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### A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED,

102 FLOOD CONTROL, AND GREENWAY DISTRICT.

#### **Bill Summary**

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Creates the Fountain creek watershed, flood control, and greenway district. Specifies the boundaries, governance, and powers and duties of the district.

1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

1	SECTION 1. Title 32, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY
2	THE ADDITION OF A NEW ARTICLE to read:
3	ARTICLE 11.5
4	Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood
5	<b>Control, and Greenway District</b>
6	PART 1
7	GENERAL PROVISIONS
8	<b>32-11.5-101. Short title.</b> This article shall be known and
9	MAY BE CITED AS THE "FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED, FLOOD CONTROL,
10	AND GREENWAY DISTRICT ACT".
11	<b>32-11.5-102.</b> Legislative declaration. (1) THE GENERAL
12	ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:
13	(a) The Fountain creek watershed, including Fountain
14	CREEK, RELATED WETLANDS, EXISTING TRAILS, AND RECREATIONAL
15	FACILITIES, IS A UNIQUE AND HIGH QUALITY WATERSHED THAT IS AN
16	IMPORTANT RESOURCE AND ASSET TO THE PEOPLE OF EL PASO COUNTY,
17	PUEBLO COUNTY, AND THE STATE OF COLORADO;
18	(b) THERE ARE MANY CHALLENGES ARISING FROM THE UNIQUE
19	NATURE OF THE FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED, INCLUDING TORRENTIAL
20	STORMS THAT OCCUR INTERMITTENTLY IN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS THAT
21	DRAIN INTO FOUNTAIN CREEK AND RESULT IN INCREASED POTENTIAL FOR
22	FLOOD DANGER TO PROPERTY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND PERSONS WITHIN
23	THE URBAN AND RURAL AREAS OF THE WATERSHED;
24	(c) IT IS NECESSARY TO ADDRESS FLOODING, DRAINAGE, AND
25	EROSION PROBLEMS WITHIN THE FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED IN EL PASO
26	COUNTY AND PUEBLO COUNTY;
27	(d) BECAUSE THE FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED IS PHYSICALLY

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LOCATED IN BOTH EL PASO COUNTY AND PUEBLO COUNTY AND CROSSES
 THE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES OF THE TWO COUNTIES, THE CITIES OF
 COLORADO SPRINGS, FOUNTAIN, AND PUEBLO, AND THE TOWNS OF
 PALMER LAKE, GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS, MONUMENT, AND MANITOU
 SPRINGS, THE WATERSHED INCLUDES LARGE AREAS OF BOTH
 INCORPORATED AND UNINCORPORATED LAND, WHICH HAS:

7 (I) RESULTED IN THE FRAGMENTATION AND PROLIFERATION
8 AMONG THE COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES OF POWERS, RIGHTS,
9 PRIVILEGES, AND DUTIES PERTAINING TO STORM WATER, FLOOD
10 MITIGATION, AND ATTENUATION AND DRAINAGE WITHIN THE WATERSHED;
11 AND

12 (II) LEFT THE COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES UNABLE TO ACQUIRE 13 SUITABLE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE MITIGATION OF THE 14 FLOODING, DRAINAGE, AND EROSION PROBLEMS WITHIN THE WATERSHED; 15 (e) IN ORDER TO ADDRESS FLOODING, DRAINAGE, AND EROSION 16 PROBLEMS WITHIN THE FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED AND EFFECTIVELY 17 PROTECT, DEVELOP, AND USE THE NATURAL RESOURCES WITHIN THE 18 WATERSHED, IT IS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE TO CREATE THE 19 FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED, FLOOD CONTROL, AND GREENWAY 20 DISTRICT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT TO PRIMARILY MANAGE, 21 ADMINISTER, AND FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS NECESSARY IN THE 22 FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED TO: 23 (I) MITIGATE FLOODING, SEDIMENTATION, AND EROSION; 24 (II) ADDRESS WATER QUALITY ISSUES;

- 25 (III) IMPROVE DRAINAGE;
- 26 (IV) FUND THE PROTECTION OF OPEN SPACE; AND
- 27 (V) DEVELOP PUBLIC RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, INCLUDING

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1 PARKS AND TRAILS.

