
Governmental Funds				
Capital assets being depreciated				
Building and Land	\$ 1,528,247	\$ 136,548	\$ -	\$ 1,664,795
Office Equipment	105,420	17,105	-	122,525
Vehicle	91,111	-	-	91,111
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(322,625)	(68,773)	-	(391,398)
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net.	<u>\$ 1,402,153</u>	<u>\$ 84,880</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,487,033</u>
Business-type Activities				
Capital assets not being depreciation	<u>\$ 942,457</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 942,457</u>
Capital assets being depreciated				
Dam Rehabilitation	113,024	-	-	113,024
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(58,126)	(3,230)	-	(61,356)
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	<u>54,898</u>	<u>(3,230)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,668</u>
Business-Type Activities Capital Assets, Net.	<u>\$ 997,355</u>	<u>\$ (3,230)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 994,125</u>

Total depreciation expense for the General Fund for the year ended December 31, 2024, was \$ 68,773 which was charged to the General and Administrative function. Water Enterprise Fund had depreciation expense of \$3,230.

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 the amounts contributed to the plan plus investment earnings. All employees must participate in the plan immediately after employment. The District has agreed to contribute 8% of employee compensation. The employee is required to contribute an amount equal to the District's contribution and may contribute up to 10% of the compensation. Employees are 100% vested once they are eligible to participate in the Plan. The covered payroll for the Plan was \$562,429 for the year ending December 31, 2024. The District and employees, each, contributed \$44,327, which is 8% 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 in CRA's 457 deferred compensation plan if they 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.

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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 ongoing as of December 31, 2024.

NOTE 10 – 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, 2024.

2025	\$ 972
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The District also leases office space to three individuals. The leases are for one year only and are not automatically renewed. The rent is \$3,700 per month for the three leases. The lease terms run from July 2024 to November 2025. Rent collected in 2024 was \$19,985.

The District also is the lessor in a 3 year lease for office space. This lease is not automatically renewed at the end of the lease period and must be renegotiated. The monthly lease is \$2,500. A 5% interest was used in determining the future payments. The following shows the future lease receivable amount for the lease term.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 26,706	\$ 3,294	\$ 30,000
2026	28,072	1,928	30,000
2027	23,237	513	23,750
	<u>\$ 78,015</u>	<u>\$ 5,735</u>	<u>\$ 83,750</u>

NOTE 11 – FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

During 2024, 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 funds 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 2024.

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.

NOTE 12 – RESTATEMENT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

During 2024, the beginning net position was restatement for general administrative costs that should have been accrued in 2023. The effect on Net Position is as follows.

Beginning net position	\$ 5,941,770
Amount reinstated	<u>(54,183)</u>
Ending net position	<u>\$ 5,887,587</u>

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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, 2024

	Original & Final Budget	Actual	Variance
Revenues			
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 2,190,598	\$ 2,321,700	\$ 131,102
Total Taxes	2,190,598	2,321,700	131,102
Cloud Seeding Program	120,600	141,850	21,250
Watershed Management Program	231,914	197,256	(34,658)
Water Contract Sales	21,920	26,662	4,742
Water Quality Monitoring	42,393	42,393	-
Wet Meadows Program	320,470	301,443	(19,027)
Earnings on Deposits & Investments	60,000	225,647	165,647
Water Supply Income	-	2,671	2,671
Miscellaneous	68,696	61,868	(6,828)
Total Revenues	3,056,591	3,321,490	264,899
Expenditures			
Salaries & Benefits	799,151	815,670	(16,519)
Public Outreach	72,485	57,220	15,265
Legal & Accounting	61,000	47,178	13,822
Occupancy Expenses	32,310	40,200	(7,890)
Bonding & Insurance	15,000	15,818	(818)
Office Expense	119,410	138,743	(19,333)
Board of Directors Expenses	20,000	13,553	6,447
Board of Directors Fees	13,360	11,700	1,660
General & Administrative	64,000	26,834	37,166
Membership & Dues	16,475	17,539	(1,064)
Computer Expense	23,300	16,141	7,159
Vehicle Expense	7,000	2,769	4,231
Lake Fork Conservancy	10,000	10,000	-
Fish Recovery	3,000	750	2,250
Taylor Park Project	7,436	7,436	-
Aspinall Expense	27,420	25,223	2,197
Consulting & Engineering Expense	46,000	19,913	26,087
Regional Water Supply Improvement	450,500	396,364	54,136
Lake San Cristobal	13,464	13,972	(508)
Watershed program costs	-	19,450	(19,450)
Coal Creek Watershed Coalition	10,000	10,000	-
Drought Contingency Contribution	30,000	3,887	26,113
Water Supply	-	(4,498)	4,498
Watershed Management General	379,914	389,708	(9,794)
Wet Meadows - General	330,470	98,091	232,379
Water Quality Monitoring-General	169,930	230,998	(61,068)
Grant Program Expense	430,190	200,708	229,482
Capital Outlay	207,000	153,653	53,347
Other Expense	2,000	-	2,000
Donation-Dust on Snowpack	3,500	3,500	-
Total Expenditures	3,364,315	2,782,520	581,795
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(307,724)	538,970	846,694
Fund Balance, January 1,	1,132,936	4,547,494	3,414,558
Fund Balance December 31,	\$ 825,212	\$ 5,086,464	\$ 4,261,252

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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, 2024

	<u>Original & Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenues			
Annual Meridian Dues	\$ 53,000	\$ 55,503	\$ 2,503
Other Income	-	319,943	319,943
Earnings on Deposits & Investments	20,000	21,874	1,874
Total Revenues	<u>73,000</u>	<u>397,320</u>	<u>324,320</u>
Expenses			
Salaries & Benefits	28,900	36,173	7,273
Accounting & Legal	4,564	1,960	(2,604)
Occupancy Expenses	1,220	1,052	(168)
Bonding & Insurance	1,263	650	(613)
Office Expenses	2,429	1,045	(1,384)
General & Administrative	7,787	1,402	(6,385)
Board Expenses	810	649	(161)
Repairs & Maintenance	5,000	2,088	(2,912)
Total Expenses	<u>51,973</u>	<u>45,019</u>	<u>(6,954)</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	21,027	352,301	331,274
Reconciliation to Statement of Activities:			
Depreciation	-	(3,229)	(3,229)
Available Resources, January 1	29,657	1,388,150	1,358,493
Available Resources, December 31	<u>\$ 50,684</u>	<u>\$ 1,737,222</u>	<u>\$ 1,686,538</u>

AGENDA ITEM 5

Treasurer's Report

MEMORANDUM



TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Director Perusek, Treasurer
Beverly Richards, Office / Senior Program Manager
Sonja Chavez, General Manager

DATE: September 15, 2025

SUBJECT: Treasurer's Report

- I. Medical Insurance:** On September 10, UGRWCD Executive Management attended the Special District Association Annual Rate Renewal Meeting. At the meeting, they announced that the medical insurance rate renewals increase for 2026 will be 17 percent. This equates to an increase of \$2,412 per UGRWCD employee annually taking advantage of our United Health Care Management medical insurance. The rate for dental insurance had modest increase of 5%. Vision and life insurances remained the same for 2026.
- II. Inflation:** The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported on September 11 that the consumer price index (CPI) for August increased 0.4% on a monthly basis and 2.9% for the 12 months ending in August.
- III. Additional Investment Purchase:** Management is considering an additional investment purchase in late 2025 or early 2026 as we near the end of the fiscal year. UGRWCD maintains a strong net financial position.
- IV. Financial Data to Support Staff Request for Larger Capacity Field Truck**
 - A. Indirect Cost Recovery (10%) 2024:** \$9,630
 - B. Reimbursement for Staff Technical Assistance thru June 2025:** \$36,000
 - C. Wet Meadows Mileage Reimbursements in Grants**
 - 2023: \$2,554
 - 2024: \$976
 - D. District Owned Vehicle vs Mileage Reimbursement Comparison**
 - Mileage Reimbursement 2024: \$7,196
 - Vehicle Expense 2024: \$3,352
 - E. Audit Support of District Strong Net Financial Position**
 - F. Strong Investment Performance**

AGENDA ITEM 6

General Counsel Update

AGENDA ITEM 7

2026 Budget Work Session

UPPER GUNNISON RIVER WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

General Fund Budget January 1 - December 31, 2026 V1.

	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	
REVENUE				
1 Aspinall Water Contract Sales	\$ 26,662	\$ 25,000	\$ 27,000	based on 2025 actual
2 Building Rental Income	\$ 19,985	\$ 43,500	\$ 40,000	based on actual
3 Interest on Investments (includes banks & bonds)	\$ 127,343	\$ 50,000	\$ 110,000	based on 2025 actual to date
4 Property Tax (includes specific ownership & interest & penalties)	\$ 2,320,130	\$ 2,204,862	\$ 2,343,029	Used actual from valuations
5 Reimbursed Income	\$ 34,260	\$ 42,000	\$ 45,500	Based on 2025 YTD
6 Regional Water Supply Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 427,148	
7 Watershed Implementation Grants Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 110,800	Need CFP information
8 Watershed Management Income	\$ 212,029	\$ 291,291	\$ 133,693	
9 Wet Meadows Income	\$ 200,088	\$ 385,422	\$ 408,335	May Change
10 Water Quality Monitoring Income	\$ 42,393	\$ 46,319	\$ 36,697	Actual amount
11 Additional Contribution from Reserve Fund	\$ -	\$ 457,435	\$ 316,399	How much under Expenses
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,982,891	3,545,829	\$ 3,998,601	
EXPENDITURES				
Operating Expenses				
12 Admin Travel and Expenses	\$ 24,404	\$ 35,000	\$ 36,750	5%
13 Audit	\$ 6,500	\$ 10,000	\$ 25,000	Est for new auditor
14 Accounting Services	\$ 40,678	\$ 45,000	\$ 48,500	Actual Proposed amount
15 BOD Expenses	\$ 10,623	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,750	5%
16 BOD Mileage	\$ 2,930	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,775	5%
17 BOD Mtg Fees	\$ 11,700	\$ 13,360	\$ 14,030	5%
18 Bonding and Insurance	\$ 14,567	\$ 15,500	\$ 30,000	Based on 2025 actual to date
19 Building Rep/Maintenance	\$ 6,637	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	same
20 CAM	\$ 6,705	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	same
21 Computer Expenses	\$ 17,043	\$ 32,200	\$ 38,400	5 computers to replace
22 Copier Expenses	\$ 3,985	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	same
23 County Treasurers' Fees	\$ 66,760	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	Based on 2025 YTD
24 Spencer Avenue Business Park Annual Buidling Reserve Contribution	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	same
25 Dues, Memberships, Subscriptions	\$ 14,150	\$ 17,260	\$ 18,000	Based on 2025 YTD
26 Legal Publications	\$ 4,492	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	same
27 Manager's Discretionary Budget	\$ 10,405	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	same
28 Meeting Expenses	\$ 4,076	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	same
29 Office Cleaning	\$ 8,078	\$ 6,200	\$ 8,000	Based on 2025 ytd
30 Office Supplies & Expenses	\$ 12,982	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,000	Remove Computer Equipment
31 Payroll Exp	\$ 815,670	\$ 1,005,511	\$ 1,108,243	Includes actual Medical Renewal
32 Postage	\$ 987	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	same
33 Telephone	\$ 9,163	\$ 9,000	\$ 10,000	based on 2025 actual
34 Utilities	\$ 9,717	\$ 6,000	\$ 9,000	based on 2025 actual, Unit A only
35 Vehicle Expenses	\$ 2,769	\$ 3,500	\$ 23,500	Included estimate of new vehicle
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 1,115,020	\$ 1,375,031	\$ 1,548,948	
Non-Operating Expenses				
36 Aquatic Nuisance Species	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000	Reduced to \$10K
37 Asp Subordination Report	\$ 6,309	\$ 6,000	\$ 7,500	increase
38 Aspinall Contracts	\$ 18,914	\$ 21,000	\$ 24,000	based on actual sold at \$69.14
39 Gunnison County Hazardous Waste	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	same
40 Consulting/Engineering	\$ 19,913	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	same
41 Coal Creek Watershed Coalition	\$ 10,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	same
42 Colorado Dust on Snow	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	same
43 Drought Contingency Contribution	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ -	May not need this line item
44 District Grant Program	\$ 200,708	\$ 555,000	\$ 528,744	Includes 2024 and 2025 open grant
45 Gunnison Conservation District	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	annual contribution
46 Gunnison River Festival	\$ 11,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 13,000	increase
47 Endangered Fish Recovery Program	\$ 3,750	\$ 3,750	\$ 3,750	same
48 Lake Fork Conservancy	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	same
49 Lake San Cristobal Expenses	\$ 13,972	\$ 13,464	\$ 13,464	same
50 Public Outreach and Education	\$ 46,218	\$ 41,270	\$ 56,530	proposed
51 Regional Water Supply Improvement	\$ 397,273	\$ 488,375	\$ 694,850	Adjusted Cloudseeding amount
52 Strategic Planning	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ 45,000	increase
53 Taylor Park Project Expense	\$ 7,436	\$ 7,500	\$ 8,200	same
54 Watershed Implementation Grants Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 110,800	New line item
55 Watershed Management Expense	\$ 433,354	\$ 312,533	\$ 125,855	
56 Wet Meadows Expense	\$ 98,091	\$ 395,422	\$ 418,335	May Change
57 Water Quality Monitoring	\$ 190,548	\$ 207,484	\$ 228,125	Actual amount
TOTAL NON-OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 1,470,988	\$ 2,236,298	\$ 2,380,653	
58 Capital Outlay Expense	\$ 181,803	\$ 55,000	\$ 45,000	Unit A Reno, Xeriscaping
59 Contingency	\$ -	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	same
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,767,810	\$ 3,690,329	\$ 3,998,601	
REVENUES UNDER/(OVER) EXPENDITURES	\$ (846,300)	\$ -	\$ -	

MEMORANDUM



TO: UGRWCD Board of Directors
FROM: Beverly Richards, Office Manager
Sonja Chavez, General Manager
DATE: September 22, 2025
SUBJECT: 2026 Budget Draft

Enclosed is a revised draft of the 2026 budget for discussion. Below is a summary of draft budget changes that have been made since the August 2025 meeting. Changes include:

- Line 4 – Property Tax – Included actual amount based on 2025 Valuations which are also included.
- Line 6 – Regional Water Supply Income – Included actual amount for 2025-26 Cloudseeding Program.
- Line 7 – Watershed Implementation Grants Income – Created a new budget line item for outside grants received by the District related to watershed implementation activities rather than placing them under budget line items for planning or on-going program activities like Regional Water Supply Improvement (e.g., ASO) or Wet Meadows. These will include grants like Community Funding Partnership and Gunnison Basin Roundtable PEPO funding among others.
- Line 8 – Watershed Management Planning Income – Provided actual amounts of remaining funding available from this category.
- Line 9 – Wet Meadows Income – A preliminary estimate of income is reflected in the budget. Additional refinements may occur as funding agreements get put in place.
- Line 10 – Water Quality Monitoring Income – Included actual amounts provided by USGS. Increases in the 2025-26 program expenses as a result of inflation range from 2.4% to 4.8% depending upon the program (e.g., real-time monitoring, or water quality sampling).
- Line 14 – Accounting Services – This amount was increased based on the proposal received from our accounting services provider, Thomas Soteber, CPA.

