

LETTER OF BUDGET TRANSMITTAL

Date: January 31, 2024

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

Attached are the 2024 budget and budget message for ROLLING HILLS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 7 in El Paso County, Colorado, submitted pursuant to Section 29-1-113, C.R.S. This budget was adopted on October 24, 2023. If there are any questions on the budget, please contact:

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I, S. Alan Vancil, as Secretary of the Rolling Hills Ranch Metropolitan District No. 7, hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the 2024 budget.

By: S. Alan Vancil

**RESOLUTION
TO ADOPT 2024 BUDGET, APPROPRIATE SUMS OF MONEY,
AND AUTHORIZE THE CERTIFICATION OF THE TAX LEVY
ROLLING HILLS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 7**

A RESOLUTION SUMMARIZING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR EACH FUND, ADOPTING A BUDGET, LEVYING GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2024 TO HELP DEFRAY THE COSTS OF GOVERNMENT, AND APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY TO THE VARIOUS FUNDS IN THE AMOUNTS AND FOR THE PURPOSES SET FORTH HEREIN FOR THE ROLLING HILLS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 7, EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2024, AND ENDING ON THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Rolling Hills Ranch Metropolitan District No. 7 has authorized its consultants to prepare and submit a proposed budget to said governing body at the proper time; and

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

WHEREAS, upon due and proper notice, published or posted in accordance with the law, said proposed budget was available for inspection by the public at a designated public office, a public hearing was held on October 24, 2023 and interested electors were given the opportunity to file or register any objections to said proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, whatever increases may have been made in the expenditures, like increases were added to the revenues or planned to be expended from reserves or fund balances so that the budget remains in balance, as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the amount of money necessary to balance the budget for general operating purposes from property tax revenue is \$ 128; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the amount of money necessary to balance the budget for contractual obligation purposes from property tax revenue as approved by voters from property tax revenue is \$ 640; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the 2023 valuation for assessment for the District as certified by the County Assessor of El Paso County is \$ 12,320; and

WHEREAS, at an election held on November 2, 2004, the District has eliminated the revenue and expenditure limitations imposed on governmental entities by Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution and Section 29-1-301, C.R.S., as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROLLING HILLS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 7 OF EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO:

Section 1. Adoption of Budget. That the budget as submitted, and attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, and if amended, then as amended, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget of the Rolling Hills Ranch Metropolitan District No. 7 for calendar year 2024.

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

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

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

A. Levy for General Operating and Other Expenses. That for the purposes of meeting all general operating expense of the District during the 2024 budget year, there is hereby levied a tax of 10.395 mills upon each dollar of the total valuation of assessment of all taxable property within the District for the year 2023.

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

C. Levy for General Obligation Bonds and Interest. That for the purposes of meeting all debt retirement expense of the District during the 2024 budget

year, as the funding requirements of the current outstanding general obligation indebtedness is detailed in the following "Certification of Tax Levies," there is hereby levied a tax of 0.000 mills upon each dollar of the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within the District for the year 2023.

D. Levy for Contractual Obligations. That for the purposes of meeting the contractual obligation expense of the District during the 2024 budget year, as detailed in the following "Certification of Tax Levies," there is hereby levied a tax of 51.976 mills upon each dollar of the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within the District for the year 2023.

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

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

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

Section 6. Certification. That the appropriate officers of the District are hereby authorized and directed to certify to the Board of County Commissioners of El Paso County, Colorado, the mill levies for the District herein above determined and set, or be authorized and directed to certify to the Board of County Commissioners of El Paso County, Colorado, as herein above determined and set, but as recalculated as needed upon receipt of the final certification of valuation from the County Assessor on or about December 10, 2023 in order to comply with any applicable revenue and other budgetary limits or to implement the intent of the District. That said certification shall be in substantially the form set out and attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 7. Appropriations. That the amounts set forth as expenditures and balances remaining, as specifically allocated in the budget attached hereto, are hereby appropriated from the revenue of each fund, to each fund, for the purposes stated and no other.

ADOPTED this this 24th day of October, 2023.

