LETTER OF BUDGET TRANSMITTAL

Date: January <u>30</u>, 2024

To: Division of Local Government

1313 Sherman Street, Room 521

Denver, Colorado 80203

Attached are the 2024 budget and budget message for STETSON RIDGE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1 in El Paso County, Colorado, submitted pursuant to Section 29-1-113, C.R.S. This budget was adopted on November 09, 2023. If there are any questions on the budget, please contact:

Josh Miller, District Manager c/o CliftonLarsonAllen LLP 121 S. Tejon Street, Suite 1100 Colorado Springs, CO 80903 Telephone number: 303-779-5710

I, Josh Miller, District Manager of the Stetson Ridge Metropolitan District No. 1, hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the 2024 budget.

By:

Josh Miller, District Manager

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RESOLUTION TO ADOPT BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE SUMS OF MONEY RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF STETSON RIDGE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1, EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO, PURSUANT TO SECTION 29-1-108, C.R.S., SUMMARIZING EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES FOR EACH FUND, ADOPTING A BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2024

- A. The Board of Directors of Stetson Ridge Metropolitan District No. 1 (the "**District**") has appointed the District Accountant to prepare and submit a proposed budget to said governing body at the proper time.
- B. The District Accountant has submitted a proposed 2024 budget to this governing body on or before October 15, 2023 for its consideration.
- C. Upon due and proper notice, published or posted in accordance with the law, said proposed budget was open for inspection by the public at a designated place, a public hearing was held on November 9th, 2023, and interested taxpayers were given the opportunity to file or register any objections to said proposed budget.
- D. The budget has been prepared to comply with all terms, limitations and exemptions, including, but not limited to, reserve transfers and expenditure exemptions, under Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution ("**TABOR**") and other laws or obligations which are applicable to or binding upon the District.
- E. Whatever increases 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.
- F. 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.
- G. 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, thereby establishing a limitation on expenditures for the operations of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF STETSON RIDGE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO.1, EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO:

- 1. The budget, as submitted, amended, and summarized by fund, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget of the District for the year stated above.
- 2. The budget is hereby approved and adopted, shall be certified by the Secretary of the District to all appropriate agencies and is made a part of the public records of the District.
- 3. The sums set forth as the total expenditures of each fund in the budget attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference are hereby appropriated from the revenues of each fund, within each fund, for the purposes stated.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO RESOLUTION TO ADOPT BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE SUMS OF MONEY]

RESOLUTION APPROVED AND ADOPTED on November 9th, 2023.

STETSON RIDGE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1

By: George Lenz

Session President

Attest:	
DocuSigned by:	
By: Doug Stimple	
Secretary	

EXHIBIT A

Budget

I, Douglas Stimple, hereby certify that I am the duly appointed Secretary of the Stetson Ridge Metropolitan District No. 1, and that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the budget for the budget year 2024, duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Stetson Ridge Metropolitan District No. 1 held on November 9th, 2023.

Down Stimple
Secretary

STETSON RIDGE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1

ANNUAL BUDGET

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

STETSON RIDGE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1 GENERAL FUND 2024 BUDGET

