

## 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 CREEKWALK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT in El Paso County, Colorado, submitted pursuant to Section 29-1-113, C.R.S. This budget was adopted on December 6, 2023. If there are any questions on the budget, please contact:

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I, Daniel Mientka, as President of the Creekwalk Metropolitan District, hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the 2024 budget.

By: Danny Mientka  
President

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

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 CREEKWALK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, 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 Creekwalk Metropolitan District has authorized its consultants to prepare and submit a proposed budget to said governing body at the proper time; and

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

WHEREAS, upon due and proper notice, published or posted in accordance with the law, said proposed budget was available for inspection by the public at a designated public office, a public hearing was held on December 6, 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 \$1,874; and

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the 2023 valuation for assessment for the District as certified by the County Assessor of El Paso County is \$ 88,700; and

WHEREAS, at an election held on November 7, 2017, 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 CREEKWALK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT 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 Creekwalk Metropolitan District for calendar year 2024.

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

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

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

A. Levy for General Operating and Other Expenses. That for the purposes of meeting all general operating expense of the District during the 2024 budget year, there is hereby levied a tax of 21.128 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 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  mills upon each dollar of the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within the District for the year 2023.

D. Levy for Contractual Obligations. That for the purposes of meeting the contractual obligation expense of the District during the 2024 budget year, as detailed in the following "Certification of Tax Levies," there is hereby levied a tax of  0  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  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  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 by December 15, 2023, 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 6th day of December, 2023.

CREEKWALK  
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

*Banny Mientka*

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President

ATTEST:



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Secretary

ATTACH COPY OF THE ADOPTED BUDGET AND  
THE CERTIFICATION OF TAX LEVIES

**CREEKWALK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**  
**ANNUAL BUDGET**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**CREEKWALK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT  
GENERAL FUND  
2024 BUDGET  
WITH 2022 ACTUAL AND 2023 ESTIMATED  
For the Years Ended and Ending December 31,**

1/3/24

	ACTUAL 2022	ESTIMATED 2023	BUDGET 2024
BEGINNING FUND BALANCES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
REVENUES			
Property taxes	-	-	1,874
Specific ownership taxes	-	-	187
Developer advance	-	22,500	47,939
Total revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>22,500</u>	<u>50,000</u>
TRANSFERS IN			
Total funds available	<u>-</u>	<u>22,500</u>	<u>50,000</u>
EXPENDITURES			
General and administrative			
Accounting	-	10,000	20,000
County Treasurer's fee	-	-	28
Dues and membership	-	-	2,500
Insurance	-	1,500	1,500
Legal	-	10,000	20,000
Miscellaneous	-	1,000	1,000
Contingency	-	-	4,972
Total expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>22,500</u>	<u>50,000</u>
TRANSFERS OUT			
Total expenditures and transfers out requiring appropriation	<u>-</u>	<u>22,500</u>	<u>50,000</u>
ENDING FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
EMERGENCY RESERVE	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 100</u>
TOTAL RESERVE	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 100</u>

No assurance is provided. See summary of significant assumptions.



**CREEKWALK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT  
PROPERTY TAX SUMMARY INFORMATION  
2024 BUDGET  
WITH 2022 ACTUAL AND 2023 ESTIMATED  
For the Years Ended and Ending December 31,**

1/3/24

	ACTUAL 2022	ESTIMATED 2023	BUDGET 2024
<b>ASSESSED VALUATION</b>			
Residential	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,540
Vacant land	-	-	44,510
			115,050
Adjustments (TIF)	-	-	(26,350)
Certified Assessed Value	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 88,700
 <b>MILL LEVY</b>			
General	0.000	0.000	21.128
Total mill levy	0.000	0.000	21.128
 <b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>			
General	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,874
Levied property taxes	-	-	1,874
Budgeted property taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,874
 <b>BUDGETED PROPERTY TAXES</b>			
General	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,874
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,874

No assurance is provided. See summary of significant assumptions.

**CREEKWALK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT  
2024 BUDGET  
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ASSUMPTIONS**

**Services Provided**

Creekwalk Metropolitan District (“the District”), a quasi-municipal corporation and a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, was organized by Ordinance of the City of Pueblo on May 17, 2023. The District's service area is located entirely within the City of Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Colorado and is governed pursuant to provisions of the Colorado Special District Act (Title 32, Article 1, Colorado Revised Statutes).

