

LETTER OF BUDGET TRANSMITTAL

Date: January 31, 2022

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

Attached are the 2022 budget and budget message for UPPER COTTONWOOD CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT in El Paso County, Colorado, submitted pursuant to Section 29-1-113, C.R.S. This budget was adopted on December 1, 2021. If there are any questions on the budget, please contact:

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I, Josh Miller as District Manager of the Upper Cottonwood Creek Metropolitan District, hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the 2022 budget.

By: _____



**RESOLUTION
TO ADOPT 2022 BUDGET, APPROPRIATE SUMS OF MONEY,
AND AUTHORIZE THE CERTIFICATION OF THE TAX LEVY
UPPER COTTONWOOD CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

A RESOLUTION SUMMARIZING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR EACH FUND, ADOPTING A BUDGET, LEVYING GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2022 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 UPPER COTTONWOOD CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2022, AND ENDING ON THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Upper Cottonwood Creek 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 1, 2021 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 \$105,090; 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 \$495,931; 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 2021 valuation for assessment for the District as certified by the County Assessor of El Paso County is \$23,483,810; and

WHEREAS, at an election held on November 5, 2002 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 UPPER COTTONWOOD CREEK 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 Upper Cottonwood Creek Metropolitan District for calendar year 2022.

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 2022 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 2022 budget year, there is hereby levied a tax of 4.475 mills upon each dollar of the total valuation of assessment of all taxable property within the District for the year 2021.

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 2021.

C. Levy for General Obligation Bonds and Interest. That for the purposes of meeting all debt retirement expense of the District during the 2022 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 2021.

D. Levy for Contractual Obligations. That for the purposes of meeting the contractual obligation expense of the District during the 2022 budget year, as detailed in the following "Certification of Tax Levies," there is hereby levied a tax of 21.118 mills upon each dollar of the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within the District for the year 2021.

E. Levy for Capital Expenditures. That for the purposes of meeting all capital expenditures of the District during the 2022 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 2021.

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 2021.

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, 2021, 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, 2021 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.

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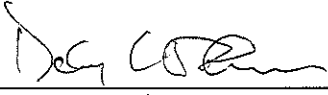
ADOPTED this 1st day of December, 2021.

UPPER COTTONWOOD CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT



President

ATTEST:



Secretary V.A.

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

UPPER COTTONWOOD CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
ANNUAL BUDGET
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

**UPPER COTTONWOOD CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
SUMMARY
2022 BUDGET
WITH 2020 ACTUAL AND 2021 ESTIMATED
For the Years Ended and Ending December 31,**

1/12/22

	ACTUAL 2020	ESTIMATED 2021	BUDGET 2022
BEGINNING FUND BALANCES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
REVENUES			
Property taxes	548,721	548,692	601,021
Specific ownership tax	59,644	63,188	60,102
Interest income	71	169	153
Other revenue	-	-	9,724
Total revenues	<u>608,436</u>	<u>612,049</u>	<u>671,000</u>
Total funds available	<u>608,436</u>	<u>612,049</u>	<u>671,000</u>
EXPENDITURES			
General Fund	106,415	107,026	118,000
Debt Service Fund	502,021	505,023	553,000
Total expenditures	<u>608,436</u>	<u>612,049</u>	<u>671,000</u>
Total expenditures and transfers out requiring appropriation	<u>608,436</u>	<u>612,049</u>	<u>671,000</u>
ENDING FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

No assurance provided. See summary of significant assumptions.

**UPPER COTTONWOOD CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
PROPERTY TAX SUMMARY INFORMATION
2022 BUDGET
WITH 2020 ACTUAL AND 2021 ESTIMATED
For the Years Ended and Ending December 31,**

1/12/22

	ACTUAL 2020	ESTIMATED 2021	BUDGET 2022
ASSESSED VALUATION			
Residential	\$ 21,436,430	\$ 21,436,430	\$ 23,482,260
Commercial	3,580	2,370	1,230
Agricultural	20	-	-
State assessed	190	260	240
Vacant land	70	70	80
Certified Assessed Value	<u>\$ 21,440,290</u>	<u>\$ 21,439,130</u>	<u>\$ 23,483,810</u>
MILL LEVY			
General	4.475	4.475	4.475
Debt Service	21.118	21.118	21.118
Total mill levy	<u>25.593</u>	<u>25.593</u>	<u>25.593</u>
PROPERTY TAXES			
General	\$ 95,971	\$ 95,940	\$ 105,090
Debt Service	452,750	452,752	495,931
Adjustments to actual/rounding	-	-	
Budgeted property taxes	<u>\$ 548,721</u>	<u>\$ 548,692</u>	<u>\$ 601,021</u>
BUDGETED PROPERTY TAXES			
General	\$ 95,971	\$ 95,940	\$ 105,090
Debt Service	452,750	452,752	\$ 495,931
	<u>\$ 548,721</u>	<u>\$ 548,692</u>	<u>\$ 601,021</u>

No assurance provided. See summary of significant assumptions.