ROLLING HILLS RANCH METROPOLITAN
DISTRICT NO. 7

Jeff Mark

President

ATTEST:

S. Alan Vancil

Secretary

Rolling Hills Metro District No. 7			
El Paso County, CO			
General Fund Budget			
Year Ended 12/31/2024			
Modified Accrual Basis			
	2022	2023	2024
	Actual 12/31/2022	Estimated	Proposed Budget
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
REVENUES			
Property Tax - Operating and Contractual	820	740	768
Specific Ownership Tax	85	74	77
Contingency Income	-	-	50
Total Revenues	906	814	895
EXPENDITURES			
County Collection Fee	25	22	23
Intergovernmental expenditures - District 1 General Fund	881	792	822
Contingency Expense	-	-	50
Total Expenses	906	814	895
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	-	-	-
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Emergency Reserve - 3% of Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Unrestricted Fund Balance	-	-	-

Rolling Hills Ranch Metropolitan District No. 1-15																
El Paso County, CO																
Property Taxes																
2023 Valuations for 2024 Taxes		233	234	235	236	237	238	239	240	241	242	243	244	245	246	247
	Combined	District	District	District	District	District	District	District	District	District	District	District	District	District	District	District
	Taxes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Agricultural Land - Market Value	1,481	116	117	104	104	105	105	79	79	97	97	83	83	104	104	104
Percentage	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%
Assessed Value	410	30	30	30	30	30	30	20	20	30	30	20	20	30	30	30
Public Utility state value	896,350	71,470	71,000	63,620	63,660	64,230	61,190	44,090	48,100	59,390	59,430	50,360	50,360	63,150	63,150	63,150
Percentage	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%
Assessed Value	250,070	19,940	19,810	17,750	17,750	17,920	17,070	12,300	13,420	16,570	16,580	14,050	14,050	17,620	17,620	17,620
Total Assessed Value	250,480	19,970	19,840	17,780	17,780	17,950	17,100	12,320	13,440	16,600	16,610	14,070	14,070	17,650	17,650	17,650
Total Mill Levy	61.978	62.371	62.371	62.371	62.371	62.371	62.371	62.371	62.371	62.372	62.372	62.370	62.370	62.370	62.370	62.370
Property Tax to be paid	15,524	1,246	1,237	1,109	1,109	1,120	1,067	768	838	1,035	1,036	878	878	1,101	1,101	1,101
Property Tax																
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 2,505	\$ 208	\$ 206	\$ 185	\$ 185	\$ 187	\$ 178	\$ 128	\$ 140	\$ 172	\$ 173	\$ 146	\$ 146	\$ 184	\$ 184	\$ 184
Contractual Obligations	\$ 13,019	\$ 1,038	\$ 1,031	\$ 924	\$ 925	\$ 933	\$ 889	\$ 640	\$ 698	\$ 863	\$ 863	\$ 732	\$ 732	\$ 917	\$ 917	\$ 917
Total	\$ 15,524	\$ 1,246	\$ 1,237	\$ 1,109	\$ 1,110	\$ 1,120	\$ 1,067	\$ 768	\$ 838	\$ 1,035	\$ 1,036	\$ 878	\$ 878	\$ 1,101	\$ 1,101	\$ 1,101
Mill Levy Charged																
Operations & Maintenance	10.002	10.395	10.395	10.395	10.395	10.395	10.395	10.395	10.395	10.395	10.395	10.395	10.395	10.395	10.395	10.395
Contractual Obligations	51.976	51.976	51.976	51.976	51.976	51.976	51.976	51.976	51.975	51.977	51.977	51.975	51.975	51.975	51.975	51.975
Total	61.978	62.371	62.371	62.371	62.371	62.371	62.371	62.371	62.370	62.372	62.372	62.370	62.370	62.370	62.370	62.370

**ROLLING HILLS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICTS NO. 7
EL PASO COUNTY, CO
2024 BUDGET MESSAGE
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ASSUMPTIONS**

The Rolling Hills Ranch Metropolitan Districts No. 7 is a quasi-municipal corporation organized and operated pursuant to provisions set forth in the Colorado Special District Act, and was formed in September, 2006. The Districts was established for the Rolling Hills Ranch community and encompass the land generally located East of Marksheffel Road, and between Bradley Road, and Drennan Road. They are located entirely within the boundaries of El Paso County, State of Colorado and contains approximately 1,200 acres, more or less. Along with its companion Districts No. 1 (“Service District”) and Nos. 2 through 6 and 8 through 15 (“Financing Districts”) this Financing District was organized to provide financing for the design, acquisition, construction and installation of public improvements, facilities and services. The proposed public improvements to be provided by the Districts include a water system, wastewater, streets, bridges, traffic controls and signage, drainage improvements, fire protection service, covenant control, mosquito control, and park and recreation facilities and other related improvements and their operation and maintenance.

The District has no employees at this time and all operations and administrative functions are contracted.

The following budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is consistent with the basis of accounting used in presenting the District’s financial statements.

GENERAL FUND

REVENUES

1. Property Taxes are based on the assessed value of property within the District as established by El Paso County. Mill levies are budgeted for Operations and Maintenance at 10.395 mills and 51.976 mills for Contractual Obligations.
2. Specific ownership taxes are budgeted at 10% of property taxes collected. These taxes are set by the state and collected by the county treasurer primarily on vehicle licensing within the county as a whole. They are allocated by the county treasurer to all taxing entities within the county.
3. Contingency income is budgeted for unanticipated income.

