### Resolution No. 2024-11-04

# RESOLUTION ADOPTING BUDGET, APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY AND CERTIFYING MILL LEVIES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025

The Board of Directors of Whispering Waters Irrigation Metropolitan District (the "**Board**"), Town of Firestone, Weld County, Colorado (the "**District**"), held a special meeting, via teleconference on November 22, 2024, at the hour of 11:00 a.m.

Prior to the meeting, each of the directors was notified of the date, time, and place of the budget meeting and the purpose for which it was called, and a notice of the meeting was posted or published in accordance with § 29-1-106, C.R.S.

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# NOTICE AS TO PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET

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# AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

State of Colorado } County of Weld }ss

This Affidavit of Publication for the Fort Lupton Press, a weekly newspaper, printed and published for the County of Weld, State of Colorado, hereby certifies that the attached legal notice was published in said newspaper once in each week, for 1 successive week(s), the last of which publication was made 11/14/2024, and that copies of each number of said paper in which said Public Notice was published were delivered by carriers or transmitted by mail to each of the subscribers of said paper, according to their accustomed mode of business in this office.

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For the Fort Lupton Press

State of Colorado } County of Arapahoe } ss

The above Affidavit and Certificate of Publication was subscribed and sworn to before me by the above named Linda Shapley, publisher of said newspaper, who is personally known to me to be the identical person in the above certificate on 11/14/2024. Linda Shapley has verified to me that she has adopted an electronic signature to function as her signature on this document.

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Jean Schaffer Notary Public My commission ends January 16, 2028 JEÁN SCHAFFER NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF COLORADO NOTARY ID 20134029363 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JAN 16,-2028

#### Public Notice

FIRELIGHT IRRIGATION METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, FIRELIGHT COMMERCIAL METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, FIRELIGHT RESIDENTIAL METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, WHIISPERING WATERS IRRIGATION METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, AND WHIISPERING WATERS

NOTICE CONCERNING 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT AND PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET

NOTICE: IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Boards of Directors, (the "Boards") of the FIRELIGHT IRRIGATION METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, FIRELIGHT COMMERCIAL METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, FIRELIGHT, RESIDENTIAL METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, WHISPERING WATERS, IRRIGATION METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, AND WHISPERING WATERS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NOS, 1-6; (the "District"), the meetings will be hald on Friday, November 22, 2024, at 11:00 AM, via Zoom for the purpose of conducing such business as may come before the Boards including a public heading on the 2025 proposed Budgets, (the "Proposed Budgets"). This meeding way have arise for an Amendment to the 2024 Budgets (the "Amended Budgets"). This mocing an be joined using the following Information:

https://us02web.zoom.us//7636703470 Phone Number: (720) 707-2699 Meeting ID[ 763 670 3470 Passcode;#

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Proposed Budgets and Amended Budgets (If applicable) have boor submitted to the Districts. A copy of the Proposed Budgets and Amended Budgets are on file; at the District's office, 405 Urban Street, Suite 310, Liskwood, Colorado, where the same are open for public inspection.

Any interested elector of the Districts may file, any objections to the Proposed Budgets and Amended Budgets at any time prior to final adoption, of the Proposed Budgets, or the Amended Budgets by the Boards.

FIRELIGHT IRRIGATION METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, FIRELIGHT COMMERCIAL METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, FIRELIGHT RESIDENTIAL METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, WHIISPERING WATERS IRRIGATION METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, AND WHIISPERING WATERS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NOS. 1-8

By Ist AJ Beckman District Manager

Legal Notice No. FLP1157 First Publication: November 14, 2024 Last Publication: November 14, 2024 Publisher, Fort Lupton Press WHEREAS, the Board has appointed its accountant to prepare and submit a proposed budget to the Board in accordance with Colorado law; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget has been submitted to the Board for its review and consideration; and

WHEREAS, upon due and proper notice, provided in accordance with Colorado law, said proposed budget was available for inspection by the public at a designated place, a public hearing was held and interested electors of the District were provided a public comment period and given the opportunity to file any objections to the proposed budget prior to the final adoption of the budget by the Board.