**UPPER COTTONWOOD CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND
2022 BUDGET
WITH 2020 ACTUAL AND 2021 ESTIMATED
For the Years Ended and Ending December 31,**

1/12/22

	ACTUAL 2020	ESTIMATED 2021	BUDGET 2022
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
REVENUES			
Property taxes	95,971	95,940	105,090
Specific ownership tax	10,432	11,052	10,509
Interest income	12	34	45
Other revenue	-	-	2,356
Total revenues	106,415	107,026	118,000
Total funds available	106,415	107,026	118,000
EXPENDITURES			
General and administrative			
County Treasurer's fee	1,439	1,475	1,576
Intergovernmental expenditures - Old Ranch	104,976	105,551	114,068
Contingency	-	-	2,356
Total expenditures	106,415	107,026	118,000
Total expenditures and transfers out requiring appropriation	106,415	107,026	118,000
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

No assurance provided. See summary of significant assumptions.

**UPPER COTTONWOOD CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
DEBT SERVICE FUND
2022 BUDGET
WITH 2020 ACTUAL AND 2021 ESTIMATED
For the Years Ended and Ending December 31,**

1/12/22

	ACTUAL 2020	ESTIMATED 2021	BUDGET 2022
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
REVENUES			
Property taxes	452,750	452,752	495,931
Specific ownership tax	49,212	52,136	49,593
Interest income	59	135	108
Other revenue	-	-	7,368
Total revenues	502,021	505,023	553,000
Total funds available	502,021	505,023	553,000
EXPENDITURES			
General and administrative			
County Treasurer's fee	6,793	6,860	7,439
Intergovernmental expenditures - Old Ranch	495,228	498,163	538,193
Contingency	-	-	7,368
Total expenditures	502,021	505,023	553,000
Total expenditures and transfers out requiring appropriation	502,021	505,023	553,000
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

No assurance provided. See summary of significant assumptions.

**UPPER COTTONWOOD CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
2022 BUDGET
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ASSUMPTIONS**

Services Provided

Upper Cottonwood Creek Metropolitan District (the “District”) and Old Ranch Metropolitan District (“Old Ranch”) (collectively, the “Districts”) were formed under the Joint Service Plan approved by the City of Colorado Springs (the “City”) on August 27, 2002. The Service Plan was amended on February 6, 2006, to include the creation of Upper Cottonwood Creek Metropolitan Districts No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, and No. 5 within the original boundaries of the District.

The Districts’ service area is located entirely within the City of Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Colorado. Old Ranch is responsible for managing the construction of certain public facilities and improvements and for operation and maintenance of the limited list of public improvements which were not conveyed to the City. The District and Upper Cottonwood Creek Metropolitan District Nos. 2 – 5 are responsible for providing the funding for capital improvements and to fund limited ongoing operations. Under the Service Plan, the Districts provide the following services: parks and recreation, sanitation (including drainage) improvements, street improvements, and water improvements. The District provides services for mosquito control and safety protection through traffic and safety devices on streets which will be conveyed to the City.

District voters approved authorization to increase property taxes up to \$1,700,000 annually, as necessary, to pay for the operations and maintenance expenditures of the District. Debt authorization was approved in the amount of \$52,280,000 for the execution of the Agreement and \$52,280,000 for refunding debt. The election also allows the District to retain all revenues without regard to the limitations contained in Article X, Section 20, of the Colorado constitution or any other law. The maximum mill levy for operations is 3.500 mills and 16.500 mills for debt, provided that changes after January 1, 2003, to the method of calculating assessed valuation may cause adjustments in the mill levies.

Pursuant to the Service Plan, the District and Old Ranch can collectively issue bond indebtedness of up to \$7,000,000.

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

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

**UPPER COTTONWOOD CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
2022 BUDGET
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ASSUMPTIONS**

Revenues – (continued)

Property Taxes – (continued)

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.

Specific Ownership Tax

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 10.000% of the property taxes collected.