2 (2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS AND DECLARES THAT: 3 (a) A GENERAL LAW CANNOT BE MADE APPLICABLE TO THE 4 FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED, FLOOD CONTROL, AND GREENWAY 5 DISTRICT, OR TO THE PROPERTIES, POWERS, DUTIES, PRIVILEGES, 6 IMMUNITIES, RIGHTS, LIABILITIES, AND DISABILITIES PERTAINING THERETO 7 AS PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE, BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF ATYPICAL 8 FACTORS AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS CONCERNING THEM; 9 (b) THE CREATION OF THE FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED, FLOOD

10 CONTROL, AND GREENWAY DISTRICT PROMOTES THE HEALTH, COMFORT,
11 SAFETY, CONVENIENCE, AND WELFARE OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE
12 AND IS OF SPECIAL BENEFIT TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE DISTRICT AND
13 THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT;

14 (c) ALL PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED BY THE DISTRICT UNDER THIS
15 ARTICLE SHALL BE OWNED, OPERATED, ADMINISTERED, AND MAINTAINED
16 FOR AND ON BEHALF OF ALL OF THE PEOPLE OF THE DISTRICT.

17 32-11.5-103. Definitions. As used in this article, unless the
18 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

(1) "ASSESSABLE PROPERTY" MEANS ANY TRACT OF LAND IN AN
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT SPECIALLY BENEFITED BY A PROJECT PAID FOR IN
WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE DISTRICT BY THE LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS OTHER
THAN:

23 (a) A TRACT OWNED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ABSENT ITS
24 CONSENT TO THE ASSESSMENT OF THE TRACT; OR

25 (b) A STREET, ALLEY, HIGHWAY, OR OTHER PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY
26 OF A PUBLIC BODY.

27 (2) "Assessment unit" means a unit or quasi-improvement

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DISTRICT DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD FOR THE PURPOSE OF PETITION,
 REMONSTRANCE, AND ASSESSMENT IN THE CASE OF A COMBINATION OF
 PROJECTS IN AN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.

4 (3) "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT.
5 (4) "BOND" MEANS ANY BOND, NOTE, WARRANT, INTERIM
6 CERTIFICATE, CONTRACT, OR OTHER EVIDENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS OF THE
7 DISTRICT ISSUED OR OTHERWISE EXECUTED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE,
8 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY OBLIGATION TO THE UNITED
9 STATES IN CONNECTION WITH A LOAN FROM OR GUARANTEED BY THE
10 UNITED STATES.

11 (5) "CHAIRPERSON" MEANS THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE BOARD
12 OR HIS OR HER SUCCESSOR IN FUNCTIONS, IF ANY.

13 (6) "CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUP" MEANS THE CITIZENS APPOINTED
14 BY THE BOARD TO REPRESENT VARIOUS INTERESTS IDENTIFIED IN THIS
15 ARTICLE AND TO CONSULT WITH AND OFFER ADVICE TO THE BOARD ON
16 MANAGING THE WATERSHED.

17 (7) "CONDEMNATION" OR "CONDEMN" MEANS THE EXERCISE OF
18 THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN BY THE DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF
19 ACQUIRING PROPERTY FOR ANY PROJECT, FACILITIES, OR INTEREST
20 THEREIN AUTHORIZED BY THE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.

(8) "CORPORATE DISTRICT" MEANS A DISTRICT CONSTITUTING A
BODY CORPORATE AND POLITIC AND A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE
STATE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A SCHOOL DISTRICT, A JUNIOR
COLLEGE DISTRICT, A SPECIAL DISTRICT CREATED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE
1 OF THIS TITLE, ANY OTHER KIND OF DISTRICT CREATED PURSUANT TO
THIS TITLE, A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, OR A LOCAL IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT; EXCEPT THAT "CORPORATE DISTRICT" DOES NOT INCLUDE THE

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1 DISTRICT OR AN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.

