

Resolution No. 2024-11-03

**JOINT RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF
WHISPERING WATERS IRRIGATION METROPOLITAN DISTRICT AND
WHISPERING WATERS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NOS. 1-6
ADOPTING A DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY POLICY AND DESIGNATING A
COMPLIANCE OFFICER**

WHEREAS, the Whispering Waters Irrigation Metropolitan District and Whispering Waters Metropolitan District Nos. 1-6 (each, individually a “**District**”) are quasi-municipal corporations and political subdivisions of the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 32-1-1001(1)(h), C.R.S., the Board of Directors of each District (the “**Board**”) is empowered with the management, control, and supervision of all the business and affairs of the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 24-85-103(2.5), C.R.S., the Chief Information Officer in the Office of Information Technology has adopted accessibility standards as specified in 8 CCR 1501-11 Rules Establishing Technology Accessibility Standards (the “**Rules**”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 24-85-103(3), C.R.S., on or before July 1, 2024, the District is required to take action to comply with the Rules; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to adopt this Resolution to implement a digital accessibility policy and designate a compliance officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

1. Adoption of Digital Accessibility Policy. The District hereby adopts the Digital Accessibility Policy (the “**Digital Accessibility Policy**”) set forth in **Exhibit A**, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

2. Appointment of Compliance Officer. The District hereby designates Public Alliance, LLC, as the District’s Compliance Officer (the “**Compliance Officer**”).

3. Severability. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Joint Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.

4. Effective Date. This Joint Resolution shall become effective as of November 22, 2024 shall be enforced immediately thereafter and shall supersede any previous policy related to website accessibility.


5. Ratification of Past Action. The Board hereby ratifies any actions taken in the furtherance of the District's business related to website accessibility by legal counsel from the January 1, 2024, through the date of this resolution.

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ADOPTED NOVEMBER 22, 2024.

DISTRICTS:

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 Officer of the Districts

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Compliance Officer*

EXHIBIT A

DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY POLICY

1. GENERAL

a. *Purpose.* The District is fully committed to providing accessible digital information to all members of the public. As part of this commitment, the District has adopted this Digital Accessibility Policy (the “**Policy**”) to ensure the District’s online services and digital communications comply with the Rules.

b. *Scope.* The District is committed to providing persons with disabilities equal access to digital information, including information made available through the District’s website and other digital content. This Policy has been developed to promote equal access to such digital information to persons with disabilities. This Policy applies to digital content produced by or under the control of the District, including the District’s official website. Accessibility requests may be submitted to the District in accordance with this Policy.

c. *Third Party Content.* The provisions of this Policy do not apply to third-party websites linked through the District’s website, such as state or federal agencies, or digital content not under control of the District. While the District is not responsible for ensuring the accessibility of third party-controlled content, the District is dedicated to assisting individuals experiencing accessibility issues when possible.

2. COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

a. *Compliance Officer.* The Compliance Officer will be the point of contact for accessibility-related accommodations for digital content. The Compliance Officer or its designee is responsible for responding to reports of inaccessible digital content and accessibility requests.

b. *Testing Tools and Techniques.* The District utilizes a variety of tools, techniques, methods, and procedures to identify accessibility barriers and meet existing and new assistive technology needs. The District has engaged Heatherly Creative (the “**Accessibility Vendor**”) to complete testing and remediation, ensuring the website and digital content contained therein are accessible and inclusive for users with disabilities in accordance with the Rules.

c. *Accessibility Reports.* The Accessibility Vendor will review the District’s website, user interfaces, and other digital content and summarize the same in a report provided to the District no less than annually (the “**Accessibility Report**”). The Accessibility Report will identify digital content that does not comply with the Rules. The Accessibility Vendor or the District, as appropriate, will take such steps as necessary to make such content compliant under the Rules. The District will maintain a record of the Accessibility Reports.

d. *District-Controlled Content.* The District will ensure that digital content under the control of the District produced, developed, maintained, modified, or used by the District on or after July 1, 2024, is compliant with the Rules.

e. *Digital Accessibility Plan.* The District will implement a digital accessibility plan (the “**Plan**”) to provide a long-term strategic approach for digital accessibility. The Plan will be updated annually thereafter to ensure ongoing compliance. If applicable, a progress-to-date report will be posted to the District’s website quarterly for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The Plan will be in a form substantially similar to **Exhibit A-1** attached hereto.

f. *Digital Accessibility Statement.* The District will post the following digital accessibility statement on its website prior to July 1, 2024:

Whispering Waters Irrigation Metropolitan District and
Whispering Waters Metropolitan District Nos. 1-6, District
Technology Accessibility Statement

Whispering Waters Irrigation Metropolitan District and
Whispering Waters Metropolitan District Nos. 1-6
(each, individually a “**District**”) are committed to providing
equitable access to our services to all Coloradans.