Expenditures

County Treasurer's Fees

County Treasurer's collection fees have been computed at 1.500% of property taxes.

Intergovernmental Expenditures

Intergovernmental expenditures represent transfers to Old Ranch to provide funding for the overall administrative and operating costs, as well as capital infrastructure costs for the Districts. The District also transfers revenues from the Debt Service Fund for the payment of principal and interest on the Old Ranch Series 2007 bonds.

Debt and Leases

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

Reserves

Emergency Reserves

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

This information is an integral part of the accompanying budget.

CERTIFICATION OF TAX LEVIES for NON-SCHOOL Governments

TO: County Commissioners¹ of El Paso County, Colorado.

On behalf of the Upper Cottonwood Creek Metropolitan District,
(taxing entity)^A

the Board of Directors
(governing body)^B

of the Upper Cottonwood Creek Metropolitan District
(local government)^C

Hereby officially certifies the following mills to be levied against the taxing entity's GROSS \$ 23,483,810 assessed valuation of: (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: \$ 23,483,810 (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: 12/08/2021 for budget/fiscal year 2022.
(no later than Dec. 15) (mm/dd/yyyy) (yyyy)

PURPOSE (see end notes for definitions and examples)	LEVY ²	REVENUE ²
1. General Operating Expenses ^H	<u>4.475</u> mills	\$ <u>105,090</u>
2. <Minus> Temporary General Property Tax Credit/ Temporary Mill Levy Rate Reduction ^I	< > mills	\$ < >
SUBTOTAL FOR GENERAL OPERATING:	4.475 mills	\$ 105,090
3. General Obligation Bonds and Interest ^J	_____ mills	\$ _____
4. Contractual Obligations ^K	<u>21.118</u> mills	\$ <u>495,931</u>
5. Capital Expenditures ^L	_____ mills	\$ _____
6. Refunds/Abatements ^M	_____ mills	\$ _____
7. Other ^N (specify): _____	_____ mills	\$ _____
	_____ mills	\$ _____
TOTAL: [Sum of General Operating Subtotal and Lines 3 to 7]	25.593 mills	\$ 601,021

Contact person: Carrie Bartow Daytime phone: (719) 635 - 0330

Signed:  Title: Accountant for the District

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: Repay Old Ranch Metropolitan District Series 2007 General Obligation Bonds issued to fund Upper Cottonwood's infrastructure improvements.
Title: District Facilities Construction and Service Agreement
Date: January 14, 2003, Amended June 1, 2006
Principal Amount: N/A
Maturity Date: N/A
Levy: 21.118
Revenue: \$495,931

- 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.

Notes:

^A **Taxing Entity**—A jurisdiction authorized by law to impose ad valorem property taxes on taxable property located within its territorial limits (please see notes B, C, and H below). For purposes of the DLG 70 only, a *taxing entity* is also a geographic area formerly located within a *taxing entity's* boundaries for which the county assessor certifies a valuation for assessment and which is responsible for payment of its share until retirement of financial obligations incurred by the *taxing entity* when the area was part of the *taxing entity*. For example: an area of excluded property formerly within a special district with outstanding general obligation debt at the time of the exclusion or the area located within the former boundaries of a dissolved district whose outstanding general obligation debt service is administered by another local government^C.

^B **Governing Body**—The board of county commissioners, the city council, the board of trustees, the board of directors, or the board of any other entity that is responsible for the certification of the *taxing entity's* mill levy. For example: the board of county commissioners is the governing board ex officio of a county public improvement district (PID); the board of a water and sanitation district constitutes ex officio the board of directors of the water subdistrict.

^C **Local Government** - For purposes of this line on Page 1 of the DLG 70, the *local government* is the political subdivision under whose authority and within whose boundaries the *taxing entity* was created. The *local government* is authorized to levy property taxes on behalf of the *taxing entity*. For example, for the purposes of this form:

1. a municipality is both the *local government* and the *taxing entity* when levying its own levy for its entire jurisdiction;
2. a city is the *local government* when levying a tax on behalf of a business improvement district (BID) *taxing entity* which it created and whose city council is the BID board;
3. a fire district is the *local government* if it created a subdistrict, the *taxing entity*, on whose behalf the fire district levies property taxes.
4. a town is the *local government* when it provides the service for a dissolved water district and the town board serves as the board of a dissolved water district, the *taxing entity*, for the purpose of certifying a levy for the annual debt service on outstanding obligations.

