AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: Resolution; Support of Ballot Question 7A

Action Requested: Board of County Commissioners' Signature

Parties to the Agreement:

Term Begins: **Term Ends:** **Grant Contract #:**

Summary:

Please see the attached draft resolution.

Fiscal Impact: N/A (Colorado River District revenues only)

Submitted by: Katherine Haase **Submitter's Email Address:** khaase@gunnisoncounty.org

Finance Review: ○ Required ◉ Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by: Discharge Date:

County Attorney Review: ○ Required ◉ Not Required

Comments:

Reveiwed by: Discharge Date: Certificate of Insurance Required

Yes ○ No ○

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\mbirnie Discharge Date: 10/2/2020

○ Consent Agenda ◉ Regular Agenda ○ Worksession Time Allotted: 5

Agenda Date: 10/6/2020

Revised April 2015

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-___

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NOVEMBER 2020 BALLOT QUESTION 7A SEEKING VOTER APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE COLORADO RIVER DISTRICT'S TOTAL ANNUAL MILL LEVY FROM .252 TO .5 MILLS

WHEREAS, the Colorado River District's mission is to lead in the protection, conservation, use and development of the water resources of the Colorado River Basin and to safeguard for Colorado all waters of the Colorado River to which the State is entitled; and

WHEREAS, decreased revenues, the Gallagher Amendment and the spending/revenue TABOR cap have already resulted in a 15% reduction in the District's staff and across-the-board cutbacks; and

WHEREAS, further cutbacks will damage the District's ability to protect, develop and conserve the waters of the Colorado River and its tributaries and to protect Colorado's entitlement to the Colorado River; and

WHEREAS, increasing the District's total mill levy from .252 to .5 mills would result in a projected increase in annual tax revenue of approximately $4.9M; and

WHEREAS, this projected increase in revenue would have the median home in the District paying just $6.34 per year in additional taxes to support this much needed revenue for the District; and

WHEREAS, the District has a detailed plan for the use of this annual $4.9M increase, which includes approximately $4.2M dedicated to partnerships with water users and communities within the District on projects identified as priorities by local communities and Basin Roundtables, with the remaining funds being utilized to repair the District's internal financial structural deficit caused by the issues indicated above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County, Colorado supports the passage of November 2020 Ballot Question 7A.

INTRODUCED by Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____, and adopted this 6th day of October, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO

_____
Jonathan Houck, Chairperson

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Liz Smith, Commissioner

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Roland Mason, Commissioner

Attest:

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Deputy County Clerk