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. <u>Adoption of Budget</u>. The budget attached hereto and incorporated herein is approved and adopted as the budget of the District for fiscal year 2025. In the event of recertification of values by the County Assessor's Office after the date of adoption hereof, staff is hereby directed to modify and/or adjust the budget and certification to reflect the recertification without the need for additional Board authorization. Any such modification to the budget or certification as contemplated by this Section 1 shall be deemed ratified by the Board.

Section 2. <u>Levy of Property Taxes</u>. The Board does hereby certify the levy of property taxes for collection in 2025 as more specifically set out in the budget attached hereto.

Section 3. <u>Mill Levy Adjustment</u>. When developing the attached budget, consideration was given to any changes in the method of calculating assessed valuation, including any changes to the assessment ratios, or any constitutionally mandated tax credit, cut, or abatement, as authorized in the District's service plan. The Board hereby determines in good faith (such determination to be binding and final), that to the extent possible, the adjustments to the mill levies made to account for changes in Colorado law described in the prior sentence, and the actual tax revenues generated by the mill levies, are neither diminished nor enhanced as a result of those changes.

Section 4. <u>Certification to County Commissioners</u>. The Board directs its legal counsel, manager, accountant, or other designee to certify to the Board of County Commissioners of Weld County, Colorado the mill levies for the District as set forth herein. Such certification shall be in compliance with the requirements of Colorado law.

Section 5. <u>Appropriations</u>. The amounts set forth as expenditures in the budget attached hereto are hereby appropriated from the revenue of each fund for the purposes stated.

Section 6. <u>Filing of Budget and Budget Message</u>. The Board hereby directs its legal counsel, manager, or other designee to file a certified copy of the adopted budget resolution, the budget and budget message with the Division of Local Government by January 30 of the ensuing year.

Section 7. <u>Budget Certification</u>. The budget shall be certified by a member of the District, or a person appointed by the District, and made a part of the public records of the District.

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ADOPTED NOVEMBER 22, 2024.

#### **DISTRICT:**

WHISPERING WATERS IRRIGATION METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Colorado

Signed by: By

ATTEST:

By: Dale Bruns

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

WHITE BEAR ANKELE TANAKA & WALDRON Attorneys at Law

Signed by:

General Counsel to the District

STATE OF COLORADO COUNTY OF WELD WHISPERING WATERS IRRIGATION METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution constitutes a true and correct copy of the record of proceedings of the Board adopted by a majority of the Board at a District meeting held via teleconference on Friday, November 22, 2024, as recorded in the official record of the proceedings of the District.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2024.

DocuSigned by: TTREEPFEB9FDB4B1...

# EXHIBIT A

# **BUDGET DOCUMENT**

# **BUDGET MESSAGE**

# WHISPERING WATERS IRRIGATION METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

# ANNUAL BUDGET

# FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025



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Certified Public Accountants

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# Accountant's Compilation Report

Board of Directors Whispering Waters Irrigation Metropolitan District Weld County, Colorado

Management is responsible for the accompanying budget of revenues, expenditures, and fund balances of Whispering Waters Irrigation Metropolitan District (District), for the year ending December 31, 2025, including the estimate of comparative information for the year ending December 31, 2024, and the actual comparative information for the year ending December 31, 2023, in the format required by Colorado Revised Statutes 29-1-105. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We did not examine or review the budget nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on the accompanying budget.

The budget is presented in accordance with the requirements of Colorado Revised Statutes 29-1-105, and is not intended to be a presentation in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We are not independent with respect to Whispering Waters Irrigation Metropolitan District.

SCHILLING & Company, INC.

Highlands Ranch, Colorado December 9, 2024

### WHISPERING WATERS IRRIGATION METROPOLITAN DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX SUMMARY INFORMATION 2025 BUDGET AS ADPOTED WITH 2023 ACTUAL AND 2024 ESTIMATED FOR THE YEARS ENDED AND ENDING DECEMBER 31,

	ADOPTED ACTUAL BUDGET 2023 2024			ADOPTED BUDGET 2025		
Assessed Valuation Weld County	\$ 10	\$	1,130,070	\$	552,610	
TIF District Reduction	-		(489,481)		(248,844)	
Total Assessed Valuation	\$ 10	\$	640,589	\$	303,766	
Mill Levy General Fund			50.638		51.646	
General i unu			50.050		51.040	
Total Mill Levy	-		50.638		51.646	
Tax Revenue Levied						
General Fund	\$ -	\$	32,438	\$	15,688	
Total Tax Revenue Levied	\$ 	\$	32,438	\$	15,688	

This financial information should be read only in connection with the accompanying accountant's report and the summary of significant assumptions.