- Line 35 – Vehicle Expenses – This amount reflects a proposed expenditure of \$20,000 for a new field truck. See also Wet Meadows Program Director Memorandum Update.
- Line 36 – Aquatic Nuisance Species – Reduced the amount to \$10,000 which was based upon actual expenditures of \$3,595 incurred in 2025.
- Line 43 – Drought Contingency Contribution – This one-time District cash match contribution item was removed from the first draft budget as the project will be completed in 2025.
- Line 44 – District Grant Program – Included the proposed amount for 2026 of \$300,000 and the unspent funds from previous years. This will likely be revised as 2023 and 2024 grant projects are completed this fall
- Line – 51 – Regional Water Supply Improvement – This amount increased as the actual amount of expenses for the 2025-2026 Cloudseeding program are not available.
- Line 54 – Watershed Implementation Grants Expenses – This is a new expense line item created to capture outside “implementation-type” grants (e.g., Community Funding Partnership funds for ag infrastructure projects, Gunnison Basin Roundtable PEPO funding, etc.) .
- Line 55 – Watershed Management Expense – Included actual amount of expenses anticipated with available watershed management planning funds based upon anticipated activity in 2026.
- Line 56 – Wet Meadows Expense - A preliminary estimate of expenses is reflected in the budget. Additional refinements may occur.
- Line 57 – Water Quality Monitoring Expenses – Included estimated program cost provided by USGS at the recent Annual Water Quality/Quantity Monitoring meeting which occurred September 8. Additional refinements may occur as the addition of one new reconnaissance site below the town of Pitkin is contemplated.

AGENDA ITEM 8

Basin Water Supply Update



MEMORANDUM

TO: UGRWCD Board Members

FROM: Beverly Richards, Water Supply Planning Manager

DATE: August 12, 2025

SUBJECT: Basin Water Supply Information

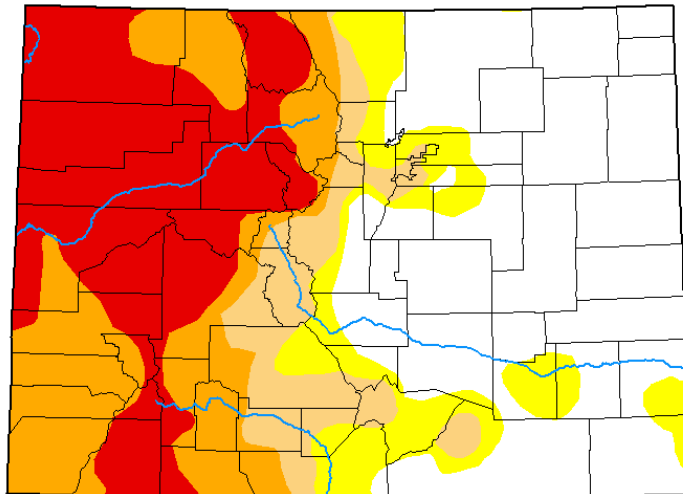
The information supplied as part of this memorandum is a monthly feature and includes information about drought, precipitation, soil moisture, streamflow, and reservoir storage.

Current Conditions – Drought

Drought categories are determined by precipitation, temperature, and soil moisture and are reflected in the map provided below. According to the *Drought Monitor* dated *September 9, 2025*, **Gunnison County** did see a slight improvement over conditions that occurred in August where 11% of the County moved into exceptional (D4) drought conditions. There was also a slight improvement in the area where moderate (D1) drought is occurring which went from 3.56% to 18.10% of the county. Drought conditions in the severe (D2) and extreme (D3) account for the remaining 90% of the county area. The extreme (D3) category increased from 39% to 53% over the past month.

U.S. Drought Monitor Colorado

September 9, 2025
(Released Thursday, Sep. 11, 2025)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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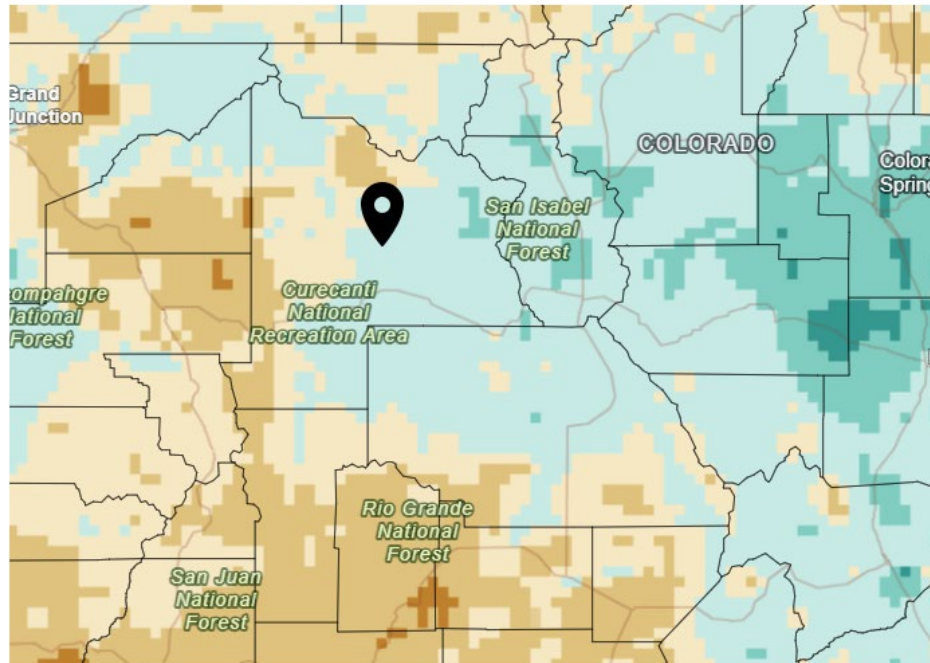
Drought conditions in **Saguache County** have also seen some degradation. In September, only 22% of the county area is now experiencing abnormally dry (D0) conditions, which is a decrease in that category of 27%. That 27% moved into the moderate (D1) category, which is also a degradation, however, 13% of the county area saw improvement due to this percentage moving from the severe (D2) drought category into the moderate category.

Hinsdale County also saw degradation in drought conditions as 40% of the area moved from the severe (D2) to the extreme (D3) category. This is shown by the red color on the map.

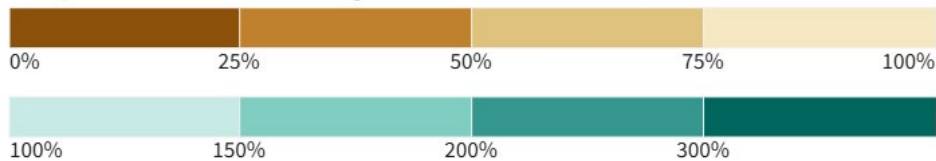
Precipitation

The map below represents the percentage of normal precipitation for the past 30 days. The warmer colors indicate lower percentages of precipitation and cooler colors indicate higher percentages. The precipitation in the basin over the past 30 days (August 10 through September 9) has been in the range of no precipitation in Gunnison County indicated by the dark brown color to 200% in small areas of both Gunnison and Saguache Counties (dark blue). For the most part, Gunnison County has seen 100 to 150% of normal precipitation for this time frame.

30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions

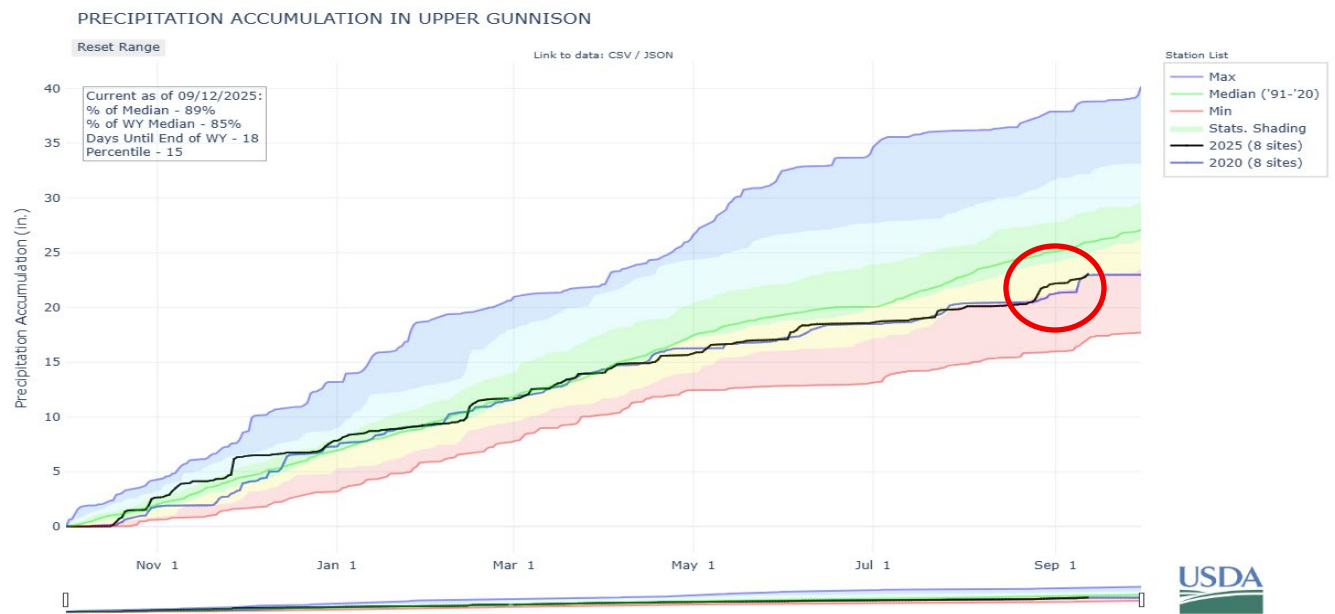


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Data Valid: 09/09/25

Drought.gov

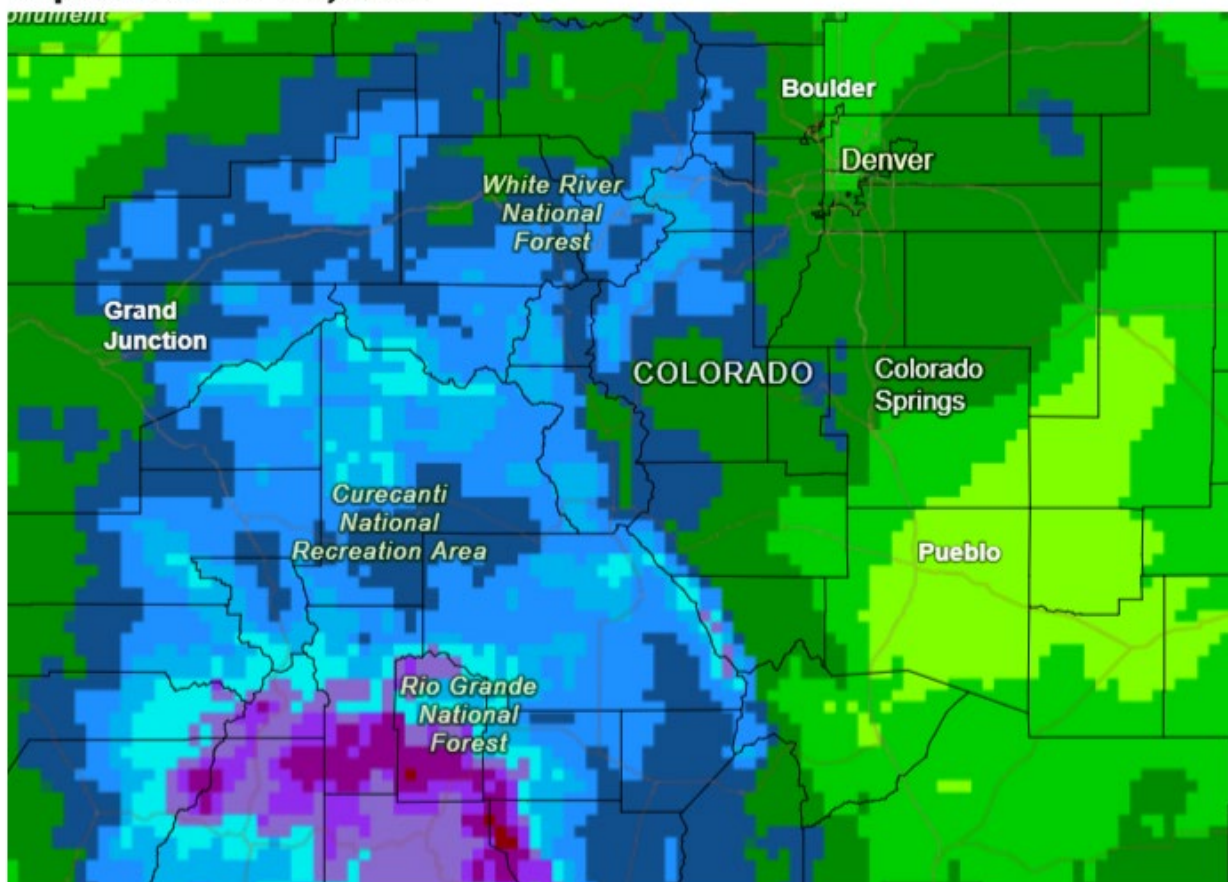
The precipitation trend graph provided below for the entire Upper Gunnison Basin is compiled from data from eight SNOTEL sites located in the basin where precipitation is measured. For the entire water year to date (NRCS, September 12, 2025) precipitation has seen a slight uptick in late August and September and is currently at 89% of the median for this date. The total precipitation amount for the Upper Gunnison Basin is 23.1” of accumulation and the median amount is 26.0”.

