LETTER OF BUDGET TRANSMITTAL

January 30, 2024 Date:

To: Division of Local Government

1313 Sherman Street, Room 521

Denver, Colorado 80203

Attached are the 2024 budget and budget message for CONEXUS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1 in El Paso County, Colorado, submitted pursuant to Section 29-1-113, C.R.S. This budget was adopted on December 5, 2023. If there are any questions on the budget, please contact:

> CliftonLarsonAllen LLP Attn.: Carrie Bartow 121 South Tejon Street, Suite 1100 Colorado Springs, CO 80903 Tel.: (303) 779-5710

I, Steve Everson, as President of the Conexus Metropolitan District No. 1, hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the 2024 budget.

By:

Steven & Everson

RESOLUTION

TO ADOPT 2024 BUDGET, APPROPRIATE SUMS OF MONEY, AND AUTHORIZE THE CERTIFICATION OF THE TAX LEVY CONEXUS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1

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 CONEXUS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1, 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 Conexus Metropolitan District No. 1 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 5, 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 $\frac{2,697}{}$; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors finds that it is required to temporarily lower the operating mill levy to render a refund for $\frac{0.00}{}$; and

WHEREAS, the amount of money necessary to balance the budget for voter-approved bonds and interest is \$ 0.00 ; 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 \$\frac{16,179}{2}; 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 $\underbrace{0.00}_{}$; and

WHEREAS, the amount of money necessary to balance the budget for refunds/abatements is $\frac{0.00}{}$; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 valuation for assessment for the District as certified by the County Assessor of El Paso is \$539,300 ; and

WHEREAS, at an election held on May 3, 2022, 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 CONEXUS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1 OF EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO:

- Section 1. <u>Adoption of Budget</u>. 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 Conexus Metropolitan District No. 1 for calendar year 2024.
- Section 2. <u>Budget Revenues</u>. That the estimated revenues for each fund as more specifically set out in the budget attached hereto are accepted and approved.
- Section 3. <u>Budget Expenditures</u>. That the estimated expenditures for each fund as more specifically set out in the budget attached hereto are accepted and approved.
- Section 4. <u>Levy of General Property Taxes</u>. That the Board of Directors does hereby certify the levy of general property taxes for collection in 2024 as follows:
- A. <u>Levy for General Operating and Other Expenses</u>. 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 <u>5.000</u> mills upon each dollar of the total valuation of assessment of all taxable property within the District for the year 2023.
- B. <u>Temporary Tax Credit or Rate Reduction</u>. 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 <u>0.000</u> 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. <u>Levy for General Obligation Bonds and Interest</u>. 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 <u>0.000</u> mills upon each dollar of the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within the District for the year 2023.

- D. <u>Levy for Contractual Obligations</u>. 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 <u>30.000</u> mills upon each dollar of the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within the District for the year 2023.
- E. <u>Levy for Capital Expenditures</u>. 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 <u>0.000</u> 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. <u>Levy for Refunds/Abatements</u>. 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 <u>0.000</u> 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. <u>Property Tax and Fiscal Year Spending Limits</u>. 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. <u>Certification</u>. 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 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. <u>Appropriations</u>. 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 5th day of December, 2023.

		CON	EXUS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1
		By:	Steven L Everson
		By.	President
ATTI	EST:		
By:	Brock Chapman		
Dy.	Secretary		

Services Provided

The District was organized to provide the financing, acquisition, construction, completion, installation, replacement and/or operation and maintenance of all of the services and public improvements allowed under Colorado law for business improvement districts. Specific improvements and services provided by the District include water services, traffic and safety protection, sanitation services, street improvements, parks and recreation, transportation, television relay and translation, mosquito control, security, fire protection and emergency medical. The District's service area is located entirely within the City of Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Colorado.

The District was organized by Ordinance of the City of Colorado Springs on May 12, 2022.

Pursuant to the District's Operating Plan filed annually with the City, the maximum debt mill levy is 30 mills, and the maximum operating mill levy for the payment of administrative, operations and maintenance expenses is 5 mills. The maximum debt authorization for the District is \$45,000,000.

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 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 differences may be material.