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(9) "DIRECTOR" MEANS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD.

3 (10) "DISTRICT" MEANS THE FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED, FLOOD
4 CONTROL, AND GREENWAY DISTRICT CREATED IN SECTION 32-11.5-201.

5 (11) "ELIGIBLE ELECTOR" MEANS AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR AS
6 DEFINED IN SECTION 32-1-103 (5).

7 (12) "ENGINEER" MEANS ANY ENGINEER IN THE PERMANENT
8 EMPLOY OF THE DISTRICT, ANY LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER, OR
9 ANY FIRM OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD
10 THAT:

(a) HAS A WIDE AND FAVORABLE REPUTATION FOR SKILL AND
EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD OF DESIGNING AND PREPARING PLANS AND
SPECIFICATIONS FOR AND SUPERVISING THE CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES
LIKE THOSE THE DISTRICT IS AUTHORIZED TO ACQUIRE;

15 (b) IS PRACTICING ENGINEERING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE;
16 AND

17 (c) IS SELECTED, RETAINED, AND COMPENSATED BY THE DISTRICT
18 AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 32-11.5-205 (1) (h) (I).

(13) "EQUIP" MEANS THE FURNISHING OF ALL NECESSARY OR
DESIRABLE, RELATED, OR APPURTENANT MACHINERY, FURNISHINGS,
APPARATUS, PARAPHERNALIA, AND OTHER GEAR, OR ANY COMBINATION
THEREOF, PERTAINING TO ANY PROJECT OR OTHER PROPERTY OF THE
DISTRICT, OR ANY INTEREST THEREIN, AUTHORIZED IN THIS ARTICLE OR
OTHERWISE RELATING TO FACILITIES.

(14) "FACILITIES" MEANS ALL OR ANY PORTION OF THE DRAINAGE
AND FLOOD CONTROL SYSTEM OF THE DISTRICT, CONSISTING OF ALL
PROPERTY OWNED OR ACQUIRED BY THE DISTRICT THROUGH PURCHASE,

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1 CONSTRUCTION, OR OTHERWISE, THAT IS USED BY THE DISTRICT IN 2 CONNECTION WITH DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL, WHETHER SITUATED 3 WITHIN OR OUTSIDE, OR BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE, THE TERRITORY OF 4 THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, NATURAL AND ARTIFICIAL 5 WATERCOURSES FOR THE COLLECTION, CHANNELING, IMPOUNDING, AND 6 DISPOSITION OF RAINFALL, OTHER SURFACE AND SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE, 7 AND STORM AND FLOOD WATERS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, 8 DITCHES, PONDS, DAMS, SPILLWAYS, RETARDING BASINS, DETENTION 9 BASINS, LAKES, RESERVOIRS, CANALS, CHANNELS, LEVEES, REVETMENTS, 10 DIKES, WALLS, EMBANKMENTS, BRIDGES, INLETS, OUTLETS, CONNECTIONS, 11 LATERALS, OTHER COLLECTION LINES, INTERCEPTING SEWERS, OUTFALLS, 12 OUTFALL SEWERS, TRUNK SEWERS, FORCE MAINS, SUBMAINS, WATERLINES, 13 SLUICES, FLUMES, SYPHONS, SEWER LINES, PIPES, OTHER TRANSMISSION 14 LINES, CULVERTS, PUMPING STATIONS, GAUGING STATIONS, STREAM 15 GAUGES, RAIN GAUGES, ENGINES, VALVES, PUMPS, METERS, JUNCTION 16 BOXES, MANHOLES, OTHER INLET AND OUTLET STRUCTURES, MOTOR 17 VEHICLES, BUCKET MACHINES, INLET AND OUTLET CLEANERS, BACKHOES, 18 DRAGLINES, GRADERS, OTHER EQUIPMENT, APPARATUS, FIXTURES, 19 STRUCTURES, AND BUILDINGS, FLOOD WARNING SERVICES, AND 20 APPURTENANT TELEPHONE, TELEGRAPH, RADIO, AND TELEVISION 21 APPARATUS, AND OTHER WATER DIVERSION, DRAINAGE, AND FLOOD 22 CONTROL FACILITIES, AND ALL APPURTENANCES AND INCIDENTALS 23 NECESSARY, USEFUL, OR DESIRABLE FOR ANY SUCH FACILITIES INCLUDING 24 REAL AND OTHER PROPERTY THEREFOR.