Also included is comparison information with 2020 since precipitation amounts continue to trend with that year. The dark purple line is 2020 which had slightly less at 23.0” of precipitation for this date. However, precipitation amounts are just above the 10th percentile for this time of year.

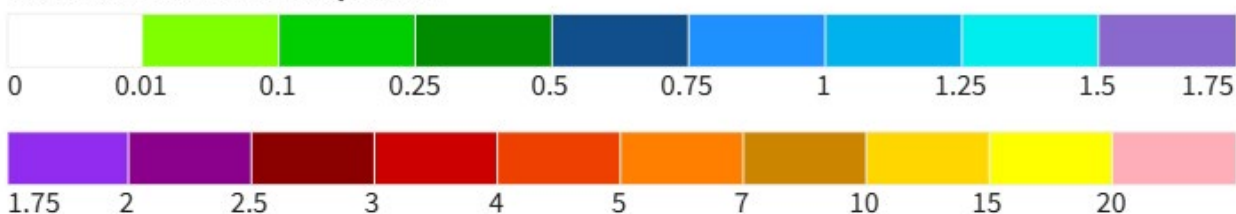


The 7-day quantitative forecast (September 11-18) for the Upper Gunnison Basin (*Drought.gov, September 11, 2025*) indicates that precipitation amounts are forecasted to range from 0.75” to 2.5” in the southern portion of Hinsdale County as indicated by the dark purple colors on the map. This map shows that the entire basin will benefit from precipitation in that time frame.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for September 11–18, 2025



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



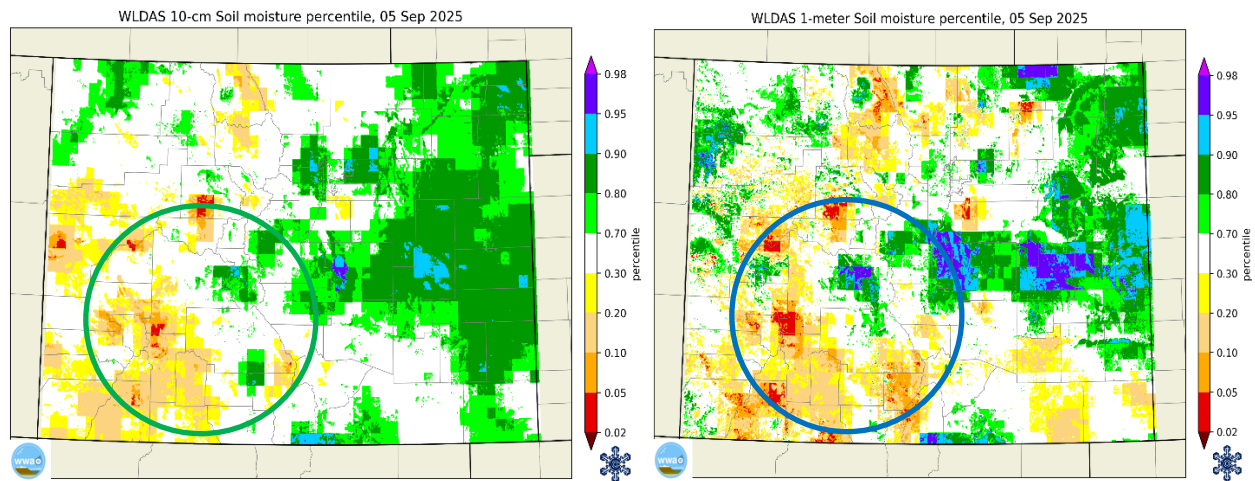
Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center

Last Updated: 09/11/25

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Soil Moisture

Provided below are current soil moisture maps for the State (*Colorado Climate Center, September 5, 2025*). These maps include soil moisture percentiles at 10 centimeters (left) and 1 meter (right) depths. The warmer colors represented on the maps are lower percentiles and the cooler colors are higher. Soil moisture at the 10cm level ranges from the 2nd percentile (red) to the 90th percentile (dark green). At the 1-meter level the range is also from the 2nd percentile to the 98th percentile indicated by the dark blue color.



Streamflow

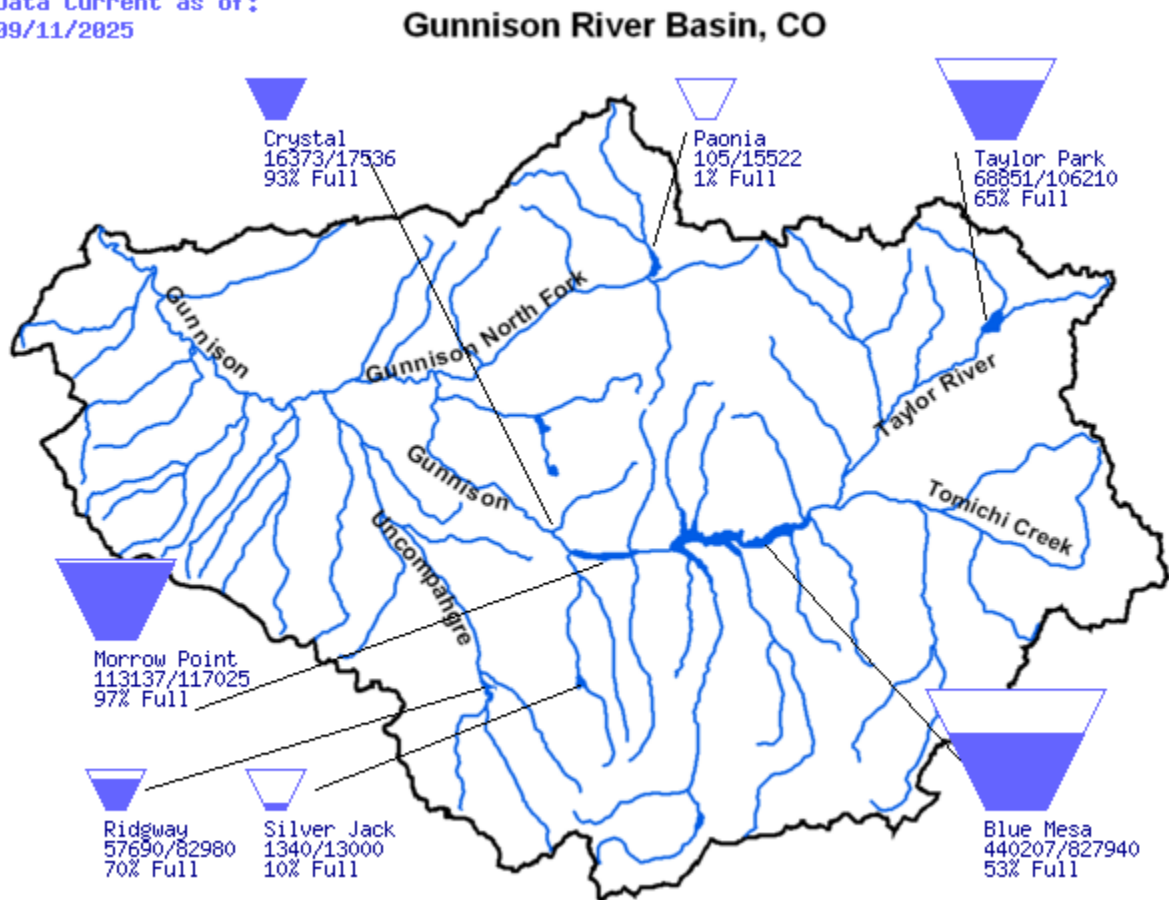
Current streamflow information for the basin is provided in the table below (*CDSS, September 12, 2025*). As you can see, most of the listed sites are below the historical average for September 12. The ones that are above that historical average are identified with an asterisk. There are still instream flow calls on the Slate River and the Lake Fork and releases continue to be made from both Meridian Lake Reservoir and Lake San Cristobal.

Station Name	September 12 (cfs)	Historical Average September 12 (cfs)	Percentage of Historical Average (%)
Gunnison River near Gunnison	308	550	56
*Tomichi Creek at Sargent's	34	27	125
Tomichi Creek at Gunnison	64	96	66
*Taylor River at Taylor Park	65	63	103
Taylor River blw Taylor Park Res.	222	395	56
Taylor River at Almont	276	408	67
Slate River abv Baxter Gulch	22	25	88
East River blw Cement Creek	78	120	65
East River at Almont	79	131	60
Lake Fork blw Lake San Cristobal	31	54	57
*Henson Creek at Lake City	44	37	119
Lake Fork at Gateview	91	129	70

Reservoir Storage and Operations

Reservoir storage in the entire Gunnison Basin is 56%, which is a decrease of 10% from the August report. As shown in the tea-cup diagram provided below, this is due in part to Paonia Reservoir and Silverjack Reservoir being completely drawn down as per normal seasonal operations. Reservoirs in the Upper Gunnison Basin include Taylor Park and Blue Mesa, which are at 65% and 53% full, respectively. The total reservoir storage amount in the Upper Gunnison basin is 59% full, which is a decrease of 7% from August. (*USBR, River Basin Tea-cup Diagrams, September 11, 2025*).

Data Current as of:
09/11/2025

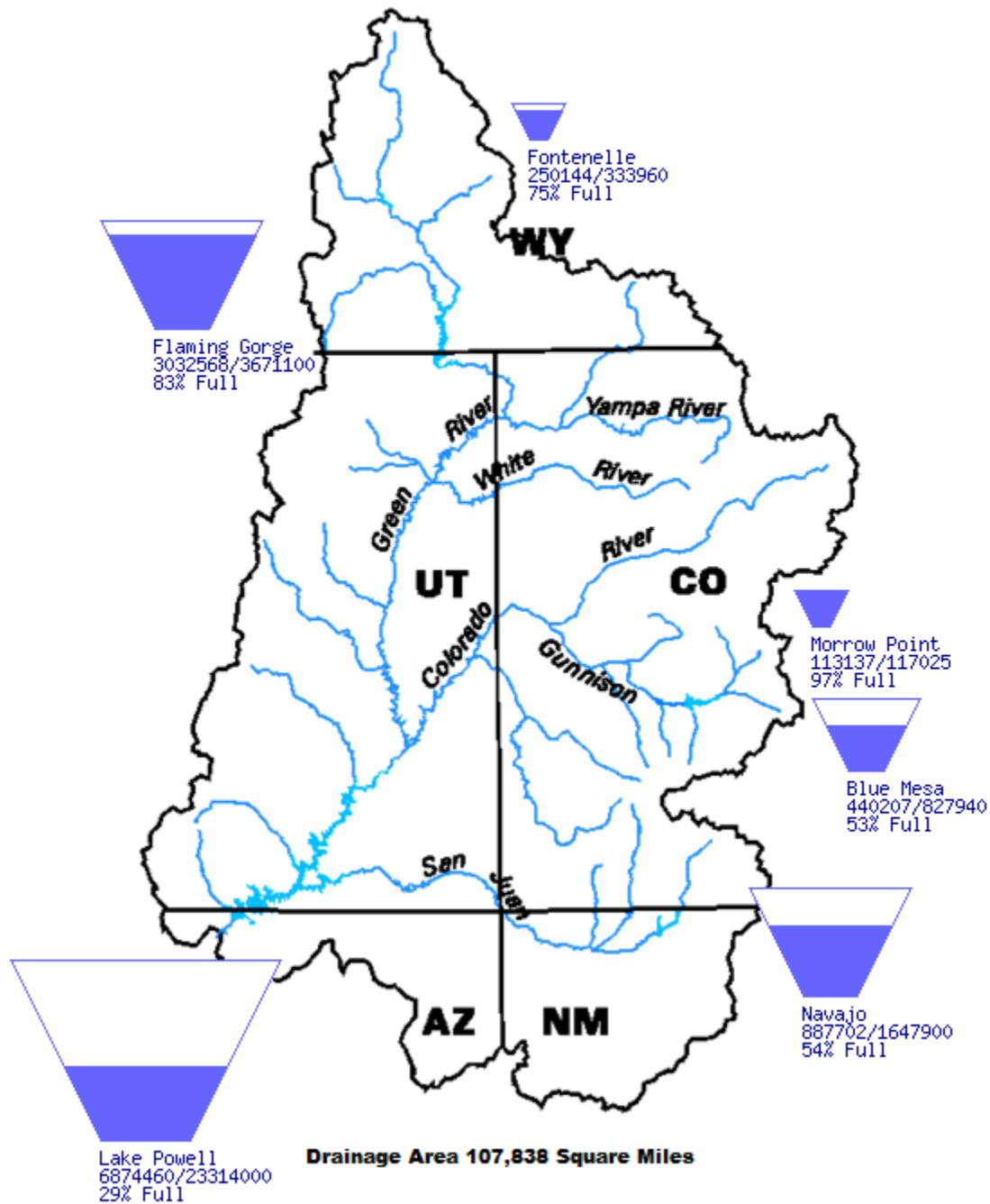


Reservoir storage in the Upper Colorado River Basin is 65% full, which is a decrease of 4% from the

August report. This is reflected in the tea-cup diagram provided below dated September 11, 2025.

