

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
PO Box 442 La Veta, CO 81055

RESOLUTION 2019-12-1
ADOPT 2020 BUDGET

A RESOLUTION SUMMARIZING EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2020 AND ENDING ON THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District has appointed Carol Dunn to prepare and submit a proposed budget to said governing body at the proper time; and

WHEREAS, Carol Dunn has submitted a proposed budget to this governing body on October 28, 2019 for its consideration; and

WHEREAS, upon due and proper notice, published in the local newspaper in accordance with the law, said proposed budget was also available for inspection by the public on the district's website, a public hearing was held on December 10, 2019, and interested taxpayers were given the opportunity to file or register any objections to said proposed budget; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, COLORADO:

Section 1: That estimated expenditures and reservations are as follows:

General Fund Operation Expenditures	\$2,518,102
Emergency Reserve	21,365
Operating Reserves	778
Total General Fund	\$2,540,245

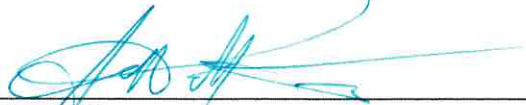
Section 2: That estimated revenues and resources are as follows:

General Fund Revenue	
From sources other than general property tax	\$2,144,020
From general property tax	267,446
Emergency Reserve (carried over from previous year)	21,365
Operating Reserves (carried over from previous year)	107,414
Total General Fund	\$2,540,245

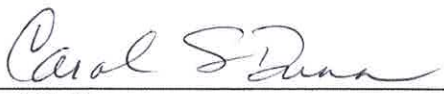
Section 3: That the budget as submitted, amended and hereinabove summarized by fund, hereby is approved and adopted as the budget of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District for the year stated above.

Section 4: That the budget hereby approved and adopted shall be signed by the President and Treasurer and made a part of the public records of the District.

ADOPTED this 10th day of December, A.D., 2019.



Scott King
President



Carol S. Dunn
Treasurer

**HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
PO Box 442 La Veta, CO 81055**

**RESOLUTION 2019-12-2
SET MILL LEVIES**

A resolution levying property taxes for the year 2019 to help defray the cost of government for the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District, Colorado, for the 2020 budget year.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District has adopted the annual budget in accordance with the Local Government Budget Law on December 10, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the amount of money necessary to balance the budget for general operating purposes from property tax revenue is \$267,446; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 valuation for assessment for the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District as certified by the County Assessor is \$125,679,506.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, COLORADO:

That for the purpose of meeting all general operating expenses of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District during the 2020 budget year, there is hereby levied a tax of 2.128 mills upon each dollar of the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District for the year 2019.

That the Treasurer of the Board of Directors is hereby authorized and directed to certify to the County Commissioners of Huerfano County, Colorado, the mill levy for the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District as hereinabove determined and set, based upon the final (December) certification of valuation from the County Assessor.

ADOPTED this 10th day of December, A.D. 2019.

Signed:  President

Attest:  Treasurer

**HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
PO Box 442 La Veta, CO 81055**

**RESOLUTION 2019-12-3
APPROPRIATE SUMS OF MONEY**

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY IN THE AMOUNTS AND FOR THE PURPOSE AS SET FORTH BELOW, FOR THE HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, COLORADO, FOR THE 2020 BUDGET YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has adopted the annual budget in accordance with the Local Government Budget Law on December 10, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has made provision therein for revenues in an amount equal to or greater than the total proposed expenditures as set forth in said budget; and

WHEREAS, it is not only required by law, but also necessary to appropriate the revenues provided in the budget to and for the purposes described below so as not to impair the operations of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, COLORADO.


That the following sums are hereby appropriated from the revenue of the general fund for the purposes stated:

General Fund Estimated Expenditures and Reservations:

General Operating Expenditures	\$2,518,102
Emergency Reserve	21,365
Operating Reserve	778
<u>Total General Fund Estimated Expenditures and Reservations</u>	<u>\$2,540,245</u>

ADOPTED THIS 10th day of
December, A.D. 2019:

Signed: _____


Scott King, President

Attest: _____


Carol S. Dunn, Treasurer

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Budget Message

The Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was formed by petition and court decree in 1972 under the Water Conservancy Act and exercises the powers granted to it in that act. Its boundaries encompass nearly all of Huerfano County. It is governed by a five member board of directors appointed by the Huerfano County District Court Judge from different constituencies specified by the decree. While continuing to monitor developments affecting water resources in the county, HCWCD is engaged in five major projects, including both river basins in the county:

- The district was approved for \$500,000 in grant funding from the CWCB for post-fire flood mitigation projects (hillslope treatments, seeding, stream clearing, check dams) on watersheds affected by the Spring Creek Fire. Local match included volunteer work and NRCS EWP funding through Huerfano County. Those efforts continue into 2020, and an additional \$700,000 grant is being sought to extend the work. A CWCB grant to HCWCD also funded a 2019 study of headgates/diversions which are imperiled by post-fire flooding. Additionally, HCWCD is participating in the grant project to install and monitor flash flood warning gages in the watersheds upstream of La Veta and Walsenburg to inform officials for evacuation purposes; that project continues through June, 2023.
- Efforts continue on a multi-agency collaborative effort to secure water storage in the Cucharas basin. Grants for phases three and four were approved and are funding additional geotechnical studies plus 30% design on three preferred reservoirs: South Baker Creek, Bruce Canyon and Maria Stevens Reservoir enlargement. The geotechnical report is due by the end of 2019, and the engineering designs will be completed by March, 2020. HCWCD is applying for three grants to fund phase five – engineering to 50% – which, if approved, will begin in 2020.
- On the Huerfano River, a permanent regional augmentation plan was decreed in 2017 under which junior water rights can divert with the benefit of augmentation water leased or purchased from HCWCD. Rules for the plan and rates for permanent augmentation water certificates are available on the district's website at www.hcwcd.net. In 2020, as operation under that decree continues, HCWCD anticipates serving residential, industrial, agricultural and commercial customers. Construction of phase 3, including a 47 a.f. reservoir, is complete. Phase 4 is scheduled for 2020.
- The District's 1056-acre historic William Craig Ranch was listed for sale in 2018, and the 2020 budget lists a revenue line item for the income when it sells. Repayment of the CWCB loan used to purchase the Ranch is shown under expenditures.
- The project to improve the water infrastructure, gages and monitoring wells on the Huerfano and Cucharas Rivers, improve the administration of water rights, and develop a futile call model is expected to be complete by June, 2020.

In addition to grants and loans approved in the future, the District will expend funds based on the full amount of its current mill levy (2.128 mills, \$267,446) plus an increase of \$444,400 in the pre-approved CWCB loan to fund the regional augmentation plan (extended to 12/31/2021).

The HCWCD budget was published in the World Journal newspaper and on the district's website. The budget hearing was held December 10 at 6:00 pm at the La Veta Fire Station operations room, 100 Birch St, La Veta, CO. The meeting was open to the public. Taxpayers were able to comment on the budget up to and during the budget hearing, mailing address: HCWCD, PO Box 442, La Veta, CO 81055.