^D **GROSS Assessed Value** - There will be a difference between gross assessed valuation and net assessed valuation reported by the county assessor only if there is a “tax increment financing” entity (see below), such as a downtown development authority or an urban renewal authority, within the boundaries of the *taxing entity*. The board of county commissioners certifies each *taxing entity's* total mills upon the *taxing entity's* *Gross Assessed Value* found on Line 2 of Form DLG 57.

^E **Certification of Valuation by County Assessor, Form DLG 57** - The county assessor(s) uses this form (or one similar) to provide valuation for assessment information to a *taxing entity*. The county assessor must provide this certification no later than August 25th each year and may amend it, one time, prior to December 10th. Each entity must use the **FINAL** valuation provided by assessor when certifying a tax levy.

^F **TIF Area**—A downtown development authority (DDA) or urban renewal authority (URA), may form plan areas that use “tax increment financing” to derive revenue from increases in assessed valuation (gross minus net, Form DLG 57 Line 3) attributed to the activities/improvements within the plan area. The DDA or URA receives the differential revenue of each overlapping *taxing entity's* mill levy applied against the *taxing entity's* gross assessed value after subtracting the *taxing entity's* revenues derived from its mill levy applied against the net assessed value.

^G **NET Assessed Value**—The total taxable assessed valuation from which the *taxing entity* will derive revenues for its uses. It is found on Line 4 of Form DLG 57. **Please Note:** A downtown development authority (DDA) may be both a *taxing entity* and have also created its own *TIF area* and/or have a URA *TIF Area* within the DDA's boundaries. As a result DDAs may both receive operating revenue from their levy applied to their certified *NET assessed value* and also receive TIF revenue generated by any *tax entity* levies overlapping the DDA's *TIF Area*, including the DDA's own operating levy.

^H General Operating Expenses (DLG 70 Page 1 Line 1)—The levy and accompanying revenue reported on Line 1 is for general operations and includes, in aggregate, all levies for and revenues raised by a *taxing entity* for purposes not lawfully exempted and detailed in Lines 3 through 7 on Page 1 of the DLG 70. For example: a fire pension levy is included in general operating expenses, unless the pension is voter-approved, if voter-approved, use Line 7 (Other).

^I Temporary Tax Credit for Operations (DLG 70 Page 1 Line 2)—The Temporary General Property Tax Credit/ Temporary Mill Levy Rate Reduction of 39-1-111.5, C.R.S. may be applied to the *taxing entity*'s levy for general operations to effect refunds. Temporary Tax Credits (TTCs) are not applicable to other types of levies (non-general operations) certified on this form because these levies are adjusted from year to year as specified by the provisions of any contract or schedule of payments established for the payment of any obligation incurred by the *taxing entity* per 29-1-301(1.7), C.R.S., or they are certified as authorized at election per 29-1-302(2)(b), C.R.S.

^J General Obligation Bonds and Interest (DLG 70 Page 1 Line 3)—Enter on this line the total levy required to pay the annual debt service of all general obligation bonds. Per 29-1-301(1.7) C.R.S., the amount of revenue levied for this purpose cannot be greater than the amount of revenue required for such purpose as specified by the provisions of any contract or schedule of payments. Title 32, Article 1 Special districts and subdistricts must complete Page 2 of the DLG 70.

^K Contractual Obligation (DLG 70 Page 1 Line 4)—If repayment of a contractual obligation with property tax has been approved at election and it is not a general obligation bond (shown on Line 3), the mill levy is entered on this line. Per 29-1-301(1.7) C.R.S., the amount of revenue levied for this purpose cannot be greater than the amount of revenue required for such purpose as specified by the provisions of any contract or schedule of payments.

^L Capital Expenditures (DLG 70 Page 1 Line 5)—These revenues are not subject to the statutory property tax revenue limit if they are approved by counties and municipalities through public hearings pursuant to 29-1-301(1.2) C.R.S. and for special districts through approval from the Division of Local Government pursuant to 29-1-302(1.5) C.R.S. or for any *taxing entity* if approved at election. Only levies approved by these methods should be entered on Line 5.

^M Refunds/Abatements (DLG 70 Page 1 Line 6)—The county assessor reports on the *Certification of Valuation* (DLG 57 Line 11) the amount of revenue from property tax that the local government did not receive in the prior year because taxpayers were given refunds for taxes they had paid or they were given abatements for taxes originally charged to them due to errors made in their property valuation. The local government was due the tax revenue and would have collected it through an adjusted mill levy if the valuation errors had not occurred. Since the government was due the revenue, it may levy, in the subsequent year, a mill to collect the refund/abatement revenue. An abatement/refund mill levy may generate revenues up to, but not exceeding, the refund/abatement amount from Form DLG 57 Line 11.

