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METRO WASTEWATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT BOARD APPROVES SUPPLEMENT TO 2008 BUDGET

DENVER, Nov. 24 — The Metro Wastewater Reclamation District's board of directors last week approved an \$850,000 supplement to the 2008 budget at the District's regular monthly board meeting. The move included amending the 2008 annual budget to be \$53,740,858.

The supplemental funds "will be used for operations and maintenance expenditures and capital which are expected to exceed the adopted 2008 annual budget," said District Manager Catherine Gerali in asking for the budget supplement.

"These exceedances are the result of large increases in the market prices of fuel, chemicals, and power—three areas which are critical to the successful completion of the Metro District's mission. These large increases have negatively impacted the District as well as the nation," she said.

The District's bylaws do not allow it to operate in a deficit spending mode.

The Metro District's 600-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. About 1.6 million people are served.

The Metro District collects and treats about 140 million gallons of wastewater a day at the Robert W. Hite Treatment Facility five miles northeast of central Denver. This plant, which is rated for a design flow of 220 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.

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