Data Current as of:
09/11/2025

Upper Colorado River Drainage Basin



The following information is from the Aspinall Unit Operations webpage (*US Bureau of Reclamation dated September 3, 2025*).

The August unregulated inflow volume to Blue Mesa was 29,000 acre-feet, which is 51% of normal. Unregulated inflow volumes forecasted for Blue Mesa for the next three months (September, October, November) are projected to be: 23,000 acre-feet or 66% of average, 25,000 acre-feet or 69% of average, and 22,000 acre-feet or 74% of average, respectively.

The forecasted WY2025 unregulated inflow volume to Blue Mesa is projected to be a total of 658,000 acre-feet which is 73% of average. The water supply period (April-July) for 2025 had an unregulated inflow volume of 409,000 acre-feet (63% of average). By the end of the water year, Blue Mesa is projected to have 407,722 acre-feet which will be 49% of capacity. This amount is approximately 53 feet from full pool with 422,000 acre-feet of unfilled storage.

The next Aspinall Unit Operations Group meeting will be held in January 2026, date and time to be determined. District staff will attend and will provide updates from this meeting.

Taylor Reservoir

The Taylor Local Users Group met on September 4, 2025. Conor Felletter from the US Bureau of Reclamation presented the September 1 forecast and proposed operations plan to the group.

Conor reported that the projected content in Taylor Reservoir on October 31st will be 61,800 acre-feet which is slightly above the 61,000 acre-feet minimum storage target. Based on this information releases would be maintained at 225 cfs until October 1st, when they would begin stepping down flows by 25 cfs increments every 48 hours until reaching our winter flow target of 76 cfs. The proposed operational release plan presented is included below.

Proposed Operation
Taylor Park Reservoir
September forecast = 65% (61,000) af
September 3, 2025

<u>Month</u>	<u>Inflow</u> <u>ac-ft</u>	<u>Average</u> <u>Inflow</u> <u>cfs</u>	<u>Outflow</u> <u>ac-ft</u>	<u>Average</u> <u>Outflow</u> <u>cfs</u>	<u>EOM</u> <u>Content</u> <u>ac-ft</u>	<u>EOM</u> <u>Elevation</u> <u>ft</u>
					70,820	
Nov 1-15	2,820	95	2,630	88	71,014	9310.70
Nov 16-30	2,530	85	2,680	90	70,869	9310.61
Dec 1-15	2,500	84	2,790	94	70,581	9310.43
Dec 16-31	2,560	81	2,740	86	70,405	9310.32
Jan 1-15	2,310	78	2,550	86	70,166	9310.17
Jan 16-31	2,200	69	2,700	85	69,657	9309.85
Feb 1-15	2,130	77	2,400	86	69,388	9309.68
Feb 16-28	2,020	73	2,450	88	68,962	9309.41
Mar 1-15	2,180	73	2,510	84	68,631	9309.20
Mar 16-31	2,960	93	2,660	84	68,930	9309.39
Apr 1-15	4,680	157	2,770	93	70,837	9310.59
Apr 16-30	5,410	182	2,960	99	73,284	9312.10
May 1-15	7,040	237	3,320	112	77,011	9314.34
May 16-31	10,800	340	5,610	177	82,201	9317.35
Jun 1-15	16,360	550	6,870	231	91,957	9322.71
Jun 16-30	8,550	287	8,250	277	91,994	9322.73
Jul 1-15	4,550	153	8,860	298	87,692	9320.41
Jul 16-31	3,770	119	9,400	296	82,060	9317.27
Aug 1-15	2,450	82	8,810	296	75,700	9313.56
Aug 16-31	3,210	101	7,260	229	71,642	9311.09
Sep 1-15	2,400	81	6,660	224	67,378	9308.40
Sep 16-30	2,650	89	6,690	225	63,331	9305.73
Oct 1-15	2,430	82	4,120	138	61,648	9304.59
Oct 16-31	2,570	81	2,410	76	61,809	9304.70

61,160 = April-July inflow
65% of normal
92,691 = Maximum Content

David Gochis of Airborne Snow Observatories, Inc., presented a water flow and precipitation update, noting that current inflows are lower than predicted, particularly in August and this is due to a dry monsoon season thus far. He explained that recent rains have provided some relief, but overall conditions remain dry resulting in low base flows and soil moisture levels. David attributed the discrepancies between forecasted and observed flows to inaccurate precipitation forecasts and mentioned that the models are now running slightly drier than the CBRC forecast.

The TLUG group discussed the proposed operations plan based on information provided in the forecasts. The group agreed that releases should remain at 225cfs until October 1st. The group also discussed scheduling a mid-month review meeting with email updates in the meantime. A meeting date of September 18th at 8:30 a.m. was proposed but the group agreed to communicate via email if any changes were needed. An update will be provided from Conor Felletter by September 17th and

will include two weeks of inflows and ten days of forecast.

Lake Powell Operations

This information is provided by the *Lake Powell Water Database* webpage (lakepowell.water-data.com) and is dated September 11, 2025.

Lake Powell elevation is currently at 3546.62 feet with a content of 6.87 million acre-feet (maf) or 29% full (23,314,000) acre-feet. Total inflows for WY25 to date are 4.9 maf which is 49% of the historical average for September 11th. The total releases out of Glen Canyon Dam for WY25 to date have been 7.1 maf which is 95% of the minimum required 7.5 maf for the water year.

During WY25 to date, storage has fallen by 2.26 maf with total outflows exceeding total inflows by 2.22 maf. The thirty-four tracked reservoirs above Lake Powell are currently at 70% of capacity and the rivers feeding into Lake Powell are running at 57% of the September 11th average. Lake Powell is now 152.38 feet below the full pool. The current elevation of 3546.62 is 21.62 feet above the critical elevation of 3,525 feet.

Cloudseeding Program – 2025-2026

The 2025-2026 Cloudseeding Program for the Upper Gunnison River Basin will begin on November 1, 2025 and will run through April 15, 2026. Below is the target area for the program.



For the program there will be a total of thirteen manual generators and two remote generators. An additional remote generator will be installed prior to the beginning of the season and will be located on West Beckwith to cover the Ohio Creek Basin. The fabrication and installation of the new remote generator will be paid for by the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCBC). In addition, the CWCBC will provide funds for 67% of the program costs for the year.

AGENDA ITEM 9

**Presentation of Gap Weather Radar Occultation
Analysis by Brian Bellew and James Romine
of Baron Weather**

AGENDA ITEM 10

**General Manager, Committee and
Staff Updates**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Sonja Chavez, General Manager
DATE: September 22, 2025
SUBJECT: General Manager, Staff & Committee Updates

I. General Manager's Update

- A. Board Orientation:** UGRWCD new board member orientation is scheduled for September 29 (11am – 1pm; lunch provided). Any board member wanting a refresher is welcome, please let us know. At this time, we have the following Directors attending: Writer, Asay, and Richard. Director Stevens and Zanatell unable to attend. Executive Management will provide the recording and make time to meet with them individually to answer any follow-up questions.
- B. RFP Strategic Planning:** Following completion of critical assessments and planning efforts in the District, UGRWCD Board and staff will work with a strategic planning consultant/team to develop an organizational strategic plan that will direct District activities over the next 5 – 10 years.

II. Water Resources Project Implementation

Please see **memorandum** provided by Water Resources Project Manager, Bailey Friedman.

III. Water Quality / Quantity Program

Please see **memorandum** provided by Water Resources Specialist, Ari Yamaguchi

IV. Wet Meadow & Riparian Restoration Program

- A. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Good Neighbor Authority Contract (140L1724C0003):** The District received correspondence from the BLM on September 10 indicating that the majority of these funds will remain frozen by the Trump Administration for the foreseeable future. There is approximately \$46,000 in that agreement that we can continue to access that were not Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) or Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funding. BLM is proposing to replace \$420,000 of that funding with a different source of funds to complete the work originally anticipated under the GNA agreement. This will

happen under a contract modification to our Aquatics Fundings Agreement. BLM indicated that they should have the funding secured by 09/30/25.

B. Please see **memorandum** of update provided by Wet Meadows Program Director, Amanda Aulenbach.

C. Request for Board Authorization: Please see **memorandum** related to staff request to replace the Tacoma with a heavier duty work truck.

Recommendation for Board Action: Staff are requesting Board authorization to potentially purchase a three-quarter ton work truck in 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$26,000 after Tacoma trade-in.

V. Drought Resiliency Planning

The Upper Gunnison Basin Drought Resiliency Plan is still with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation awaiting review and approval.

VI. Education & Outreach Program

Please see **memorandum** of update from Education and Outreach Program Manager, Sue Uerling

VII. Taylor Local Users Group (TLUG) Update

Please see TLUG **meeting minutes** from September 4, 2025.

VIII. Scientific Endeavors

Verbal update provided by Director Carroll.

IX. Gunnison Basin Roundtable (GBRT)

Verbal update provided by Counselor McClow and Manager Chavez following the September 15, 2025, GBRT meeting in Montrose.



MEMORANDUM

TO: UGRWCD Board of Directors

FROM: Bailey Friedman, Water Resources Project Manager

DATE: September 12, 2025

SUBJECT: 3rd Quarter Updates on District Projects

The following is a summary of activities completed during the third quarter of 2025 as well as activities expected in the last quarter (October – December) from the Water Resources Project Manager.

1. Watershed Management Plan (WMP)

- a. Since June
 - i. Review by the General Manager and General Counsel are currently underway. Final Draft will be presented to the WMP Committee for approval before sharing with the public and conducting stakeholder input.
- b. Next Quarter
 - i. Incorporate notes from the General Manager and General Counsel.

2. UGRWCD Wetland Assessment

- a. Since June
 - i. Staff prepared a public report / summary of key findings of the Upper Gunnison Basin Wetland Assessment results. GEI has received the summary and will provide comments and recommendations to complete the report. Final public report will reside on the District's website.
- b. Next Quarter
 - i. Staff will receive remote training from GEI on how to utilize Machine Learning Model to increase accuracy.

3. Geofluvial Study

- a. Since June
 - i. Final report was reviewed and formatted. Report will be available on District website following General Manager Approval.
 - ii. Story Map has been completed. Pending General Manager approval, the Story Map will be incorporated into the District's website.
- b. This study and contract are now complete.

4. Colorado River District (CRD) – Community Funding Partnership (CFP)

- a. Since June
 - i. Application for funding for the Sargents No. 2 Ditch Improvement and Bank Restoration project was approved.
 - ii. Staff has drafted an application to CFP for funding for the USGS Return Flow Study.

MEMORANDUM

TO: UGRWCD Board of Directors
FROM: Ari Yamaguchi, Water Resources Specialist
DATE: September 22, 2025
SUBJECT: Basin Water Quality & Quantity Quarterly Update

Ag Return Flow Study

Surface water sampling continues on a weekly basis; this will continue until the end of irrigation season, when sampling will decrease to a monthly basis. Groundwater sampling began in July and will continue on a quarterly basis. Groundwater samples are analyzed for the same analytes as surface water. Stream temperature loggers were also deployed in July and will be retrieved in November. Data from groundwater samples and temperature loggers will contribute to our understanding of the exchange between groundwater and surface water.

Future sampling will expand to include collecting more stream temperature data, as well as air temperature data, which will further assist in understanding the amount, locations, and timing of exchange between groundwater and surface water. These sites have not yet been selected.

The USGS project leads have begun preliminary data analysis, but results are not yet approved for citation or distribution.

Further details on study design and updates can be found on the project web page:

<https://www.usgs.gov/centers/colorado-water-science-center/science/agricultural-return-flows-upper-gunnison-river-basin>

Homestake Pitch Mine

As Homestake continues its process to pursue a Discharger-Specific Variance (DSV), a technical working group has begun convening on a regular basis, allowing stakeholders to discuss the Alternatives Analysis (AA) generated by Homestake and their consultant (Arcadis). Some concerns have been raised as to the completeness of the analyses, which were outlined in the District's letter approved by the Board of Directors at the August 2025 meeting; these concerns were echoed by other stakeholders in the most recent of these meetings.