(15) "FISCAL YEAR" MEANS THE TWELVE MONTHS COMMENCING
ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY OF ANY CALENDAR YEAR AND ENDING ON
THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER OF THE SAME CALENDAR YEAR.

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(16) "FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED" OR "WATERSHED" MEANS
 THE WATERSHED OFFICIALLY DENOMINATED BY THE UNITED STATES
 GOVERNMENT AS "WATERSHED BOUNDARY DATASET, HYDRAULIC UNIT
 CODE#11020003, FOUNTAIN CREEK SUB-BASIN OF THE ARKANSAS RIVER,
 COLORADO".

6 (17) "GOVERNING BODY" MEANS A CITY COUNCIL, BOARD OF
7 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OR OTHER ENTITY IN
8 WHICH THE LEGISLATIVE POWERS OF A PUBLIC BODY ARE VESTED.

9 (18) "IMPROVEMENT" OR "IMPROVE" MEANS THE EXTENSION,
10 ENLARGEMENT, BETTERMENT, ALTERATION, RECONSTRUCTION,
11 REPLACEMENT, OR MAJOR REPAIR OF FACILITIES, A PROJECT,
12 INFRASTRUCTURE, RELATED PROPERTY, OR AN INTEREST THEREIN.

13 "IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT" MEANS A CONTIGUOUS OR (19)14 NONCONTIGUOUS GEOGRAPHICAL AREA WITHIN THE DISTRICT THAT IS 15 DESIGNATED AND DELINEATED BY THE BOARD BY AN ASSIGNED NUMBER 16 OR IN SOME OTHER MANNER THAT SEPARATELY IDENTIFIES IT FROM ANY 17 OTHER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND CONTAINS FACILITIES OR A PROJECT, 18 OR AN INTEREST IN FACILITIES OR A PROJECT, THE COST OF WHICH IS TO BE 19 DEFRAYED WHOLLY OR IN PART BY THE LEVY OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS 20 AGAINST EACH TRACT WITHIN THE AREA.

(20) "INFRASTRUCTURE" MEANS ONE MORE ELEMENTS OF A
DRAINAGE OR FLOOD CONTROL SYSTEM THAT IS SIMILAR IN KIND TO
FACILITIES BUT OWNED BY A PUBLIC BODY OR OTHER PERSON OTHER THAN
THE DISTRICT.

(21) "MAILED NOTICE" MEANS ANY DESIGNATED WRITTEN OR
 PRINTED NOTICE ADDRESSED TO THE LAST-KNOWN OWNER OF EACH TRACT
 ASSESSED OR TO BE ASSESSED OR OTHER DESIGNATED PERSON AT HIS OR

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HER LAST-KNOWN ADDRESS, BY DEPOSIT AT LEAST TWENTY DAYS PRIOR
 TO THE DESIGNATED HEARING OR OTHER TIME OR EVENT IN THE UNITED
 STATES MAIL, POSTAGE PREPAID, AS FIRST-CLASS MAIL.

4 (22) "MUNICIPALITY" MEANS AN INCORPORATED CITY OR TOWN.
5 (23) "NEWSPAPER" MEANS A NEWSPAPER PRINTED IN THE ENGLISH
6 LANGUAGE AT LEAST ONCE EACH CALENDAR WEEK.