The District was organized to provide the finance, construction, operation, and maintenance of all of the services and public improvements allowed under Colorado law for business improvement districts. Specific improvements and services provided by the District include water, sewer, street, safety protection, parks and recreation, transportation, mosquito control, security services, and fire protection services.

The District has no employees and all administrative functions are contractual.

The District prepares its budget on the modified accrual basis of accounting in accordance with the requirements of Colorado Revised Statutes C.R.S. 29-1-105 using its best estimates as of the date of the budget hearing. These estimates are based on expected conditions and its expected course of actions. The assumptions disclosed herein are those that the District believes are significant to the budget. There will usually be differences between the budget and actual results, because events and circumstances frequently do not occur as expected, and those difference may be material.

**Revenues**

**Property Taxes**

Property taxes are levied by the District’s Board of Directors. The levy is based on assessed valuations determined by the County Assessor generally as of January 1 of each year. The levy is normally set by December 15 by certification to the County Commissioners to put the tax lien on the individual properties as of January 1 of the following year. The County Treasurer collects the determined taxes during the ensuing calendar year. The taxes are payable by April or, if in equal installments, at the taxpayer’s election, in February and June. Delinquent taxpayers are notified in August and generally sales of the tax liens on delinquent properties are held in November or December. The County Treasurer remits the taxes collected monthly to the District.

The calculation of the taxes levied is displayed on the Property Tax Summary page of the budget using the adopted mill levy imposed by the District.

**CREEKWALK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT  
2024 BUDGET  
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ASSUMPTIONS**

**Revenues (continued)**

**Property Taxes (continued)**

For property tax collection year 2024, SB22-238 and SB23B-001 set the assessment rates and actual value reductions as follows:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Rate</b>		<b>Category</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Actual Value Reduction</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Single-Family Residential	6.70%		Agricultural Land	26.40%	Single-Family Residential	\$55,000
Multi-Family Residential	6.70%		Renewable Energy Land	26.40%	Multi-Family Residential	\$55,000
Commercial	27.90%		Vacant Land	27.90%	Commercial	\$30,000
Industrial	27.90%		Personal Property	27.90%	Industrial	\$30,000
Lodging	27.90%		State Assessed	27.90%	Lodging	\$30,000
			Oil & Gas Production	87.50%		

**Specific Ownership Taxes**

Specific ownership taxes are set by the State and collected by the County Treasurer, primarily on vehicle licensing within the County as a whole. The specific ownership taxes are allocated by the County Treasurer to all taxing entities within the County. The budget assumes that the District's share will be equal to approximately 10% of the property taxes collected.

**Developer Advances**

The District is in the development stage. As such, the operating and administrative expenditures will be mainly funded by the Developer. Developer advances are recorded as revenue for budget purposes with an obligation for future repayment when the District is financially able to reimburse the Developer from bond proceeds and other legally available revenue.

**Expenditures**

**Administrative and Operating Expenditures**

Administrative and operating expenditures include the estimated services necessary to maintain the District's administrative viability such as legal, accounting, insurance, and other administrative and operating expenses.

**County Treasurer's Fees**

County Treasurer's fees have been computed at 1.5% of property tax collections.

**CREEKWALK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT  
2024 BUDGET  
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ASSUMPTIONS**

**Debt and Leases**

The District has no debt, nor any operating or capital leases.

**Reserves**

**Emergency Reserve**

The District has provided for an Emergency Reserve fund equal to at least 3.0% of fiscal year spending for 2024, as defined under TABOR.

**This information is an integral part of the accompanying budget.**

# CERTIFICATION OF TAX LEVIES for NON-SCHOOL Governments

TO: County Commissioners<sup>1</sup> of \_\_\_\_\_, Colorado.

On behalf of the \_\_\_\_\_  
(taxing entity)<sup>A</sup>  
the \_\_\_\_\_  
(governing body)<sup>B</sup>  
of the \_\_\_\_\_  
(local government)<sup>C</sup>

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

Note: If the assessor certified a NET assessed valuation (AV) different than the GROSS AV due to a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Area<sup>F</sup> 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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (NET<sup>G</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_ for budget/fiscal year \_\_\_\_\_  
(no later than Dec. 15) (mm/dd/yyyy) (yyyy)

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

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signed: *Carrie Benton* 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.

<sup>1</sup> 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.  
<sup>2</sup> 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<sup>J</sup>:**

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<sup>K</sup>:**

3. Purpose of Contract: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Principal Amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
Maturity Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Levy: \_\_\_\_\_  
Revenue: \_\_\_\_\_

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.