District staff and board members will attend a tour of the site on September 22, 2025 ahead of the regular board meeting.

Temperature

A working group, led in large part by the NWCCOG (Northwest Colorado Council of Governments) Water Quality & Quantity (QQ) has begun convening to address concerns about the state's temperature regulations under CO Division of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE)'s Regulation 31. Regulation 31 (Basic Standards & Methodologies for Surface Water) lays out the conceptual and technical framework for Colorado's water quality standards. Currently, temperature standards pose challenges for compliance and enforcement and don't always reflect the complexities of natural systems.

The QQ working group is engaging a private consultant (EcoResources Services, or ERS) to assist in drafting proposed changes to the state's water temperature regulations that would be presented in hearings subsequent to the Issue Formulation Hearing. The ERS team has extensive experience working with state agencies across the West and Midwest on aquatic resources studies. Stakeholders contemplate that the scope of work will include ERS conducting a literature review to provide the stakeholder group with a thorough and up-to-date understanding of water temperature and its effect on fish, which is the basis for these regulations; this review will also include examination of other states' (Oregon and Washington) temperature regulations as potential inspiration for the conceptual and practical approaches to these policies. They will incorporate the information from these reviews with stakeholder input to draft proposed changes to Regulation 31. The proposed changes will then be presented to the state at a 2026 Rulemaking Hearing. There is a possibility that this timeline will be extended to aim instead for a 2027 Rulemaking Hearing, pending ongoing discussions among stakeholders.

General Manager Chavez and Water Resources Specialist Ari Yamaguchi are actively participating in the temperature work group to stay up to date on progress, provide technical input, and provide feedback on the direction and focus of the study in preparation for the Water Quality Control Commission hearings.

A technical memorandum is due to stakeholders in mid-September 2025; the final memorandum, including the proposed revisions, is expected to be delivered in October 2025.

At this time, the estimated project cost is around \$57,000 and the District and existing stakeholders participating in the September call estimate a financial contribution of approximately \$5,711 each to help cover the cost of the consultant's services. QQ anticipates that other members not on the call will also want to contribute and that this figure will drop.

Basin Water Quality Program

On September 8th, the District held its Annual Water Quality and Quantity Joint Funding Agreement Stakeholder meeting to receive updates from US Geological Survey (USGS) monitoring staff and to review data summaries from the past year. This year, USGS also included a brief update on the Upper Gunnison Ag Irrigation Return Flow Study.

The USGS is working to develop new technology that will capture more frequent and accurate flow rate data, including HiVis cameras, two of which are deployed in our basin (USGS gage sites 383103106594200 and 385450107015700).

They are also developing precipitation monitoring devices capable of measuring snowfall; currently, most precipitation gages are limited to rainfall and therefore only provide usable data when temperatures are above freezing. The new gauges will be able to hold larger amounts of water from precipitation and have antifreeze to prevent freezing. These new devices will significantly increase the amount of precipitation data collected throughout the year, filling major data gaps in the winter and at various elevations. These sensors will cost approximately \$9,000 to deploy, plus an annual upkeep charge. These and other new technologies, while promising, are still undergoing internal USGS testing and development and are not yet fully deployed.

Most data in the basin appears as expected, with some exceptions.

- Temperature and dissolved oxygen typically have an inverse relationship to each other (higher temp correlates to lower DO, and vice-versa), but some streams in the basin show the opposite trend; this may be a relevant consideration when examining streams such as Tomichi Creek, which CDPHE has deemed “too hot” (i.e., temperatures exceed standard values and the segment is named on the State’s 303(d) List of Impaired Waters).
- For the sampling station at Tomichi Creek below Cochetopa (USGS-383126106475600), arsenic (unfiltered) is high, even more than what we see on Marshall Creek near the Town of Sargents. There are Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety (DRMS) uranium mine closures happening up around Cochetopa Pass but the actual source(s) was unknown to the group. Staff will be paying attention to data coming from this area.
- Dissolved organic carbon was also higher at Tomichi at Gunnison and Tomichi below Cochetopa (levels 8.2 mg/L and 8.1 mg/L, respectively). Why these sampling sites on these streams have higher DOC is unknown at this time. Staff will be paying attention to data coming from this area.

- b. Next Quarter
 - i. Work with General Manager to continue to refine and submit by January 2026.

5. Strategic Planning

- a. Next Quarter
 - i. Assist Executive Management as needed with Strategic Planning consultant selection and implementation.

6. Buckel Winery Event

- a. Occurred on August 7, 2025. Many people were in attendance for this event and the room was at capacity.
- b. Buckel has reached out since with interest to host another event in the future for new residents to the Gunnison Basin.

7. Eddy Covariance (EC) Tower

- a. Working in partnership with researchers from the University of Nebraska to collect data at an EC Tower on a private property near Parlin. Data will be downloaded by UGRWCD staff and sent to researchers once a month with the purpose of improving consumptive water use data in the basin. Minor equipment maintenance also done by staff.

8. Trout Unlimited

- a. Continue to work in partnership with Jesse Kruthaupt from TU to support agriculture irrigation infrastructure improvement project assessments and implementation throughout the Basin.

9. Water Fluency

- a. On September 10, completed the last session of Water Fluency.
- b. This class consisted of four sessions, one in-person in July, to learn more about water in Colorado and make professional connections with other water professionals in the state.

10. Landscaping

- a. Responsible for coordination and implementation of the UGRWCD office Xeriscape Project upon the departure of Alana Nichols. A new irrigation/sprinkler system control box was installed to allow for more precise control of scheduling and watering the yard which will be used as part of the demonstration/education components of this project.
- b. Phase I of the project is complete.
- c. Phase II (2026): Over the fall/winter, staff will create signage and other information materials for visitors to learn more about drought tolerant landscaping, water smart practices, potential associated costs, best practices and give ideas for local water wise gardens. It also includes the installation of a

backyard deck off the kitchen area which will serve as a gathering and relaxing work space for staff and visitors, board dinners, etc.

- d. Phase III (2027): Will include Xeriscaping the east and west sides of the building and perhaps the deck area.

11. Drought Resiliency Plan (DRP)

- a. Put into application skills learned at the ESRI User Conference (see below) to create a Dashboard for the drought website. This dashboard will allow people to use an ESRI Map interface to view different water supply planning map layers (e.g., Stream gages, National Hydrography Dataset, National Precipitation layer, National Drought Status) to understand current drought status and provide an opportunity to submit comments or questions to the District.

12. 2025 ESRI User Conference

- a. In July, attended the ESRI User Conference in San Diego with Water Resource Specialist Ari Yamaguchi.
- b. Notes on this conference:
 - i. One of the best and most useful conference learning experiences. Upon return to the office, I was immediately able to create District products utilizing Map Viewer, Model Builder, Story Maps, and Dashboards.
 - ii. Learned about different ESRI GIS Software that I did not know existed, future products to be released (e.g., integration of AI in the software) that I believe will be helpful in meeting District goals.
 - iii. Appreciate the opportunity to attend. This conference has encouraged me to continue to pursue skills and knowledge in GIS.

13. NFWF RESTORE Grant

- a. Responsible for overall coordination of the application which District staff are leading. Due on November 10, 2025. Working with Wet Meadows Program Director, Amanda Aulenbach, to write an application for the NFWF RESTORE Grant.
- b. This application will have projects that fall within three categories (Habitat/Wet Meadows Restoration, Aquatic Habitat Improvement, and Capacity Building).
- c. Partners may include Trout Unlimited, Gunnison Conservation District, NRCS, USFS, BLM, NPS, Cheatgrass Coordinator, and FWS.

MEMORANDUM

TO: UGRWCD Board of Directors
FROM: Amanda Aulenbach, Wet Meadows Program Director
DATE: 22 September 2025
SUBJECT: Wet Meadows Program Update – September 2025

Following is a memorandum of update to the UGRWCD Board of Directors on Wet Meadow & Riparian Restoration Program (Wet Meadows Program) activities over the past quarter and activities anticipated to happen in the next quarter (October 1 through December 31) of 2025.

Field Activities: Wet Meadows Program staff built 19 new structures over two weeks at Pinecrest Ranch (UMU Tribe); 18 new structures at Centennial State Wildlife Area (CPW) with 32 Backcountry Hunters and Anglers volunteers on Saturday, July 19th; and 12 new structures at Gold Basin (BLM) with 24 High Country Conservation Advocate volunteers during a two-day volunteer event on September 3rd and 4th.

Staff conducted structure maintenance assessments and new site assessments at six different BLM and USFS project sites, bringing the total number of sites assessed this season to 18. Staff also assisted Marcella Tarantino with Bird Conservancy of the Rockies and Renee Rondeau with the Program's long-term vegetation monitoring at Chance Gulch and Gold Basin (BLM) project sites.

Planning Prioritization Model: Joslyn Hays, an MS student at University of Denver has created a dynamic, customizable, and powerful tool that will allow Wet Meadows staff and partners from other agencies to quickly and easily generate customized priority areas for wet meadows work. The tool has an intuitive interface where the user can enter weighting values for parameters such as vegetation sensitivity or Gunnison Sage-grouse occupancy status to then generate an output that reflects priorities of the agency or a specific grant. The tool is also set up to be customizable from the back end, meaning source data layers can be updated, when necessary (satellite vegetation data or GuSG lek locations, e.g.), and new parameters can be added. Ms. Hays will share more details and demonstrate the tool at the October Board Meeting.

Education & Outreach: UGRWCD and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe representatives provided a tour of the wet meadow restoration project and helped build a structure at Pinecrest Ranch with two Colorado River Water Conservancy District (CRWCD) staff members on Tuesday, July 22nd.

Wet Meadows Program staff hosted Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District (NCWCD) on August 5-6th to provide field training for NCWCD staff to help build capacity for low-tech process-based restoration in their watershed. The first day we conducted a maintenance assessment with restoration practitioner, Shawn Conner of BIO-Logic LLC, at Chance Gulch (BLM); this project site was one of our first wet meadow sites, built in 2014. The second day we built two structures at Gold Basin (BLM). Staff are expected and excited to receive field training from NCWCD in 2026 to learn about their post-wildfire restoration efforts.

Wet Meadows Program staff participated in Coldharbour Institute and Western Colorado University's Wetland Delineation course the week of September 9-16th. This course provided valuable information on identifying wetland characteristics that will be useful for the District's wetland assessments.

Funding: In collaboration with Gunnison County's Sustainable Tourism and Outdoor Recreation (STOR) Committee, the Wet Meadows Program Director applied for \$40,000 in funding through the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Regional Partnerships Initiative grant. This funding would be used for Staff time, equipment costs (e.g., UTV), and contractual costs across land management boundaries. Awards will be announced in December 2025.

Anticipated Activities (Oct 1-Dec 31): Wet Meadows Program staff will assist Colorado Parks and Wildlife and US Forest Service partners with spraying cheatgrass at Centennial SWA and Wood's Gulch, respectively. Staff will conduct structure maintenance on Pinecrest Ranch (UMU Tribe) and Flat Top (USFS), and Staff will host a field trip for a Western Colorado University undergraduate class on Thursday, October 16th.

Wet Meadows Program staff will attend the Sustaining Colorado Watersheds Conference in Avon, CO October 7-9th.

In collaboration with Bird Conservancy of the Rockies and Gunnison Conservation District, Wet Meadows Program staff are hosting a Wet Meadows Restoration Landowner Workshop on Friday, October 3rd. The morning workshop will be held in the UGRWCD Board Room, with presentations from Program partners, followed by an afternoon field trip to a private land wet meadow restoration project site.

In collaboration with Siskadee, LLC and Gunnison County's Cheatgrass Coordinator, the Wet Meadows Program Director will be helping to host an interested private funder for Gunnison Sage-grouse conservation on Monday, October 6th. We will provide a tour of a wet meadow restoration site and cheatgrass mitigation project site. Wet meadow restoration and cheatgrass removal are two of the top priority actions listed in the Gunnison Sage-grouse recovery plan.

Wet Meadows Program staff will assist the Water Resource Project Manager with applying for a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation RESTORE grant that is due November 10th. Wet Meadows Program funding through this grant would include planning and implementation at three project sites, including Lick Park and Lost Canyon (USFS), and Red Creek (BLM).

Wet Meadows Program staff will complete the end of season report for the 2025 field season by December 31st.

MEMORANDUM

TO: UGRWCD Board of Directors
FROM: Amanda Aulenbach, Wet Meadows Program Director
DATE: 22 September 2025
SUBJECT: Request to Purchase Larger Field Truck

Background: The District purchased the Toyota Tacoma in March 2023 for \$45,250. The field vehicle supports numerous activities in rough terrain or areas requiring high clearance and is an essential part of our Wet Meadows & Riparian Restoration Resiliency Program and has increased efficiency and effectiveness, while increasing capacity and relieving stress on local agency partners. Having a field vehicle enabled the District to hire and transport wet meadow restoration technicians and purchase our own Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) for implementing wet meadow restoration projects (TNC funded). The field vehicle is also essential for other District-wide field activities, including conducting snow course surveys, water quality and quantity sampling, and agriculture infrastructure assessments. We also use it to transport the District's Water Wonder Trailer for education and outreach events.