Revenues

Developer Advance

The District is in the development stage. As such, the operating and administrative expenditures will be mainly funded by the Developer. A major portion of the capital expenditures are also expected to be funded by the Developer. Developer advances are recorded as revenue for budget purposes with an obligation for future repayment when the District is financially able to reimburse the Developer from bond proceeds and other legally available revenue.

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 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.

Revenues - (continued)

Property Taxes – (continued)

Pursuant to the Service Plan, the District is required to adjust its maximum Required Mill Levy for changes in the ratio of actual to assessed value of property within the District. As of December 31, 2023, the adjusted maximum mill levy for debt service is 30.000 mills. Required Mill Levy means an ad valorem mill levy imposed upon all taxable property of the District each year in a amount sufficient to pay the principal, premium if any, and interest on the Bonds as the same become due and payable [and to make up any deficiencies in the Reserve Fund].

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.

For property tax collection year 2024, SB22-238 and SB23B-001 set the assessment rates and actual value reductions as follows:

Category	Rate	Category	Rate	Actual Value Reduction	Amount
Single-Family				Single-Family	\$55,000
Residential	6.70%	Agricultural Land	26.40%	Residential	
Multi-Family		Renewable		Multi-Family	\$55,000
Residential	6.70%	Energy Land	26.40%	Residential	
Commercial	27.90%	Vacant Land	27.90%	Commercial	\$30,000
Industrial	27.90%	Personal Property	27.90%	Industrial	\$30,000
Lodging	27.90%	State Assessed	27.90%	Lodging	\$30,000
		Oil & Gas			
		Production	87.50%		

Specific Ownership Taxes

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% of the property taxes collected.

Bond Issuance Proceeds

The District anticipates issuing general obligation bonds. Bond proceeds will be used to pay infrastructure costs, bond issue costs and capitalized interest. Significant terms of the bond issuance will be determined at the time of issuance.

Intergovernmental Revenues

The intergovernmental revenues are transfers from Conexus Metropolitan District No. 2 pursuant to the operations agreement between the Districts . The District will coordinate the payment of administrative expenditures for District No. 2 as well as the District's own administrative expenditures.

Expenditures

Administrative and Operating Expenditures

Operating and administrative expenditures include the estimated services necessary to maintain the District's administrative viability such as legal, management, accounting, insurance and meeting expense.

County Treasurer's Fees

County Treasurer's fees have been computed at 1.5% of property tax collections.

Capital Outlay

The District anticipates infrastructure improvements as noted in the Capital Projects fund.

Debt Service

The interest payments on the Bonds, if issued as anticipated, will be paid on June 1 and December 1.

Debt and Leases

General Obligations Bonds, Series 2024

The District plans to issue general obligation bonds in 2024. Significant terms of the bonds will be determined at the time of issuance.

The District has outstanding Developer Advances and activity as follows:

•	lance at ber 31, 2022	 Additions*	Repay	yments*	Balance at mber 31, 2023*
Developer Advances - Reimbursement Agreement Accrued interest - Developer Advances Total Long-Term Obligations	\$ - - -	\$ 162,068 6,483 168,551	\$	- - -	\$ 162,068 6,483 168,551
	lance at per 31, 2023*	 Additions*	Repa	yments*	Balance at mber 31, 2024*
G.O. Bonds - Series 2024 Total Bonds Payable	\$ -	\$ 26,305,000 26,305,000	\$	<u>-</u>	26,305,000 26,305,000
Developer Advances - Reimbursement Agreement Accrued interest - Developer Advances Total Long-Term Obligations	 162,068 6,483 168,551	54,789 2,192 56,981		- - -	 216,857 8,674 225,531
* Estimate	\$ 168,551	\$ 26,361,981	\$	-	\$ 26,530,531

Reserves

Emergency Reserve

The District has provided for an emergency reserve fund equal to at least 3% of fiscal year spending as defined under TABOR.

This information is an integral part of the accompanying budget.