7 (24) "PROJECT" MEANS ANY FACILITY OR RELATED GROUP OF
8 FACILITIES THAT THE BOARD DETERMINES TO AUTHORIZE, CONSTRUCT, OR
9 ACQUIRE AT ONE TIME.

10 (25) "PUBLICATION" OR "PUBLISH" MEANS THREE CONSECUTIVE
11 WEEKLY PUBLICATIONS IN AT LEAST ONE NEWSPAPER HAVING GENERAL
12 CIRCULATION IN THE DISTRICT.

(26) (a) "PUBLIC BODY" MEANS THE STATE OF COLORADO OR ANY
AGENCY, INSTRUMENTALITY, OR CORPORATION THEREOF; ANY COUNTY,
MUNICIPALITY, CORPORATE DISTRICT, AUTHORITY, OR STATE INSTITUTION
OF HIGHER EDUCATION; OR ANY OTHER BODY CORPORATE AND POLITIC
AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE.

18 (b) "PUBLIC BODY" DOES NOT INCLUDE THE FEDERAL19 GOVERNMENT OR THE DISTRICT.

20 (27) "REPRESENTED PUBLIC BODY" MEANS A PUBLIC BODY THAT
21 IS ENTITLED, ALONE OR IN CONCERT WITH ANOTHER PUBLIC BODY, TO
22 APPOINT ONE OR MORE DIRECTORS TO THE BOARD.

(28) "SERVICE CHARGES" MEANS THE FEES, RATES, AND OTHER
CHARGES FOR THE USE OF THE FACILITIES OF THE DISTRICT OR FOR ANY
RELATED SERVICE RENDERED BY THE DISTRICT.

26 (29) "Small municipalities" means, collectively, Green
27 Mountain Falls, Manitou, Monument, and Palmer Lake,

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1 COLORADO.

(30) "SPECIAL ASSESSMENT" MEANS A CHARGE LEVIED AGAINST
ANY TRACT SPECIALLY BENEFITED IN AN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BY ANY
PROJECT THAT SHALL BE MADE ON A FRONT-FOOT, ZONE, AREA, OR OTHER
EQUITABLE BASIS AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD; EXCEPT THAT THE
CHARGE SHALL NOT EXCEED THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM SPECIAL BENEFITS
TO THE TRACT ASSESSED AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD PURSUANT TO
PART 5 OF THIS ARTICLE.

9 (31) "TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE" MEANS THE ADVISORY
10 COMMITTEE MADE UP OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD
11 TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD REGARDING PUBLIC
12 POLICY OR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE WATERSHED.
13 (32) (a) "TRACT" MEANS ANY LOT OR OTHER PARCEL OF LAND FOR
14 ASSESSMENT PURPOSES, WHETHER PLATTED OR UNPLATTED, REGARDLESS
15 OF LOT OR LAND LINES.

16 (b) LOTS, PLOTS, BLOCKS, AND OTHER SUBDIVISIONS MAY BE
17 DESIGNATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AND
18 ALL LANDS, PLATTED AND UNPLATTED, SHALL BE DESIGNATED BY A
19 DEFINITE DESCRIPTION.

32-11.5-104. Public purpose - liberal construction - sufficiency
of article. (1) THE EXERCISE OF ANY POWER AUTHORIZED IN THIS
ARTICLE BY THE BOARD ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT AND ANY PROJECT
AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE EFFECTS A PUBLIC PURPOSE.

(2) THIS ARTICLE BEING NECESSARY TO SECURE AND PRESERVE
THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND GENERAL WELFARE, THE RULE OF
STRICT CONSTRUCTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO THIS ARTICLE. THIS ARTICLE
SHALL BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED TO EFFECT ITS PURPOSES.

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(3) (a) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE, THIS
 ARTICLE, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY OTHER LAW, SHALL CONSTITUTE
 FULL AUTHORITY FOR THE EXERCISE OF THE POWERS GRANTED IN THIS
 ARTICLE, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION THE FINANCING OF ANY
 PROJECT AUTHORIZED IN THIS ARTICLE WHOLLY OR IN PART AND THE
 ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO EVIDENCE THE FINANCING.