Current Issues:

- **Constrained Interior Space.** The Toyota Tacoma has limited interior space. It has five seats but can really only carry four crew members comfortably with backpacks stowed in the truck bed. A larger crew cab field truck would provide an additional seat and additional cab storage space to have crew members keep their backpacks with them as well as store all our first aid supplies, satellite phone and emergency roadside equipment safely. Beginning in 2027, the Program anticipates possibly hiring a third seasonal technician.
- **Towing Limitations.** The total weight of the District's trailer and UTV is approximately 3,815 lbs. While the Toyota Tacoma has a stated towing capacity of 6,800 lbs. and is capable of towing the equipment, the reality is that we often carry additional weight with rock and other field equipment and supplies (e.g., shovels, picks, post pounder, generator, etc.). This requires traveling on the highway where we've experienced poor stopping distances and swaying, creating dangerous driving conditions. We also travel on difficult four-wheel drive terrain where the vehicle performs poorly. A heavier-duty field truck (three-quarter ton, such as an F-250 or 2500) would provide the additional torque required to safely and comfortably transport all equipment.
- **Limited Storage.** The Tacoma's 4-foot bed, reduced to three feet with the toolbox, has proven too small to transport materials (e.g., wood posts, rock) and equipment (e.g., post-pounder, hand tools) safely and effectively. A field truck with a longer bed is necessary to provide enough storage to haul materials and equipment.

Cost Estimate for Field Truck: Staff has conducted some preliminary research into the potential cost of trading in the Tacoma for a used, low mileage, field truck such as a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD LT Crew Cab 4WD with necessary trim package. Ideally, the new work truck will have at minimum, a skid plate, truck bed lining, all-terrain tires, and all-weather floor mats. Additionally, we will need to purchase a new toolbox to fit the larger truck.

Table 1. Summary of estimated initial expenses for new field vehicle based on the Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD LT Crew Cab 4WD. Note the skid plate and truck bed liner costs include a \$250 estimate for installation.

Line Item	Cost Estimate
Heavy-duty pick-up field truck	\$55,000
Miscellaneous fees	\$1,000
Toolbox	\$2,000
Truck bed liner	\$675
All-weather floor mats	\$240
Subtotal	\$58,915
Tacoma Trade-in Value (average)	\$34,518
TOTAL COST	\$24,397

The Kelley Blue Book Trade-in Value (checked on September 10, 2025) for our Toyota Tacoma with brand new all-terrain tires in “Very Good” Condition is estimated to be \$33,064 - 35,973. With this trade-in value, the potential cost of purchasing a new truck with an off-road trim package and toolbox would be around \$24,397 as listed in Table 1.

Cost Recovery: The costs associated with having and maintaining a field vehicle are supported by several Wet Meadows Program grants. Our current grants provide reimbursement via (1) mileage put on the field truck; (2) a daily use rate for the field truck & UTV; and (3) an indirect 10% cost recovery on grants we manage that help cover expenses.

Reimbursement from Program grants will depend on what land management agency, grant, and specific project sites we are working on in any given year. The following list provides a brief description of when/how vehicle usage can be reimbursed. The General Manager has directed staff to move away from a mileage reimbursement rate to a day use rate for all future grants to enable the District to fully recover actual costs and more easily track costs.

As of September 2025, the Wet Meadows Program has \$44,171 in funding across five different grants that can contribute to reimbursing field vehicle expenses. As an example, the Wet Meadows Program traveled 4,684 miles in 2023 and 2,038 miles in 2024 which equates to a reimbursement of \$2,600 and \$1,325, respectively at a rate of \$0.65/mile.

1. BLM Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) Contract #140L1724C0003
 - Project Period: September 2024-2027
 - Truck Day Use Reimbursement Rate at \$65/day
 - UTV & Trailer Day Use Reimbursement Rate at \$65/day
 - Indirect De Minimus Cost (10%)
 - Sites: BLM
2. BLM Cooperative Agreement #L24AC00687
 - Project Period: September 2024-2029
 - Mileage Reimbursement Rate at \$0.71/mile
 - Indirect De Minimus Cost (10%)
 - Sites: BLM
3. USFS Participating Agreement #22-PA-11020400-050
 - Project Period: June 2024-2027
 - Indirect De Minimus Cost (10%)
 - Sites: USFS
4. America the Beautiful POGG1-BDAA-202400003842
 - Project Period: September 2024-2026
 - Mileage Reimbursement Rate at \$0.71/mile
 - Indirect De Minimus Cost (10%)
 - Sites: Private, State, Tribal, or USFS
5. Fish & Wildlife Service Sagebrush Ecosystem #F22AP02885
 - Project Period: August 2022-2027
 - Mileage Reimbursement Rate at \$0.71/mile
 - Indirect De Minimus Cost (10%)
 - Sites: Private, State, Tribal, or USFS

Table 2. Breakdown of available funding (2025-2029) from current Wet Meadows Program grants for field vehicle cost recovery.

Line Item	BLM #L24AC00687	BLM Contract #140L1724C0003	USFS #22PA11020400-050	America the Beautiful	FWS #F22AP02885	Totals
Mileage Reimbursement Rate @ \$0.71/mile & average 3,361 miles/year	\$5,695	-	-	\$2,367	\$1,366	\$9,428
Day Use Reimbursement Rate @ \$65/day	-	\$5,500	-	-	-	\$5,500
Administration De Minimus (10%)	\$9,837	\$5,300	\$634	\$4,939	\$8,533	\$29,243
TOTALS	\$15,532	\$10,800	\$634	\$7,306	\$9,899	\$44,171

All of the above information has been reviewed and approved by Executive Management.

RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION: Staff are requesting Board authorization to potentially purchase a three-quarter ton work truck in 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$26,000 after Tacoma trade-in.

Wet Meadow Restoration

Free Workshop for Landowners



2012



2013



2014



2015



2016

Photos by Claudia Striebeck and Renee Rondeau

Wet meadows make up only about 1% of the landscape but are important to wildlife, livestock, and water retention on the landscape. Many of these systems have degraded over time - learn how and why to fix them! This is a free workshop for landowners who want to learn:

- How, why, and when to implement restoration
- Benefits to vegetation, wildlife, and water
- Agencies and organizations who can plan and fund projects
- Experiences of other landowners

At-a-Glance

- **October 3, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm**
- **Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District** (210 Spencer Ave STE A, Gunnison, CO)
- For more information, or to **RSVP for a free lunch**, contact Marcella Tarantino by phone (970-707-3049) or email (marcella.tarantino@usda.gov) .



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MEMORANDUM

TO: UGRWCD Board of Directors
FROM: Sue Uerling, Admin. Assistant./Comm. Support Specialist
DATE: September 16, 2025
SUBJECT: Education and Outreach Report

The following is an update on 2025 Education and Outreach action items since the previous report.

2025 Action Items:

- **ADVERTISING:**

The District is currently running two 60-second spots and one 30-second spot that run in rotation eight times a day on KEJJ and KVLE radio. These include a 60-second spot recorded by the UGRWCD technicians about protecting against Aquatic Nuisance Species, a 60-second spot about the Taylor Local Users Group, which will end later this month, and a general 30-second spot about the District. A new general 30-second spot is in draft form to run during sporting events broadcast by the stations as part of their Sports Package.

The District ran a display advertisement in the *Gunnison Country Times* and *Crested Butte News* for the Ohio Creek UGRWCD Board vacancy. There was also a display ad from the District in the *Gunnison Country Times* after Cattlemen's Days congratulating the 4-H Auction winners and a display ad for the "Welcome with Water and Wine" event at Buckel Family Winery. A display ad will also run in Gunnison and Crested Butte the last two weeks of September for the Wet Meadows Program "Free Landowners Workshop" on October 3rd.

The District ran a color ad in the free "Hunting Guide" magazine published by the *Gunnison Country Times*. It was a full-color ad designed by Savannah Nelson of Sunshine Creatives.

- **SPONSORSHIPS**

The District was the premier sponsor of the "Golden Circle of Champions" rodeo at Cattlemen's Days. This included a mention of the sponsorship by the rodeo announcers, a banner on the right side of the rodeo scoreboard, a banner on the back fence of the arena and a thank you with the District logo in the rodeo program and on all of Cattlemen's Days social media, as well as a number of free tickets for events each night of the week.

In addition, the District also sponsored the 4-H Auction Luncheon on Saturday, July 12, 2025 and provided free bandanas with the District logo for all attendees.

- **GENERAL OUTREACH**

The District sponsored a "Welcome with Water and Wine" event at Buckel Family Wine on August 7th, 2025. The event was an effort to educate newcomers and property owners to the valley about the District and unique aspects of Colorado water rights and administration. This was advertised in display ads, on postcards mailed to a list provided by realtor Crystal Peak Properties and on the social media

platforms of Buckel Family Wine, Crystal Peak Properties and the District. The District also provided a charcuterie grazing table for attendees and door prizes.

The District sponsored the coffee breaks at the Colorado Water Congress (CWC) Summer Conference in Steamboat Springs August 19-21, 2025. In addition to the mention of the sponsorship on CWC's website, the District also provided compostable coffee cups with lids with the UGRWCD Logo on one side and the saying "Coffee...Because It's Too Early For Wine" on the other side. These were available for all 500+ attendees.

- **NEWSPAPER ARTICLES**

The District staff have been writing and submitting articles on water subjects to the *Gunnison Country Times* for publication. To date, four articles have been published. Currently, there are two draft articles awaiting final edits as follows: (1) "End of Season Review for UGRWCD's Wet Meadows Program," written by the UGRWCD technicians; and (2) "Wildfire and Watersheds" written by Bailey Friedman. There are also articles planned about the District's Education and Outreach programming and the District's Augmentation program. Due to the fact that former *Gunnison Country Times* editor, Bella Biondini, is no longer employed by the newspaper, the District's water articles publication plan in the paper is uncertain and staff are working through this issue in hopes that they will still publish District articles regularly. Staff is also reaching out to *Crested Butte News* and *SilverWorld* to offer submissions under a similar arrangement.

- **FIRST GRADE WATER BOOK**

Staff have had regular contact with Chris Dickey and Kirsten Dickey about their contract to write, illustrate and publish a first-grade water book with a locally-relevant water theme. The Dickey's provided a conceptual outline for the book, sample illustrations and a timeline for the Education and Outreach Committee meeting on August 27, 2025. (See the minutes included in the Board Packet). The Dickeys will be providing some estimates for printing costs by the end of the month.

- **COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Education and Outreach Committee met on August 27, 2025 to review the 2025 Action Plan and expenditures and develop the 2026 Action Plan and Draft budget. (See the minutes included in the Board Packet).

RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION: The committee is seeking Board approval of the 2026 Education and Outreach Action Plan and Budget (Draft) as circulated in the Board packet.

2026 Education and Outreach Action Plan and Budget - Draft

Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District

	2025 Budget=\$41,270	2026 Budget=\$70,430	
EDUCATIONAL FOCUS AREA	Proposed for 2025	Proposed for 2026	# Individuals Reached
ADVERTISING			
Radio - Year-round on KEJJ and KVLE (Others?)	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,000	5000
CB News and CB News Magazine(s)	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,000	500
GC Times and The Shopper (& Magazine)	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,000	1500
GCT Ad - 4H Ag Winners	\$ 180	\$ 180	1500
Silver World	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	100
KBUT Underwriting	\$ 2,160	\$ 2,500	500
KVNF - Public Radio	\$ 520		1000
Video spot for Cattlemen's Days, website and other public events - **NEW**		\$ 10,000	10000
Sub-Total Radio and Newspaper	\$ 12,560	\$ 20,880	
GENERAL PUBLIC OUTREACH			
Water Message Promotional Items	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000	1500
Mini-Grant Program	\$3,000	\$ 3,500	3000
Mayors & Managers	\$ 200	\$ 250	20
Sponsorship of Water Groups/Events in Upper Gunnison (includes 3 fishing tournaments)	\$ 3,000	\$ 5,000	1000
River Clean Up Program - possibly again in the Fall - premiere sponsorship event - Whitewater Park)	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000	300
Cattlemen's Day 4-H Auction Lunch Sponsorship and Cattlemen's Days Golden Circle of Champions Sponsorship, Arena Banner Sponsorship and Scoreboard Sponsorship	\$ 500	\$ 6,500	3000
General 4-H Sponsorship for Environmental Focus (to Eureka McConnell Science Museum with bus and lunch	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100	30
Ag Venture Sponsorship	\$250	\$650	300
Crested Butte Public Policy Forum	\$750	\$750	350
Gunnison and CB Chamber of Commerce Memberships	\$660	\$750	3500
Website Hosting	\$500	\$800	N/A
Website Redesign work and Graphic Design (with Savannah Nelson) - **NEW**		\$11,000	10,000
Water Trailer Maintenance	\$ 500	\$ 500	5400
Three vehicle decals for three RTA buses - **NEW**		\$ 1,200	15000
Total General Public Outreach:	\$ 15,960	\$ 38,000	
SCHOOL AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS			
Swimming Classes (Ongoing)	\$ 750	\$ 750	400
Water Book - GES, CBES, LCES 1st Grade - **New Book**	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	165
RMBL Science Class Tour	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000	180
Taylor Challenge (Water education, scholarships, general sponsorship)	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	120
Science Water Classes (supplies or board/staff involvement)	\$ 1,500	\$ 300	100
Intern - Fall and Spring (N/A for 2026)	\$ 1,000	\$ -	
Total School and Educational Programs:	\$ 12,750	\$ 11,550	
Grand Totals	\$ 41,270	\$ 70,430	64,465

MINUTES
Education and Outreach Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 11:30 a.m.

Present: Brooke Zanetell, UGRWCD Committee Chair; UGRWCD Directors Rosemary Carroll (via Zoom), Joellen Fonken and Camille Richard (via Zoom); and UGRWCD Staff Sonja Chavez, Beverly Richards, and Sue Uerling.