### WHISPERING WATERS IRRIGATION METROPOLITAN DISTRICT GENERAL FUND 2025 BUDGET AS ADPOTED WITH 2023 ACTUAL AND 2024 ESTIMATED FOR THE YEARS ENDED AND ENDING DECEMBER 31,

	ACTUAL 2023		ESTIMATED 2024		ADOPTED BUDGET 2025	
Beginning Funds Available	\$	-	\$		\$	31,807
Revenue						
Property taxes		-		32,441		15,688
Specific ownership taxes		-		2,052		941
NFURA taxes		-		25,164		12,852
Intergovernmental-WWMDs 1-6		-		-		60,000
Developer Advances		-		-		52,237
Total Revenue		-		59,657		141,718
Total Available		-		59,657		173,525
Expenditures						
Management		-		7,712		10,000
Legal		-		13,226		15,000
Accounting		-		2,784		4,000
Insurance		-		3,263		3,500
Election		-		-		45,000
Treasurer's Fees		-		487		235
Treasurer's Fees - NFURA		-		378		193
Miscellaneous		-		-		500
Contingency		-		-		60,000
Total Expenditures requiring						
appropriation		-		27,850		138,428
Ending Funds Available	\$	-	\$	31,807	\$	35,097
Emergency Reserve	\$	-	\$	1,790	\$	2,684

This financial information should be read only in connection with the accompanying accountant's report and the summary of significant assumptions.

### WHISPERING WATERS IRRIGATION METROPOLITAN DISTRICT 2025 BUDGET SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ASSUMPTIONS

Disclosures contained in this summary as presented by management, are those that are believed to be significant as of the date of the compilation report and are not intended to be all-inclusive. The disclosures are intended to describe assumptions used during the preparation of the 2025 annual budget. Actual results may differ from the prospective results contained in the budget.

# SERVICES PROVIDED

The District was organized in 2009 along with Firelight Irrigation Metropolitan District, Firelight Commercial Metropolitan District, Firelight Residential Metropolitan District and Whispering Waters Metropolitan District Nos. 1 and 2. Whispering Waters Metropolitan District Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6 were organized in 2017. All of the Districts combined are referred to as the Districts. The Districts were organized in Weld County, Colorado and are governed pursuant to provisions of the Colorado Special District Act. The Districts were organized to finance, construct, acquire, and, if required or authorized by an intergovernmental agreement with the Town of Firestone, operate and maintain certain streets, traffic safety controls, street lighting, water, sanitary sewer, landscaping, storm sewers, flood and surface drainage and park and recreation improvements.

The District obtained voter approval to retain and spend any excess revenues collected under Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution.

The District prepares its budget on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

# **REVENUE/EXPENDITURES**

### Property Tax

Property taxes are forecasted based on the mill levy adopted applied to the annual assessed valuation. The calculation of the taxes levied is displayed on page 2.

### Specific Ownership Taxes

Specific ownership taxes are set by the State of Colorado 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 forecast assumes that the District's percentage share will be approximately 6% of the property tax revenue collected.

### Intergovernmental Transfers

The District is anticipating receiving transfers from the Whispering Waters Metropolitan Districts Nos. 1-6 to provide funding for operating costs of the District.

### Administrative Expenditures

District expenditures are estimated based on prior years' amounts expended adjusted for known variations. The District has budgeted inflationary increases for 2025 with no significant changes in the level of services provided.

### WHISPERING WATERS IRRIGATION METROPOLITAN DISTRICT 2025 BUDGET SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ASSUMPTIONS

# RESERVES

The District is not anticipating any revenue that is subject to TABOR. Therefore, no emergency reserve is required.

This information is an integral part of the accompanying budget.