CONEXUS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

CONEXUS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1 SUMMARY 2024 BUDGET

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

		A	CTUAL	ESTIMA	TED	E	BUDGET
			2022	2023	3		2024
BEGINNII	NG FUND BALANCES	\$	-	\$ (16	,918)	\$	100
REVENU	ES						
	Property taxes		-		-		18,876
	Specific ownership taxes		-		-		1,888
	Developer advance		-	162	,068		54,789
	Other revenue		-		2		-
	Intergovernmental revenue - District No. 2		-		-	,	47
	Bond issuance proceeds		-				26,305,000
	Total revenues		-	162	,070		26,380,600
TRANSF	ERS IN		-		-		7,156,900
	Total funds available		-	145	,152	3	33,537,600
EXPEND	ITURES						
	ral Fund		16,918	145	,052		75,000
Debt S	Service Fund		-		-		1,578,300
Capita	al Projects Fund		-		-	1	9,148,100
	Total expenditures		16,918	145	,052	2	20,801,400
TRANSF	ERS OUT		-		-		7,156,900
	T-t-1 t						
	Total expenditures and transfers out requiring appropriation		16,918	1/15	,052		27,958,300
	requiring appropriation		10,910	143	,032		17,930,300
ENDING	FUND BALANCES	\$	(16,918)	\$	100	\$	5,579,299
EMERGE	NCY RESERVE	\$	_	\$	100	\$	700
	IZED INTEREST	Ψ	_	T	-	Ψ	3,156,600
SURPLUS			-		-		2,422,000
TOTAL R	ESERVE	\$	_	\$	100	\$	5,579,300
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CONEXUS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1 PROPERTY TAX SUMMARY INFORMATION 2024 BUDGET

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

	<i>F</i>	ACTUAL	ES	STIMATED	E	BUDGET
		2022		2023		2024
ASSESSED VALUATION						
Agricultural	\$	-	\$	1,260	\$	1,300
State assessed		-		-		20,780
Vacant land		-		332,220		517,220
		-		333,480		539,300
Certified Assessed Value	\$	-	\$	333,480	\$	539,300
MILL LEVY						
General		0.000		0.000		5.000
Contractual		0.000		0.000		30.000
Total mill levy		0.000		0.000		35.000
PROPERTY TAXES						
General	\$	_	\$	_	\$	2,697
Contractual	*	-	*	-	*	16,179
Levied property taxes		-		-		18,876
Budgeted property taxes	\$	-	\$	-	\$	18,876
BUDGETED PROPERTY TAXES						
General	\$	-	\$	-	\$	2,697
Contractual		-		-		16,179
	\$	-	\$	-	\$	18,876

CONEXUS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1 GENERAL FUND 2024 BUDGET

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

	A	ACTUAL		ESTIMATED		BUDGET
		2022		2023		2024
BEGINNING FUND BALANCES	\$	-	\$	(16,918)	\$	100
REVENUES						
Property taxes		-		-		18,876
Specific ownership taxes Developer advance		-		162.069		1,888
Intergovernmental revenue		_		162,068		54,789 47
Other revenue		_		2		-
Total revenues				162,070		75,600
rotarreventies				102,070		70,000
TRANSFERS IN						
Total funds available		-		145,152		75,700
EXPENDITURES						
General and administrative						
Accounting		1,815		10,000		20,000
County Treasurer's fee		-		-		283
Dues and membership		-		351		500
Insurance		-		200		1,000
Legal		15,067		50,000		50,000
Miscellaneous		-		400		1,000
Organization costs		-		81,329		-
Election		36		672		-
Contingency		-		100		2,217
Operations and maintenance				2 000		
Engineering				2,000		
Total expenditures		16,918		145,052		75,000
TRANSFERS OUT						
Total expenditures and transfers out						
requiring appropriation		16,918		145,052		75,000
ENDING FUND BALANCES	\$	(16,918)	\$	100	\$	700
EMERGENCY RESERVE	\$	_	\$	100	\$	700
TOTAL RESERVE	\$		\$	100	\$	700

CONEXUS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1 DEBT SERVICE FUND 2024 BUDGET