I. Chair Brooke Zanetell convened the meeting at 11:33 a.m. Brief History by Beverly Richards, Senior Program Manager

- Senior Program Manager Beverly Richards gave a brief overview of the development of the Education and Outreach program from its inception in 2010 by Directors George Sibley and Bill Nesbitt to its current programming. She noted that the mission of the committee was to increase public knowledge and recognition of the UGRWCD and its operations. She believes the outreach efforts have really gained a lot of momentum and success in the past several years.

II. Chris and Kirsten Dickey review plans/mock-up of the First-Grade Water Book

- Due to a family health emergency, Mr. and Mrs. Dickey were unable to attend the meeting but did provide an update on the progress of the first-grade book. The general concept is as follows: *This is a story about a snowflake, named Wonder, and it's incredible and wonder-filled journey from the mountains of Crested Butte to the Sea of Cortez, and back. Along the way, Wonder transforms, of course, from a snowflake into a droplet of water. Wonder and friends spill into the Gunnison River, irrigating local hay meadows and helping make local agriculture possible. Some flow into Town Ditches, from which water is used to grow gardens. Wonder helps form Blue Mesa Reservoir, where, among many other things, Wonder and friends even turn the turbines that generate electricity that helps people live comfortably at home. Some of the other miraculous deeds of Wonder include carving out huge gorges in the earth's surface, at places like Black Canyon and the Grand Canyon. Of course, Wonder is used all along its journey by people — for drinking, first and foremost, but also cleaning stuff (including people and plates!) and other purposes. It's fun to play in and on, too! Another thing that Wonder supports all along its miraculous — and long! — journey from the mountains to the sea is wildlife, both aquatic and land-dwelling. Even birds. As this story clearly illustrates, water is essential for life. Wonder, in short, is pretty wonderful.*
- The Dickeys also provided some sample illustrations and provided layout and printing recommendations for a “landscape” layout. Pages will be wider than they are tall (horizontal). Each page, or page layout, will contain one primary scene and message. For example, one “chapter” will be about Wonder falling from the sky as snow; one “chapter” will be about Wonder's transformation from snow to water; etc. Note: A ‘chapter’ can encompass one single page, or two facing pages together. The original printing will be a paperback book and will also include an educational supplemental worksheet, or back-of-the-book activity ideas, to help first-grade teachers and parents enhance their children's reading/listening experience with standards-based curriculum. The narrative will be printed in both English and Spanish.

- The committee provided some feedback for the Dickeys, including understanding the five values of water, tribal history related to Colorado waters, the spiritual importance of water and some conservation messages, which can be shared in the educational supplement.

III. Review of 2025 Education and Outreach Action Plan/Budget and Expenditures to Date

- Administrative Assistant/Communications Specialist Sue Uerling reviewed the 2025 categories and expenditures and discussed successes and challenges. It appears the 2025 expenditures will come in just under the allocated total budget of \$41,270.

IV. Discussion and review of proposed 2026 Action Plan/Budget DRAFT

- Ms. Uerling presented the 2026 Education and Outreach Action Plan/Budget draft for the Committee. Some categories were increased to reflect increased costs, but the biggest changes for 2026 were due to some new additions, including: (A) Production of a short two-minute video that will highlight the mission of the District and its programming. This video will be used during the Cattlemen's Days Rodeo, on the District's website, and at public events. Ms. Uerling contacted some area videographers and received some ballpark quotes on the cost of approximately \$10,000. Once staff provides a specific script and video needs, this amount is likely to go down. (B) Production and installation of three vehicle decals for three RTA bus windows totaling \$1,200 (see item V below); and (C) \$11,000 for a contract with Savannah Nelson of Sunshine Creatives LLC to redesign the website to include and/or improve the Drought Contingency Plan, several other completed assessments, the final Watershed Management Plan and to help with graphic design and templates for the website and social media.

V. Suggestions and Brainstorming

- The committee discussed the proposed categories and amounts and were generally in agreement with the proposal. Director Camille Richard did offer that since the only radio station with good reception in Lake City is the public radio station KVNf-FM, it was agreed to leave this category in, although no advertising has been conducted on this station in the past. Director Richard also offered to help get some additional news coverage of water issues in *SilverWorld*.
- Director Joellen Fonken offered that a good way to reach residents and visitors alike would be to have a banner/vehicle decal on the windows of the RTA buses. She felt the cost would be nominal. Ms. Uerling will research this option.
- The committee was pleased with the growth and use of the Mini-Grants funding. There was discussion about increasing the allocation of funds even more in this category (the 2026 allocation was already increased by \$500 from 2025), but it was noted that staff is at capacity in managing more programming.

VI. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

MINUTES
Taylor Local Users Group
September 4, 2025, 8:30 a.m.

TLUG Attendees:

TLUG Representatives Present:

Don Sabrowski, TLUG Chair

Ernest Cockrell (Taylor Placer via Zoom)

Roark Kiklevich (Wade Fishing Interests)

Mark Schumacher (Boating Interests)

Andy Spann (Irrigation Interests)

Ryan Birdsey (Flatwater Recreation Interests Via Zoom)

Not Present:

David Fisher (Property Owners Interests Via Zoom)

Other Attendees:

Sonja Chavez (UGRWCD)

Attendees Via Zoom:

Dustin Brown (Scenic River Tours)

David Gochis (Airborne Snow Observatory)

Doug Forshagen (Crystal Creek Homeowners)

Pete Dunda (Taylor River Resident)

Patrick Plumley (Gunnison River Resident and Fishing Enthusiast)

I. Approval of Minutes

Don Sabrowski called the meeting to order. The minutes from the August 5th TLUG meeting were presented for review. The minutes were approved by consensus.

II. Upper Gunnison Basin Water Supply Report – Sonja Chavez

Sonja presented PowerPoint slides showing the current drought conditions in the Upper Gunnison Basin, highlighting the development of extreme and exceptional drought areas. She displayed precipitation data, including 30-day and 7-day totals, as well as a 7-day forecast, noting that the basin is currently at 82% of its median precipitation for this time of year. The

presentation also included a comparison of precipitation between the western and eastern parts of Colorado, with the Front Range receiving more rain than the western slope.

III. CBRFC Water Supply Update and USBR Model Forecast – Conor Felletter, USBR

The Taylor Park Reservoir September 1, 2025, forecast decreased by 100 AF compared to the August forecast.

The observed April through July runoff into Taylor Park Reservoir was 61,000 AF (65% of average). This runoff forecast puts the year in the Dry Year category with an end of October target content of 61,000 AF. The current forecast and release plan results in an October 31st content of 61,800 AF which provides the TLUG with an 800 AF buffer for any potential future drops in basin water supply.

Releases from Taylor Park Dam are currently at 225 cfs. The next change in the model is to reduce to 200 cfs on October 1st.

All TLUG representatives present supported the forecast provided by USBR for the month of September. Unless the September 15th forecast shows a significant decline in hydrology the TLUG will maintain releases at 225 cfs through September and lower the release rate to 200 cfs on October 1.

IV. WRF-Hydro Model Forecast Reports (ASO, Inc.) – Dave Gochis, ASO

David Gochis presented information from the WRF-Hydro forecast. He explained that the WRF Hydro model run aligns well with CBRFC. The small difference between the two models is likely a result of continued uncertainty of how much rain we will get. The overarching story is that across the Upper Gunnison Basin, stream baseflow values are the lowest to date until the most recent rains we received. These are a good reflection of antecedent soil moisture content so we should watch it to plan for how it may affect runoff efficiency next year. Baseflows in September are even lower than what we saw last year in November. Soil moisture at the Snotel and Snolite stations (Trail Creek, Cottonwood Pass and Mirror Lake) are trending on the very dry side. The forecast from the GFS model over next seven days shows modest monsoon activity. The GFS model is a little more positive than the European model. Over the next week or two there are at least two pushes of tropical moisture. Cool temperatures and regular afternoon cloud cover should keep evaporative demand lower in the Upper Gunnison.

V. Winter Flow Release Calculations Clarification

Ryan Birdsey asked for clarification on the calculation for determining winter flow release, specifically the instructions on “rounding to the nearest whole number” in the formula. As requested, the General Manager looked into and is providing the TLUG with a summary to help clarify what Ernie was explaining from the stipulation about where rounding happens:

1. **Determination of October 31 Minimum Storage Object for Dry Years.** Table 2 “Minimum Storage Objectives in Dry Years” summarizes the October 31 minimum storage objectives based upon the preliminary May 1 and June 1 forecasted inflow. As an example, if the final forecasted inflow as of June 1 is >60,000 AF but ≤61,000 AF (which is our current situation), then the table rounds up the October 31 end of year storage objective to be 61,000 AF.
2. **Winter Operations and Determination of Winter Flow Rates.** Winter flow rates are set based on or before November 1 based upon actual reservoir content on October 31. As an example, if the actual content of the reservoir on October 31 is less than 70,000 AF but more than 60,000 AF then we have to use the following formula to determine the winter release in cfs:

$$75 + .001 \times (\text{Actual October 31 content} - 60,000) \text{ rounded to the nearest whole number}$$

Carrying out this formula using the hypothetical example that this year we end up with a reservoir content of 61,523 AF on October 31, UGRWCD’s interpretation of the formula above is that the rounding takes place after you do the math and get the flow rate in cfs. In this case, the math result looks as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} &75 + .001 \times (61,523 - 60,000) \\ &= 75 + .001 \times (1,523) \\ &= 75 + 1.523 \\ &= 76.523 \text{ which when rounded becomes} \\ &= 77 \end{aligned}$$

In either case, rounding before or after, the difference in the resultant winter flow rate isn’t worth “falling on a sword over” given that we can’t control dam releases any better than within a range of 5-7 cfs. Consider the math in the example below when we have a hypothetical end of year storage content of 61,499 AF and we do rounding both ways:

$$\begin{aligned} &75 + .001 \times (61,499 - 60,000) \\ &= 75 + .001 \times (1,499) = 75 + 1.49 = 76.49 \text{ or } 77 \text{ cfs when rounded to the nearest whole \#} \end{aligned}$$

OR, ALTERNATIVELY

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 75 + .001 \times (1,499 \text{ rounded to nearest whole number prior to doing math} = 1,000) \\
&= 75 + .001 \times (1,000) \\
&= 75 + 1 = \mathbf{76 \text{ cfs}}
\end{aligned}$$

The difference between 77 and 76 cfs is 1 cfs and we can't control the dam release to within this degree of accuracy so either way we do it, the UGRWCD is fine with it.

Finally, Ernie did a great job of explaining what happens in a year when the October 31 end of year storage content is *less than* 60,000 AF. As a hypothetical example, the end of year storage content on October 31 is 58,400 AF. In this situation, the stipulation says that the rate of release shall be reduced from 75 cfs **by 2.5 cfs** for *every 1,000 AF* that the reservoir content is below 60,000. In this case, because we didn't fall below 58,000, we would reduce the winter flow rate by 2.5 cfs to 72.5 cfs.

VI. SEPTEMBER MID-MONTH REVIEW

Connor Felletter (USBR) will provide the mid-month forecast by September 17th via email, although he will be on a tribal river trip the following week and unable to meet. The TLUG agreed to communicate via email if any changes are needed in the release schedule to account for any significant downward trends in the forecast.

Water Management and Conservation Article Discussion

The group agreed to consider drafting an end-of-year article about water management and drought conditions in 2025.

VII. MEETING ACTION ITEMS

- Connor will provide a mid-month forecast by September 17th via email.
- Sonja to prepare a newspaper release about anticipated Taylor River flow releases for September.