WITH 2022 ACTUAL AND 2023 ESTIMATED For the Years Ended and Ending December 31,

1/5/24

		ACTUAL	ES	STIMATED	BUDGET
		2022		2023	2024
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BEGINNING FUND BALANCES	\$	1,242,981	\$	123,944	\$ 50,145
REVENUES					
Interest income		4,399		557	-
Other revenue		-		-	4,723
Intergovernmental revenues - District 2		510,370		481,379	650,492
Intergovernmental revenues - District 2 Contractual		1,670,901		978,517	1,148,985
Intergovernmental revenues - District 3		190,407		195,977	166,800
Total revenues		2,376,077		1,656,430	1,971,000
Total funds available		3,619,058		1,780,374	2,021,145
EXPENDITURES					
General and administrative					
Accounting		35,708		47,000	52,000
Auditing		14,499		14,700	15,000
Banking fees		8		-	-
Dues and membership		2,912		2,877	3,000
Insurance		17,785		14,605	20,000
District management		20,427		32,000	35,000
Election		21,023		3,945	-
Repay developer advance		2,496,059		950,000	1,100,000
Developer advance - interest expense		103,941		-	-
Legal		11,721		16,000	16,000
Website		457		902	1,500
Miscellaneous		1,008		-	-
Contingency		-		-	41,268
Operations and maintenance					
Landscaping		451,164		346,000	215,232
Repairs and maintenance		21,224		10,000	10,000
Fence and sign maintenance		600		-	-
Stormwater fees		12,998		22,200	25,000
Snow removal		2,170		5,000	10,000
Utilities		281,410		265,000	330,000
Total expenditures		3,495,114		1,730,229	1,874,000
Total expenditures and transfers out					
requiring appropriation		3,495,114		1,730,229	1,874,000
ENDING FUND BALANCES	\$	123,944	\$	50,145	\$ 147,145

STETSON RIDGE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1 PROPERTY TAX SUMMARY INFORMATION 2024 BUDGET

WITH 2022 ACTUAL AND 2023 ESTIMATED For the Years Ended and Ending December 31,

1/5/24

	ACTUAL		ESTIMATED		BUDGET	
		2022		2023	2024	
ASSESSED VALUATION						
Vacant land	\$	730	\$	730	\$	700
		730		730		700
Adjustments (TIF)		-		-		-
Certified Assessed Value	\$	730	\$	730	\$	700
MILL LEVY						
Total mill levy		0.000		0.000		0.000
PROPERTY TAXES						
Budgeted property taxes	\$	-	\$	_	\$	-
BUDGETED PROPERTY TAXES						
	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-

STETSON RIDGE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1 2024 BUDGET SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ASSUMPTIONS

Services Provided

The Stetson Ridge Metropolitan District No. 1 ("District No. 1"), a quasi-municipal corporation and a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, was organized by order and decree of the District Court for the City of Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Colorado on January 1, 2000, and is governed pursuant to provisions of the Colorado Special District Act (Title 32, Article 1, Colorado Revised Statutes). The Consolidated Service Plan, approved by the City of Colorado Springs on September 12, 2000, formed the Stetson Ridge Metropolitan Districts Nos 1 – 3 ("The Districts")

The District was organized to provide planning, acquisition, construction, installation and financing of public improvements, including streets, water, wastewater, traffic and safety, park and recreation, mosquito control, television relay and transportation facilities, primarily for residential and commercial development. The District was organized in conjunction with Stetson Ridge Metropolitan District #2 ("District No. 2") and Stetson Ridge Metropolitan District No. 3 ("District No. 3") to serve the needs of the Stetson Ridge development for the purpose of financing, construction and operation of improvements and infrastructure serving the three districts. District No. 1 is responsible for managing the construction, operation and maintenance of all improvements not transferred to the City of Colorado Springs. District No. 2 and District No. 3 are responsible for providing the funding and tax base needed to support the financing plan for capital improvements and to fund ongoing operations.

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 between the budget and actual results, because events and circumstances frequently do not occur as expected, and those differences may be material.

Revenues

Intergovernmental Revenue

The three Districts' administrative expenditures such as legal, accounting, management, insurance, including costs of snow removal and landscape maintenance, are being paid by the District. The District anticipates receiving net revenues collected from District No. 2 and District No. 3's operational mill levy assessment to cover a portion of these costs.

Expenditures

Administrative and Operations and Maintenance Expenditures

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

STETSON RIDGE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1 2024 BUDGET SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ASSUMPTIONS

Debt and Leases

Developer Advances

The District entered into a Facilities Funding and Acquisition Agreement (Agreement) with the Developer. The District agrees to repay the Developer along with accrued interest, at a rate of 6.00% beginning on the date the advance were made to the date of repayment. The Agreement does not constitute a multiple-fiscal year obligation.