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

	ACTUA 2022	\L	ES	TIMATED 2023		BUDGET 2024
BEGINNING FUND BALANCES	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
REVENUES						
Total revenues		-		-		
TRANSFERS IN						
Transfers from other funds		-				7,156,900
Total funds available		-		-		7,156,900
EXPENDITURES General and administrative Debt Service						
Bond interest		-		-		1,578,300
Total expenditures		-		-		1,578,300
TRANSFERS OUT						
Total expenditures and transfers out						
requiring appropriation		-		-		1,578,300
ENDING FUND BALANCES	\$	-	\$		\$	5,578,600
CAPITALIZED INTEREST	\$	-	\$	-	\$	3,156,600
SURPLUS FUND TOTAL RESERVE	Ф.	-	\$	-	<u>.</u>	2,422,000
I O I AL RESERVE	\$		Φ		\$	5,578,600

CONEXUS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND 2024 BUDGET

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

	ACTUAL 2022		ESTIMATED 2023		BUDGET 2024
BEGINNING FUND BALANCES	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
REVENUES					
Bond issuance proceeds		-		-	26,305,000
Total revenues		-		-	26,305,000
Total funds available		-			26,305,000
EXPENDITURES					
Bond issue costs		-		-	776,100
Engineering - Cost Verifications Capital outlay		-		-	10,000 18,362,000
Total expenditures		-		-	19,148,100
TRANSFERS OUT					
Transfers to other fund		-		-	7,156,900
Total expenditures and transfers out requiring appropriation		-			26,305,000
ENDING FUND BALANCES	\$		\$	-	\$ -

CERTIFICATION OF TAX LEVIES for NON-SCHOOL Governments

TO: County Commissioners ¹ of			, Colorado.
On behalf of the			,
tha		axing entity) ^A	
the	()	governing body) ^B	
of the		ocal government) ^C	
Hereby officially certifies the following to be levied against the taxing entity's Cassessed valuation of: Note: If the assessor certified a NET assessed (AV) different than the GROSS AV due to a T Increment Financing (TIF) Area ^F the tax levies calculated using the NET AV. The taxing entire property tax revenue will be derived from the resultible descired the NET assessed valuation.	rig mills GROSS \$ (GROSS ^D valuation Fax s must be stry's total mill levy (NET ^G as USE VALUE)	assessed valuation, Line 2 of the Certific ssessed valuation, Line 4 of the Certifica UE FROM FINAL CERTIFICATION BY ASSESSOR NO LATER THA	tion of Valuation Form DLG 57) OF VALUATION PROVIDED
multiplied against the NET assessed valuation Submitted:		budget/fiscal year	·
(no later than Dec. 15) (mm/dd/yy	yy)		(уууу)
PURPOSE (see end notes for definitions and d	examples)	LEVY ²	REVENUE ²
1. General Operating Expenses ^H		mills	\$
2. Minus Temporary General Prop Temporary Mill Levy Rate Reduct		< > mills	<u>\$< ></u>
SUBTOTAL FOR GENERAL O	PERATING:	mills	\$
3. General Obligation Bonds and Inte	erest ^J	mills	\$
4. Contractual Obligations ^K		mills	\$
5. Capital Expenditures ^L		mills	\$
6. Refunds/Abatements ^M		mills	\$
7. Other ^N (specify):		mills	\$
		mills	<u>\$</u>
TOTAL: [St	um of General Operating ubtotal and Lines 3 to 7	mills	\$
Contact person:		Phone: (303)779-571	0
Signed:	anie Garton	Title: Accountant for	r District
Survey Question: Does the taxing enti- operating levy to account for changes Include one copy of this tax entity's completed form	to assessment rates	?	\Box Yes \Box No

Division of Local Government (DLG), Room 521, 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, CO 80203. Questions? Call DLG at (303) 864-7720.

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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:

BOND	S ^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:		
CONT	ID A CITICAL		
	RACTS ^k :		
3.	Purpose of Contract:		-
	Title:		-
	Date:	N/A	-
	Principal Amount:	IV/A	-
	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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notes:

- 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 <u>ex officio</u> of a county public improvement district (PID); the board of a water and sanitation district constitutes <u>ex officio</u> 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.
- GNET 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.

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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.

- 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).
- ¹ 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 <u>if</u> they are approved by counties and municipalities <u>through public hearings</u> pursuant to 29-1-301(1.2) C.R.S. and for special districts <u>through approval from the Division of Local Government</u> pursuant to 29-1-302(1.5) C.R.S. or for any *taxing entity* if <u>approved at election</u>. 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.
- Nother (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.

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