1. Please Note: Pursuant to Article X, Section 3 of the Colorado Constitution, if the *taxing entity* is in more than one county, as with all levies, the abatement levy must be uniform throughout the entity's boundaries and certified the same to each county. To calculate the abatement/refund levy for a *taxing entity* that is located in more than one county, first total the abatement/refund amounts reported by each county assessor, then divide by the *taxing entity*'s total net assessed value, then multiply by 1,000 and round down to the nearest three decimals to prevent levying for more revenue than was abated/refunded. This results in an abatement/refund mill levy that will be uniformly certified to all of the counties in which the *taxing entity* is located even though the abatement/refund did not occur in all the counties.

^N Other (DLG 70 Page 1 Line 7)—Report other levies and revenue not subject to 29-1-301 C.R.S. that were not reported above. For example: a levy for the purposes of television relay or translator facilities as specified in sections 29-7-101, 29-7-102, and 29-7-105 and 32-1-1005 (1) (a), C.R.S.; a voter-approved fire pension levy; a levy for special purposes such as developmental disabilities, open space, etc.

Proof of Publication

THE TRANSCRIPT
Colorado Springs, Colorado

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COUNTY OF EL PASO }

I, Amy Sweet, Publisher and Executive Editor, or the undersigned Authorized Agent of the Publisher and Executive Editor, do solemnly swear that I am the Publisher and Executive Editor, or Authorized Agent of the Publisher and Executive Editor of The Transcript; that the same is a tri-weekly newspaper and published in the County of El Paso, State of Colorado, and has a general circulation therein; that said newspaper has been published continuously and uninterruptedly in said County of El Paso for a period of more than fifty-two consecutive weeks prior to the first publication of the annexed legal notice or advertisement; that said newspaper has been admitted to the United States mails as second-class matter under the provisions of the Act of March 3, 1879, or any amendments thereof, and that said newspaper is a tri-weekly newspaper duly qualified for publishing legal notices and advertisements within the meaning of the laws of the State of Colorado.

That the annexed legal notice or advertisement was published in the regular and entire issue of every number of said tri-weekly newspapers for the period of 1 consecutive insertion(s), and/or once each week and on the same days of each week; and that the first publication of said notice was in the issue of said newspaper dated:

22, OCTOBER, A.D. 2021.

And that the last publication of said notice was in the issue of said newspaper dated:

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In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of October, A.D. 2021.

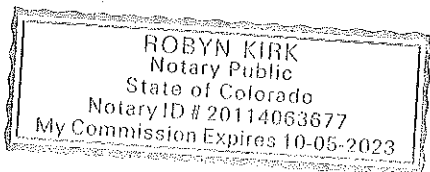
Cathy Reilly

Publisher and Executive Editor / Authorized Agent

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public in and for the County of El Paso, State of Colorado, this 22nd day of October, A.D. 2021.

Robyn Kirk

Notary Public



NOTICE OF HEARING ON
PROPOSED 2022 BUDGET AND
AND 2021 BUDGET AMENDMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the proposed budget for the ensuing year of 2022 has been submitted to the Upper Cottonwood Creek Metropolitan District ("District"). Such proposed budget will be considered at a meeting and public hearing of the Board of Directors of the District to be held at 10:00 p.m. on December 1, 2021, via telephone and videoconference. To attend and participate by telephone, dial 720-547-5281 and enter passcode 923 784 775#. Information regarding public participation by videoconference will be available at least 24 hours prior to the meeting and public hearing online at <http://www.olderanchmetrodistrict.org/> or by contacting Kimbrie Garcia by email at Kimbrie.Garcia@claconnect.com or by telephone at 719-635-0330.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that an amendment to the 2021 budget of the District may also be considered at the above-referenced meeting and public hearing of the Board of Directors of the District. A copy of the proposed 2022 budget and the amended 2021 budget, if required, are available for public inspection at the offices of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, 111 S. Tejon Street, Suite 7015, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903. Please contact Kimbrie Garcia by email at Kimbrie.Garcia@claconnect.com or by telephone at 719-635-0330 to make arrangements to inspect the budget(s) prior to visiting the foregoing office. Any interested elector within the District may, at any time prior to final adoption of the 2022 budget and the amended 2021 budget, if required, file or register any objections thereto.

UPPER COTTONWOOD CREEK
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