Stetson Ridge Metropolitan District No. 1 Schedule of Long Term Obligations

	Balance at ember 31, 2022	 Additions*	R	epayments*	Balance at mber 31, 2023*
Developer Advances - Operating Accrued Interest - Operating Developer Advances - Capital Accrued Interest - Capital	\$ 1,300,000 79,083 653,951 6,648	\$ 77,952 - 33,134	\$	111,317 144,950 653,951 39,782	\$ 1,188,683 12,085 - -
Total	\$ 2,039,682	\$ 111,086	\$	950,000	\$ 1,200,768
	Balance at mber 31, 2023*	 Additions*	R	epayments*	Balance at mber 31, 2024*
Developer Advances - Operating Accrued Interest - Operating Developer Advances - Capital Accrued Interest - Capital	\$ 1,188,683 12,085 -	\$ 71,321 - -	\$	1,016,594 83,406 - -	\$ 172,089 - - -
Total * Estimate	\$ 1,200,768	\$ 71,321	\$	1,100,000	\$ 172,089

The District has no operating or capital leases.

Reserves

Emergency Reserves

The District has provided for an Emergency Reserve fund equal to at least 3% of fiscal year spending for 2023, as defined under TABOR.

This information is an integral part of the accompanying budget.

RESOLUTION TO SET MILL LEVIES

RESOLUTION OF THE STETSON RIDGE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1 LEVYING GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES, PURSUANT TO SECTION 39-1-111, C.R.S., FOR THE YEAR 2024, TO HELP DEFRAY THE COSTS OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE 2024 BUDGET YEAR

- A. The Board of Directors of the Stetson Ridge Metropolitan District No.1 (the "**District**") has adopted an annual budget in accordance with the Local Government Budget Law, on November 9th, 2023.
- B. The adopted budget is attached as Exhibit A to the Resolution of the Board of Directors of the District to Adopt Budget and Appropriate Sums of Money, and such budget is incorporated herein by this reference.
- C. The amount of money necessary to balance the budget for general fund expenses from property tax revenue is identified in the budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 39-1-111(5) and 39-5-128(1), C.R.S., BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Stetson Ridge Metropolitan District No. 1, El Paso County, Colorado, that:

- 1. For the purpose of meeting all general operating expenses of the District during the 2024 budget year, the District determined to levy mills upon each dollar of the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within the District, as set forth in the budget, to raise the required revenue.
- 2. That for the purpose of meeting all debt retirement expenses of the District during the 2024 budget year, the District determined to levy mills upon each dollar of the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within the District, as set forth in the budget, to raise the required revenue.
- 3. That for the purpose of meeting all contractual obligation expenses of the District during the 2024 budget year, the District determined to levy mills upon each dollar of the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within the District, as set forth in the budget, to raise the required revenue.
- 4. That the Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify to the Board of County Commissioners of El Paso County, Colorado, the mill levies for the District as set forth in the District's Certification of Mill Levies, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by reference, recalculated as needed upon receipt of the final certification of valuation from the County Assessor in order to comply with any applicable revenue and other budgetary limits.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

[SIGNATURE PAGE OF RESOLUTION TO SET MILL LEVIES]

RESOLUTION APPROVED AND ADOPTED on November 9th, 2023.

