

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 LORSON RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 7 in El Paso County, Colorado, submitted pursuant to Section 29-1-113, C.R.S. This budget was adopted on November 2, 2023. If there are any questions on the budget, please contact:

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I, S. Alan Vancil, as Secretary of the Lorson Ranch Metropolitan District No. 7, hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the 2024 budget.

By: S. Alan Vancil

**RESOLUTION
TO ADOPT 2024 BUDGET, APPROPRIATE SUMS OF MONEY,
AND AUTHORIZE THE CERTIFICATION OF THE TAX LEVY
LORSON RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 7**

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 LORSON RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 7, 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 Lorson Ranch Metropolitan District No. 7 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 November 2, 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 \$ 6,875; 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 \$ 578,700; and

WHEREAS, at an election held on November 2, 2004, 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 LORSON RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 7 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 Lorson Ranch Metropolitan District No. 7 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 11.880 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 0.000 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 0.000 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 0.000 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 0.000 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 0.000 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 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 2nd day of November, 2023.

LORSON RANCH METROPOLITAN
DISTRICT NO. 7

Jeff Mark

President

ATTEST:

S. Alan Vancil

Secretary

Lorson Ranch Metropolitan District No. 7			
Budget			
Year Ended 12/31/2024			
Modified Accrual Basis			
	2022	2023	2024
	12/31/2022	12/31/2023	
GENERAL FUND	Actuals	Estimate	Budget
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
REVENUES			
Property Tax - Operations	5,985	6,164	6,875
Specific Ownership Tax	622	636	715
Contingency Income	-	-	100
Total Revenues	6,607	6,800	7,690
EXPENDITURES			
County property tax collection fee - Operations	89	92	103
Intergovernmental Expense District # 1 - Operations	6,518	6,708	7,487
Contingency Expense	-	-	100
Total Expenditures	6,607	6,800	7,690
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	-	-	-
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Lorson Ranch Metropolitan District Nos. 1-7								
Property Taxes								
Year Ended 12/31/2024		158	170	171	172	173	174	175
	Combined	District No. 1	District No. 2	District No. 3	District No. 4	District No. 5	District No. 6	District No. 7
Vacant Land Market Value	55,188,002	3,690	3,690	1,042,301	1,574,759	5,164	50,708,622	1,849,776
Percentage	28%	28%	28%	28%	28%	28%	28%	28%
Assessed Value	\$ 15,396,420	\$ 1,030	\$ 1,030	\$ 290,810	\$ 439,400	\$ 1,440	\$ 14,146,630	\$ 516,080
Residential Market Value	1,474,140,161	-	352,680,411	562,438,136	504,939,614	-	54,082,000	-
Percentage	6.70%		6.70%	6.70%	6.70%		6.70%	6.95%
Assessed Value	\$ 98,769,430	\$ -	\$ 23,629,750	\$ 37,683,570	\$ 33,831,650	\$ -	\$ 3,624,460	\$ -
Commercial Market Value	228,637	-	41,648	99,961	86,691	-	337	-
Percentage	29%	29%	28%	28%	28%		27%	29%
Assessed Value	\$ 63,770	\$ -	\$ 11,610	\$ 27,890	\$ 24,180	\$ -	\$ 90	\$ -
Agricultural Market Value	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%
Assessed Value	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Public Utility state value	3,774,470	92,360	753,290	795,450	993,050	304,520	611,360	224,440
Percentage	29%	28%	28%	28%	28%	28%	28%	28%
Assessed Value	1,053,080	25,770	210,170	221,930	277,060	84,960	170,570	62,620
Total Assessed Value	\$ 115,282,700	\$ 26,800	\$ 23,852,560	\$ 38,224,200	\$ 34,572,290	\$ 86,400	\$ 17,941,750	\$ 578,700
Total Mill Levy Assessed		8.75	80.12	80.496	79.723	8.75	73.014	11.88
Property Tax to be paid	\$ 9,062,034	\$ 235	\$ 1,911,067	\$ 3,076,895	\$ 2,756,207	\$ 756	\$ 1,309,999	\$ 6,875
Tax based on Mill Levy								
Capital - Debt	\$ 7,545,154	\$ -	\$ 1,592,564	\$ 2,564,079	\$ 2,296,845	\$ -	\$ 1,091,666	\$ -
General Operating	\$ 1,516,880	\$ 235	\$ 318,503	\$ 512,816	\$ 459,362	\$ 756	\$ 218,333	\$ 6,875
Total	\$ 9,062,034	\$ 235	\$ 1,911,067	\$ 3,076,895	\$ 2,756,207	\$ 756	\$ 1,309,999	\$ 6,875
Mill Levy Assessed								
Capital - Debt		-	66.767	67.080	66.436	-	60.845	-
General Operating		8.750	13.353	13.416	13.287	8.750	12.169	11.880
Total		8.75	80.120	80.496	79.723	8.75	73.014	11.880