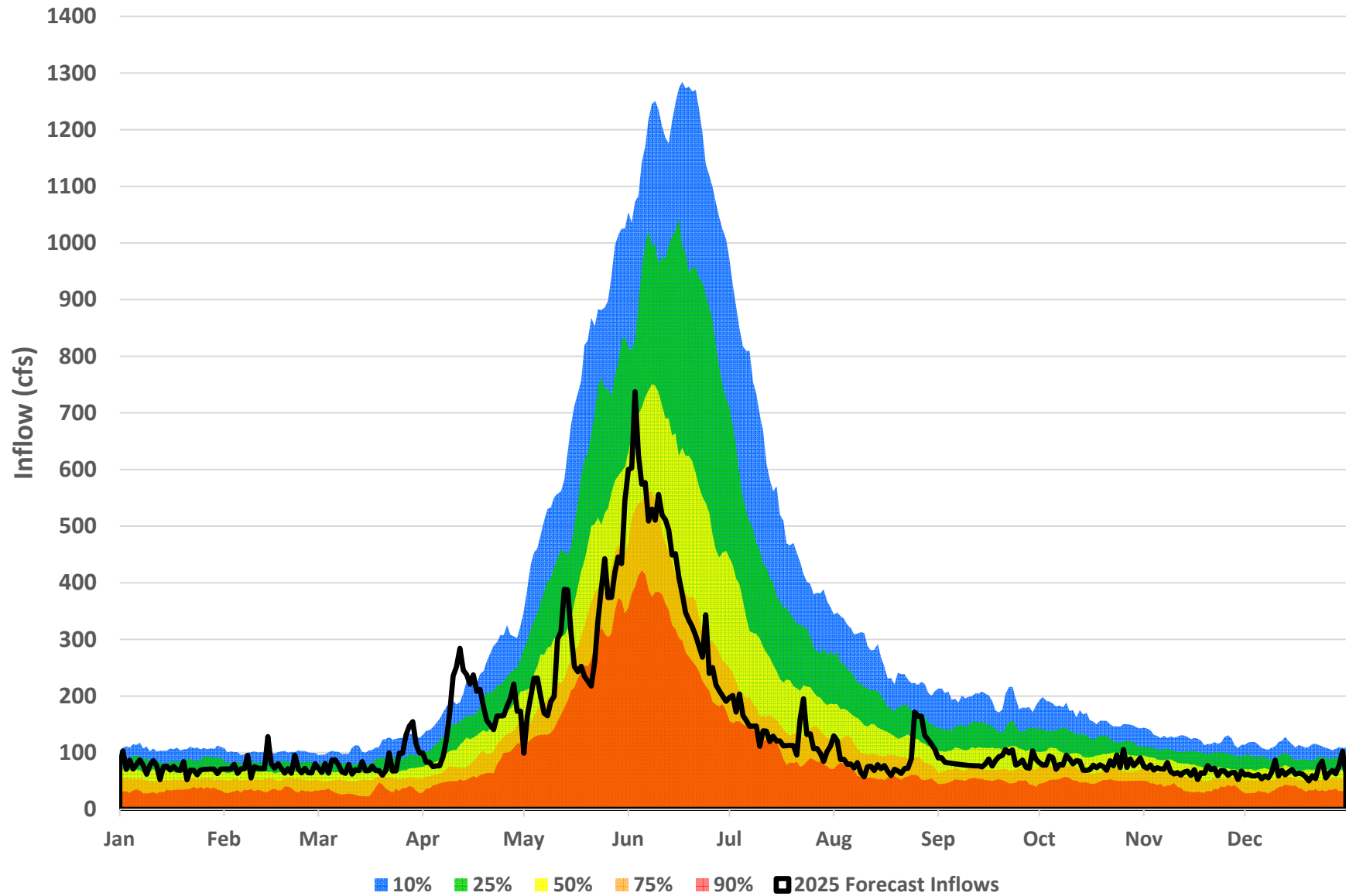
VIII. Meeting Adjournment

WY2025 CBRFC - Taylor Park Reservoir Most, Max and Min Inflow Forecasts (acre-feet)

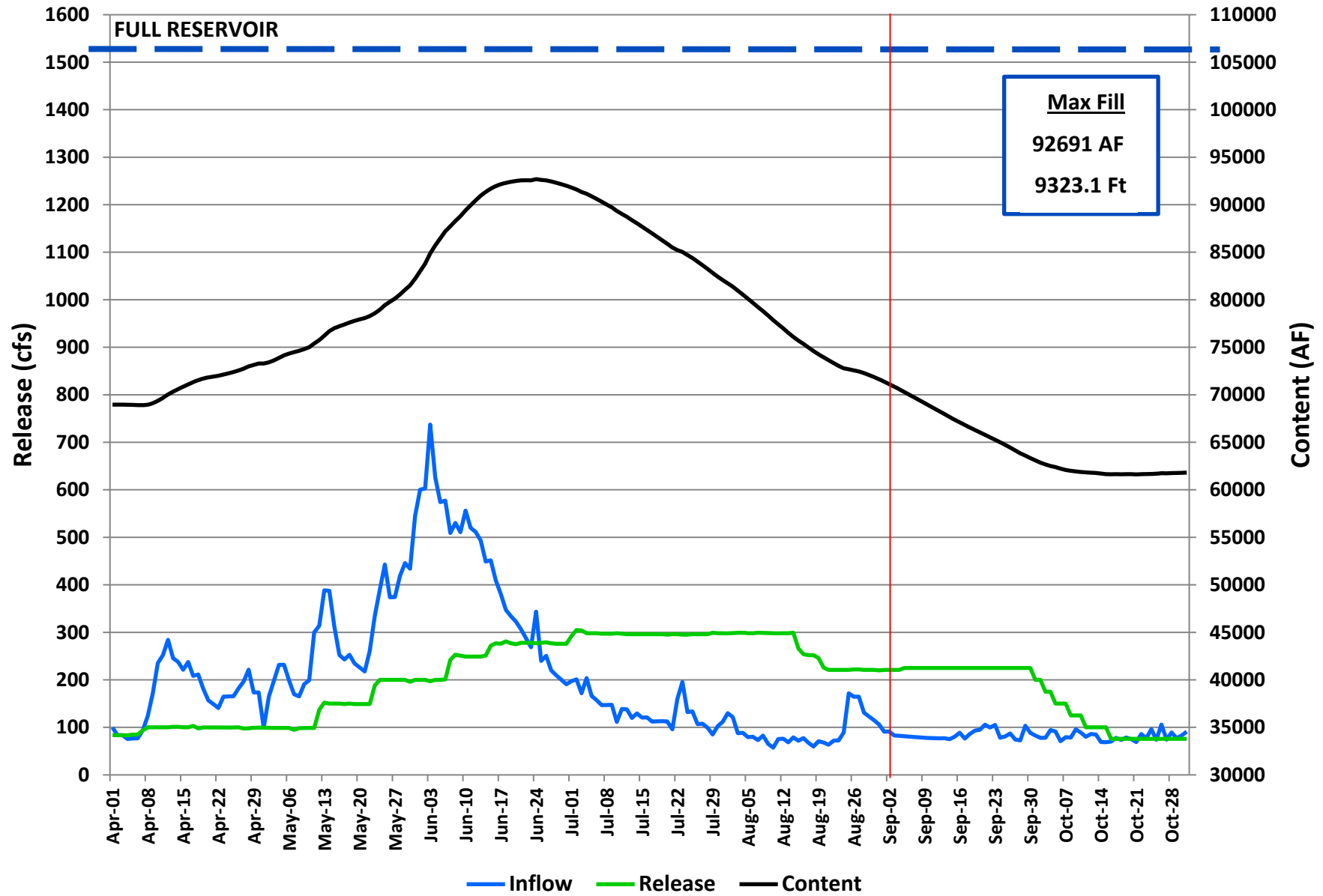
CBRFC Forecast Issued	Monthly Inflow Volume Forecast (Acre-Feet)											
	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
October	6,500	4,800	4,900									
Mid October	5,900	4,800	4,900									
November	6,420	5,000	5,000	5,000								
Mid November	6,420	5,200	5,000	5,000								
December	6,420	5,360	4,500	4,500	4,000							
Mid December	6,420	5,360	5,000	4,500	4,000							
January	6,420	5,360	5,060	4,500	4,000	4,500						
February	6,420	5,360	5,060	4,510	4,000	4,500	8,000					
March	6,420	5,360	5,060	4,510	4,150	4,500	9,000	24,000				
April	6,420	5,360	5,060	4,510	4,150	5,150	9,000	24,000	36,000	15,000		
May	6,420	5,360	5,060	4,510	4,150	5,150	10,000	22,000	25,000	11,000		
June	6,420	5,360	5,060	4,510	4,150	5,150	10,000	17,800	22,000	10,100	7,000	
July	6,420	5,360	5,060	4,510	4,150	5,150	10,000	17,800	24,900	9,100	6,900	5,500
August	6,420	5,360	5,060	4,510	4,150	5,150	10,000	17,800	24,900	8,300	5,900	5,300
September	6,420	5,360	5,060	4,510	4,150	5,150	10,000	17,800	24,900	8,300	5,700	5,200

Taylor Park Inflows

% Exceedence - Historical Inflows



Taylor Park Operations



Proposed Operation
Taylor Park Reservoir
September forecast = 65% (61,000) af
September 3, 2025

<u>Month</u>	<u>Inflow ac-ft</u>	<u>Average Inflow cfs</u>	<u>Outflow ac-ft</u>	<u>Average Outflow cfs</u>	<u>EOM Content ac-ft</u>	<u>EOM Elevation ft</u>
					70,820	
Nov 1-15	2,820	95	2,630	88	71,014	9310.70
Nov 16-30	2,530	85	2,680	90	70,869	9310.61
Dec 1-15	2,500	84	2,790	94	70,581	9310.43
Dec 16-31	2,560	81	2,740	86	70,405	9310.32
Jan 1-15	2,310	78	2,550	86	70,166	9310.17
Jan 16-31	2,200	69	2,700	85	69,657	9309.85
Feb 1-15	2,130	77	2,400	86	69,388	9309.68
Feb 16-28	2,020	73	2,450	88	68,962	9309.41
Mar 1-15	2,180	73	2,510	84	68,631	9309.20
Mar 16-31	2,960	93	2,660	84	68,930	9309.39
Apr 1-15	4,680	157	2,770	93	70,837	9310.59
Apr 16-30	5,410	182	2,960	99	73,284	9312.10
May 1-15	7,040	237	3,320	112	77,011	9314.34
May 16-31	10,800	340	5,610	177	82,201	9317.35
Jun 1-15	16,360	550	6,870	231	91,957	9322.71
Jun 16-30	8,550	287	8,250	277	91,994	9322.73
Jul 1-15	4,550	153	8,860	298	87,692	9320.41
Jul 16-31	3,770	119	9,400	296	82,060	9317.27
Aug 1-15	2,450	82	8,810	296	75,700	9313.56
Aug 16-31	3,210	101	7,260	229	71,642	9311.09
Sep 1-15	2,400	81	6,660	224	67,378	9308.40
Sep 16-30	2,650	89	6,690	225	63,331	9305.73
Oct 1-15	2,430	82	4,120	138	61,648	9304.59
Oct 16-31	2,570	81	2,410	76	61,809	9304.70

61,160 = April-July inflow
65% of normal
92,691 = Maximum Content

preliminary

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Scientific Endeavors

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Gunnison Basin Roundtable

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Miscellaneous Matters

CRWCD 2025 Annual Seminar

AGENDA

8:30 - Morning Block 1 – 2 hrs

Introduction and Welcome – 15 minutes

Welcome from staff

Remarks

- John Marshall
- Senator Catlin/Board President

Meet your Neighbor – Five minutes for each table to go around and introduce themselves to each other.

Hydrology: Expectation Versus Reality – CRD staff – 25 minutes

This introductory presentation will set the stage for the day's conversations while highlighting where we have seen a gap in expectation and reality when it comes to water availability. What happened in water year 2025? Where do we stand when it comes to basin-wide storage, Lake levels and releases? What can we expect to see in the winter of 25/26?

State of the River District – Andy Mueller – 40 minutes

Q&A – moderated by EA staff from virtual input (polling platform)

Break - 20 minutes

10:30 - Morning Block 2 – 2 hrs

Keynote Remarks/Conversation - Across the Aisle – 40 minutes

In our modern political landscape which is often defined by its broad divides, finding common ground can feel elusive at best. Yet safeguarding Colorado and the West Slope's water resources stands out clearly as a unifying cause. Rural communities depend on agriculture, recreation, and a thriving ecosystem, protecting healthy rivers is vital. Join Representatives Jeff Hurd and Joe Neguse as they share insights into their collaborative efforts and legislative strategies. Discover where consensus has been forged and their top priorities for the future. *Subject to change based on speaker availability*

Lost in Translation: Interstate Divide - 55 minutes

Representing upper and lower basin interests in agriculture, drinking water, tribes and the environment, panelists will discuss how the new supply-driven model proposal would impact them and the unique community/region they represent by looking at how it will interact with the following concepts:

- Water administration
- Conservation
- Natural shortages

Q&A – 20 minutes

12:30 - Lunch Block (1 hr 15 min)

Lunch – 35 minutes

Déjà vu Headlines: Haven't we been here before? Generational Divide - 35 minutes

This panel will include an unlikely array of voices in various seasons of their professional journey to join in a lively gameshow-style discussion where past or recent headlines are shared and panelists guess the decade/specific subject of that headline. The audience will play along on their phones if they'd like. Headlines will be submitted by all panelists directly to the host ahead of time along with several that are new to the entire panel. After voting, the individual who submitted that headline will briefly summarize the context and lessons learned from that unique moment in history.

1:45 – Afternoon Block (1 hr 15 min)

Community Funding Partnership – Summary and Video – 15 minutes

Agriculture and Alternative Forage: Theory versus Practice – Ag Drought Resilience – 35 minutes

Research into alternative forage and agricultural water conservation has advanced with an aim toward achieving water savings and economic benefits for producers. But what looks good on paper doesn't always play out quite so well in the field. What have we learned about crop switching opportunities, conservation opportunities such as temporary fallowing or deficit irrigation, and how are producers approaching that conversation? What are the broader implications of these programs for communities and producers?

Q&A – 20 minutes

3:00 - Closing Remarks

3:15 – Happy Hour

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Citizen Comments

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Future Meetings

FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS

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- ▶ **USGS Stream Workshop - Wednesday, September 24, 2025 8:30 a.m. to 4:30m.** <https://www.usgs.gov/centers/colorado-water-science-center/news/2025-usgs-stream-workshop-science-technology-research>
- ▶ **Wet Meadows Program "Landowners Workshop" - Friday, October 3, 2025, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the UGRWCD Conference Room**
- ▶ **Colorado River Water Conservancy District's Annual Seminar - Friday, October 3, 2025, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Mesa University**
- ▶ **UGRWCD Executive Committee Meeting - Monday, October 6, 2025 at 11 a.m.**
- ▶ **Taylor Reservoir Hydro Plant Tour - Monday, October 27, 2025 at Noon**
- ▶ **UGRWCD October Board Meeting - Monday, October 27, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.**
- ▶ **Veteran's Day - Offices Closed - Tuesday, November 11, 2025**
- ▶ **UGRWCD November Board Meeting and Budget Hearing - Monday, November 24, 2025, 5:30 PM**

AGENDA ITEM 14

Summary of Action Items

AGENDA ITEM 15

Adjournment