EXPENDITURES

1. The County property tax collection fee is based on 3% of the property tax received.
2. Net Operations & Maintenance tax revenues are paid as Intergovernmental Expenses for services to District #1.
3. A contingency expense is budgeted for unexpected expenses.

**ROLLING HILLS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICTS NO. 7
EL PASO COUNTY, CO
2024 BUDGET MESSAGE
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ASSUMPTIONS**

CAPITAL PROJECT FUND

REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

1. No revenues or expenditures are budgeted for the Capital Project Fund for 2024.

DEBT SERVICE FUND

REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

1. No revenues or expenditures are budgeted for the Dept Service Fund for 2024.

RESERVES

TABOR requires local governments to establish Emergency Reserves. These reserves must be at least 3% of fiscal year revenues. Since substantially all funds received by the District are transferred to District #1, which pays for all of the Districts' operations and maintenance costs, an emergency reserve is not reflected in the District's Budget.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. The basis of accounting for the District is the Modified Accrual Basis.
2. There are no operating or capital lease obligations of the District.

CERTIFICATION OF TAX LEVIES for NON-SCHOOL Governments

TO: County Commissioners¹ of El Paso County, Colorado.

On behalf of the Rolling Hills Ranch Metropolitan District No. 7,

the Board of Directors (taxing entity)^A

of the Rolling Hills Ranch Metropolitan District No. 7 (governing body)^B

(local government)^C

Hereby officially certifies the following mills to be levied against the taxing entity's GROSS assessed valuation of: \$ 12,320
(GROSS^D assessed valuation, Line 2 of the Certification of Valuation Form DLG 57^E)

Note: If the assessor certified a NET assessed valuation (AV) different than the GROSS AV due to a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Area^F the tax levies must be calculated using the NET AV. The taxing entity's total property tax revenue will be derived from the mill levy multiplied against the NET assessed valuation of: \$ 12,320
(NET^G assessed valuation, Line 4 of the Certification of Valuation Form DLG 57)
USE VALUE FROM FINAL CERTIFICATION OF VALUATION PROVIDED BY ASSESSOR NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 10

Submitted: 01/01/2024 for budget/fiscal year 2024.
(no later than Dec. 15) (mm/dd/yyyy) (yyyy)

PURPOSE <small>(see end notes for definitions and examples)</small>	LEVY ²	REVENUE ²
1. General Operating Expenses ^H	<u>10.395</u> mills	\$ <u>128</u>
2. <Minus> Temporary General Property Tax Credit/ Temporary Mill Levy Rate Reduction ^I	< _____ > mills	\$ < _____ >
SUBTOTAL FOR GENERAL OPERATING:	<u>10.395</u> mills	\$ <u>128</u>
3. General Obligation Bonds and Interest ^J	_____ mills	\$ _____
4. Contractual Obligations ^K	<u>51.976</u> mills	\$ <u>640</u>
5. Capital Expenditures ^L	_____ mills	\$ _____
6. Refunds/Abatements ^M	_____ mills	\$ _____
7. Other ^N (specify): _____	_____ mills	\$ _____
_____	_____ mills	\$ _____
TOTAL: <small>[Sum of General Operating Subtotal and Lines 3 to 7]</small>	<u>62.371</u> mills	\$ <u>768</u>

Contact person: Seef Le Roux Phone: (719)635-0330
 Signed: Seef Le Roux Title: Accountant for District

Survey Question: Does the taxing entity have voter approval to adjust the general operating levy to account for changes to assessment rates? Yes No

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

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

CERTIFICATION OF TAX LEVIES, continued

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

CERTIFY A SEPARATE MILL LEVY FOR EACH BOND OR CONTRACT:

BONDS^J:

- 1. Purpose of Issue: _____
Series: _____
Date of Issue: _____
Coupon Rate: _____
Maturity Date: _____
Levy: _____
Revenue: _____

- 2. Purpose of Issue: _____
Series: _____
Date of Issue: _____
Coupon Rate: _____
Maturity Date: _____
Levy: _____
Revenue: _____

CONTRACTS^K:

- 3. Purpose of Contract: Public Infrastructure
Title: Developer Reimbursement Agreement
Date: Anticipated 2024
Principal Amount: Unknown
Maturity Date: Unknown
Levy: 51.976
Revenue: \$ 640

- 4. Purpose of Contract: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____
Principal Amount: _____
Maturity Date: _____
Levy: _____
Revenue: _____

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