**LORSON RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 7
EL PASO COUNTY, CO
2024 BUDGET MESSAGE
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ASSUMPTIONS**

The Lorson Ranch Metropolitan District No. 7 is a quasi-municipal corporation organized and operated pursuant to provisions set forth in the Colorado Special District Act, and was formed on December 2, 2004. The District was established as part of a “Multiple District Structure” for The Lorson Ranch community located in El Paso County, Colorado. Along with its companion Districts No. 1 (“Service District”) and Nos. 2 – 6 (“Financing Districts”) this Financing District was organized to provide financing for the design, acquisition, construction and installation of public improvements, facilities and services. The public improvements to be provided by the Districts are proposed to include the types of facilities and improvements for streets and roadways, street landscaping, signage, monuments, and lighting, safety protection, park and recreation, sanitation and storm drainage, water improvements and other related improvements and their operation and maintenance.

The District is authorized to issue General Obligation Debt in an amount not to exceed \$80,000,000. The limit for all Lorson Districts is \$300,000,000. A mill levy cap of 50 mills applies to the District in connection with the General Obligation Debt, subject to adjustment.

The District has no employees at this time and all operations and administrative functions are contracted.

The following budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, in accordance with requirements of Colorado Revised Statutes C.R.S. 29-1-105.

GENERAL FUND

REVENUES

1. Property Taxes are based on the assessed value of property within the District as established by El Paso County. Mill levies are budgeted for Operations and Maintenance at 11.880 mills.
2. Specific ownership taxes are budgeted at 10.4% of property taxes collected. These taxes are set by the state and collected by the county treasurer primarily on vehicle licensing within the county as a whole. They are allocated by the county treasurer to all taxing entities within the county.
3. Contingency income is budgeted for unanticipated income.

EXPENDITURES

1. The County property tax collection fee is based on 1.5% of the property tax received.
2. Net Operations & Maintenance tax revenues are paid as Intergovernmental Expenses for services to District #1.
3. Contingency expense is budgeted for unanticipated expenditures.

**LORSON RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 7
EL PASO COUNTY, CO
2024 BUDGET MESSAGE
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ASSUMPTIONS**

CAPITAL PROJECT FUND

REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

1. No revenues or expenditures are budgeted for the Capital Project Fund for 2024.

DEBT SERVICE FUND

REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

1. No revenues or expenditures are budgeted for the Dept Service Fund for 2024.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. The basis of accounting for the District is the Modified Accrual Basis.
2. The District does not have any outstanding debt nor operating or capital leases.
3. The District is authorized to issue General Obligation Debt in an amount not to exceed \$80,000,000. The limit for all Lorson Districts is \$300,000,000. A mill levy cap of 50 mills applies to the District in connection with the General Obligation Debt, subject to adjustment.

RESERVES

TABOR requires local governments to establish Emergency Reserves. These reserves must be at least 3% of fiscal year revenues. Since substantially all funds received by the District are transferred to District #1, which pays for all of the Districts' operations and maintenance costs, an emergency reserve is not reflected in the District's Budget.

