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## **METRO WASTEWATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT BOARD APPROVES 2006 BUDGET**

DENVER, July 20 — The Metro Wastewater Reclamation District's board of directors approved the 2006 budget last night at the regular monthly board meeting. It includes an annual charge for service of \$63,549,183 for 2006.

The annual charge is the fee the Metro District charges metro area cities and sanitation districts for treating their wastewater before discharging it to the South Platte River. Annual charges are based on the amount of wastewater treated and how much pollution must be removed. The 2006 annual charges figure is 5 percent higher than the 2005 annual charges. On a per household basis, this translates into an increase of 35 cents a month.

The 2006 budget allows Metro to continue the capital funding policy adopted in 2001. This policy cash funds all new improvement and growth-related capital projects from the General Fund Capital Project Account and cash funds replacement and rehabilitation capital projects from the Fixed Asset Replacement Fund. It also allows Metro to continue a \$600 million improvement, rehabilitation, and replacement program begun in 2003 without issuing bonds and to continue with a plan to retire all but \$1 million in bonded indebtedness by 2014.

The Metro District's 380-square mile service area includes most of metropolitan Denver, including all of Denver and parts of Adams, Arapahoe and Jefferson Counties. Arvada, Aurora, Lakewood, Thornton, and part of Westminster are included.

The Metro District collects and treats about 140 million gallons of wastewater a day at its Central Treatment Plant five miles northeast of central Denver. This plant, which is rated for a design flow of 227 million gallons a day (30-day average), is the largest wastewater treatment facility in the Rocky Mountain West.

Formed under Colorado law in 1961, the Metro District provides wholesale wastewater transmission and treatment service to 57 local governments, including both cities and sanitation districts in metropolitan Denver. The Metro District began treating metro Denver's wastewater in 1966.

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