STETSON RIDGE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1

	DocuSigned by:	
Ву:	George Lenz	
	President	

Attes	st:	
	DocuSigned by:	
By:	Doug Stimple	
	Secretary	

EXHIBIT 1

Certification of Tax Levies

CERTIFICATION OF TAX LEVIES for NON-SCHOOL Governments

TO: County Commissioners ¹ of EL PA	ASO COUNTY	, Colorado.
On behalf of the STETSON RIDGE METROPOL	LITAN DISTRICT NO. 1	,
the BOARD OF DIRECTORS	(taxing entity) ^A	
the BOARD OF BIRECTORS	(governing body) ^B	
of the STETSON RIDGE METROPOLITAN DISTRIC	CT NO. 1 (local government) ^C	_
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	O GROSS ^D assessed valuation, Line 2 of the Certifi	ation of Valuation Form DLG 57) N OF VALUATION PROVIDED
PURPOSE (see end notes for definitions and examples)	LEVY ²	REVENUE ²
General Operating Expenses ^H	0.000 mills	\$ 0
 <minus> Temporary General Property Tax Cred Temporary Mill Levy Rate Reduction¹</minus> 		<u>\$< ></u>
SUBTOTAL FOR GENERAL OPERATING:	0.000 mills	\$ 0
3. General Obligation Bonds and Interest ^J	mills	\$
4. Contractual Obligations ^K	mills	\$
5. Capital Expenditures ^L	mills	\$
6. Refunds/Abatements ^M	mills	\$
7. Other ^N (specify):	mills	\$
	mills	\$
TOTAL: Sum of General Operation Subtotal and Lines 3 to	ting o 7] 0.000 mills	\$ 0
Contact person: Seef LeRoux Signed: Seef Le Roux	Phone: (719) 635-0336 Title: Accountant for	
Survey Question: Does the taxing entity have voter operating levy to account for changes to assessment Include one copy of this tax entity's completed form when filing the lead Division of Local Government (DLG). Room 521, 1313 Sherman Street	t rates? ocal government's budget by January 31st,	

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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 <u>three</u> decimal places and revenue must be calculated from the total <u>NET assessed valuation</u> (Line 4 of Form DLG57 on the County Assessor's <u>FINAL</u> 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:

BON	DS ^J :		
1.	Purpose of Issue:		<u>-</u> .
	Series:		_
	Date of Issue:		_
	Coupon Rate:		_
	Maturity Date:		_
	Levy:		_
	Revenue:		=
2.	Purpose of Issue:		
	Series:		
	Date of Issue:		
	Coupon Rate:		
	Maturity Date:		
	Levy:		
	Revenue:	-	
CON	TRACTS ^k :		
3.	Purpose of Contract:		
٥.	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.

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I, Douglas Stimple, hereby certify that I am the duly appointed Secretary of the Stetson Ridge Metropolitan District No. 1, and that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Certification of Mill Levies for the budget year 2024, duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Stetson Ridge Metropolitan District No. 1 held on November 9th, 2023.

Down Stimple
Secretary

Proof of Publication

THE TRANSCRIPT Colorado Springs, Colorado

STATE OF COLORADO, \ ss. COUNTY OF EL PASO

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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:

01, NOVEMBER, A.D. 2023.

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

01, NOVEMBER, A.D. 2023.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 1st day of November, A.D. 2023.

Publisher or Authorized Agent

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public in and for the County of El Paso, State of Colorado, this 1st day of November, A.D. 2023.

Notary Public

ROBYN KIRK Notary Public State of Colorado Notary ID # 20114063677 My Commission Expires 10-05-2027

NOTICE OF BUDGET **HEARING AND** SPECIAL MEETING STETSON RIDGE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

NO. 1, NO. 2, AND NO. 3 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR 2024 AND AMENDED BUDGETS FOR 2023 WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE STETSON RIDGE **METROPOLITAN** DISTRICT NO. 1, NO. 2, AND NO. 3 AND THAT THE SAME HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD AT THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023, AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE DISTRICTS' OFFICES, CLASSIC HOMES, 2138 FLYING HORSE CLUB DRIVE, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO 80921. THE HEARING MAY ALSO BE ACCESSED VIA TELECONFERENCE USING THE INFORMATION LISTED BELOW:

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Or call in (audio only)

+1 720-547-5281,,794927060# United States, Denver

Phone Conference ID: 794 927 กรถ#

AFTER OCTOBER 15, 2023 BUDGETS THE PROPOSED ARE OPEN AND AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT ADDRESS. ANY INTERESTED ELECTOR OF THE DISTRICT MAY FILE OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED BUDGETS AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE FINAL ADOPTION OF THE BUDGETS. ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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