Our ongoing accessibility effort works towards being in
line with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG)
version 2.1, level AA criteria. These guidelines not only help
make technology accessible to users with sensory, cognitive and
mobility disabilities, but ultimately to all users, regardless of
ability.

Our efforts are just part of a meaningful change in
making the District’s services inclusive and accessible. We
welcome comments on how to improve our technology’s
accessibility for users with disabilities and for requests for
accommodations to any District services.

Feedback and support

We welcome your feedback about the accessibility of the
District’s online services. Please let us know if you encounter
accessibility barriers. The District is committed to responding
within three (3) business days.

Phone: 720-213-6621

E-mail: contact@publicalliancecllc.com

Address: Whispering Waters Irrigation Metropolitan District and
Whispering Waters Metropolitan District Nos. 1-6
Metropolitan District
Attn: Compliance Officer
405 Urban Street, Ste 310

Lakewood, CO 80228

3. REPORTING ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES

a. *Reporting an Accessibility Issue.* Individuals may report inaccessible content or requests for accommodations to the Compliance Officer using the contact information below. Such requests should identify the specific content that is being reported, the issue the individual is experiencing, and the name and contact information of the individual submitting the request. The Compliance Officer or their designee will confirm receipt of such requests within three (3) business days. The District is committed to resolving reports of inaccessible content and requests for accommodations within a reasonable period of time.

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Metropolitan District Nos. 1-6
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EXHIBIT A-1

WHISPERING WATERS IRRIGATION METROPOLITAN DISTRICT AND WHISPERING WATERS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NOS. 1-6

Digital Accessibility Plan

Updated on July 1, 2024

I. Accessibility Standards

In accordance with Colorado law, Whispering Waters Irrigation Metropolitan District and Whispering Waters Metropolitan District Nos. 1-6 (collectively, the “Districts”) are committed to applying standard configurations for technologies and services, in accordance with the technical standards provided by:

- World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 Level AA or higher;
- Section 508 of the U.S. Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Chapters 3,4,6; and
- Following C.R.S. 24-85-101 to 24-85-104, ARTICLE 85.

II. The Districts’ Efforts

The Districts are fully committed to providing accessible digital information to all members of the public. Our ongoing accessibility effort works towards the day when the Districts’ online services and digital communications are accessible to the public, including equal access for persons with disabilities. The Districts have a plan to prioritize, evaluate, remediate, and continuously improve its online services and digital communications. Below, you’ll find some of the measures that the Districts are undertaking.

III. Accessibility Maturity

The Districts are at the following maturity level for 2024:

Check One:

- ☐ Inactive: No awareness and recognition of need. At this stage organizations are inventorying their technology, have begun to make investments, etc.
- ☐ Launch: Recognized need organization-wide. Planning initiated, but activities not well organized.
- ☐ Integrate: Roadmap including timeline is in place, overall organizational approach defined and well organized.
- ☐ Optimize: Incorporated into the whole organization, consistently evaluated, and actions taken on assessment outcomes.

IV. Maturity Level Discussion

The Districts have encountered the following challenges:

- The Districts do not have the financial resources to fully remediate all of its digital content and website platform immediately.
- The Districts do not have the administrative or personnel resources to fully inventory all of its digital content immediately.

The Districts have enjoyed the following successes:

- The Districts have made progress towards full compliance with WCAG 2.1 Level AA despite the challenges above. The organizational measures below detail the Districts' measures taken up to the date of this plan.

V. Organizational Measures

The Districts have taken the following measures:

- Posted an accessibility statement to the website.
- Posted the current progress-to-date quarterly report and contact information for receiving accessibility feedback and requests for reasonable accommodations and modifications to the website.
- Identified a Compliance Officer to respond to reasonable accommodation and modification requests.
- Validated through testing front-facing webpage compliance with WCAG 2.1 Level AA.
- Created and implemented a plan for providing reasonable accommodations and modifications until the technology can be made accessible.

The District has designated its Compliance Officer to coordinate and implement the plan. The Compliance Officer's contact information is as follows:

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