(b) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE, NO OTHER
LAW WITH REGARD TO THE AUTHORIZATION OR ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR
THE EXERCISE OF ANY OTHER POWER GRANTED IN THIS ARTICLE THAT
PROVIDES FOR AN ELECTION, REQUIRES AN APPROVAL, OR IN ANY WAY
IMPEDES OR RESTRICTS THE CARRYING OUT OF THE ACTS AUTHORIZED IN
THIS ARTICLE SHALL APPLY TO PROCEEDINGS TAKEN UNDER OR ACTS DONE
PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.

(c) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE, NO NOTICE,
CONSENT, OR APPROVAL BY ANY PUBLIC BODY OR OFFICER THEREOF SHALL
BE REQUIRED AS A PREREQUISITE TO THE SALE OR ISSUANCE OF ANY BONDS
OR THE MAKING OF ANY CONTRACT OR THE EXERCISE OF ANY OTHER
POWER UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

(d) THE POWERS CONFERRED BY THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE IN
ADDITION AND SUPPLEMENTAL TO, AND NOT IN SUBSTITUTION FOR, AND
THE LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY THIS ARTICLE SHALL NOT AFFECT, THE
POWERS CONFERRED BY ANY OTHER LAW.

(e) NOTHING IN THIS ARTICLE SHALL REPEAL OR AFFECT ANY
OTHER LAW EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT THIS ARTICLE IS INCONSISTENT
WITH ANY OTHER LAW, THIS ARTICLE BEING INTENDED TO PROVIDE A
SEPARATE METHOD OF ACCOMPLISHING ITS OBJECTIVES AND NOT AN
EXCLUSIVE ONE. THIS ARTICLE SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED AS REPEALING,

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1 AMENDING, OR CHANGING ANY OTHER LAW EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT

2 THE OTHER LAW IS INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ARTICLE.

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#### DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND POWERS

5 **32-11.5-201. Creation of district.** THERE IS HEREBY CREATED 6 THE FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED, FLOOD CONTROL, AND GREENWAY 7 DISTRICT, WHICH SHALL BE A PUBLIC BODY POLITIC AND CORPORATE AND 8 A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE. THE DISTRICT SHALL NOT BE AN 9 AGENCY OF STATE GOVERNMENT AND SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO 10 ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTION BY ANY DEPARTMENT, COMMISSION, BOARD, 11 BUREAU, OR AGENCY OF THE STATE.

12 32-11.5-202. Boundaries of the district. THE AREA COMPRISING
13 THE DISTRICT CONSISTS OF THE COUNTIES OF EL PASO AND PUEBLO.

32-11.5-203. Board of directors - general powers and
delegation thereof - manner of appointment - compensation.
(1) (a) THE DISTRICT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY A BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
AND, SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (1), THE BOARD
SHALL EXERCISE ALL POWERS, RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, AND DUTIES OF THE
DISTRICT AS PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE.

20 (b) (I) THE BOARD MAY CREATE AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE 21 BOARD AND MAY DELEGATE TO THE COMMITTEE SUCH POWER TO ACT ON 22 BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT AS THE BOARD MAY DETERMINE BY RESOLUTION. 23 (II) THE BOARD MAY APPOINT AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE 24 DISTRICT AND MAY DELEGATE THE EXERCISE OF ANY OF ITS EXECUTIVE, 25 ADMINISTRATIVE, AND MINISTERIAL POWERS TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 26 AND ANY OTHER STAFF OF THE DISTRICT. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 27 SHALL HAVE SUCH POWERS AS MAY BE GRANTED BY THE BOARD, WHICH

MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, THE ABILITY TO HIRE
 EMPLOYEES, CONSULTANTS, OR STAFF TO HELP CARRY OUT THE DAY TO
 DAY OPERATIONS OF THE DISTRICT AND TO HELP EXECUTE THE SPENDING
 PLAN ADOPTED BY THE BOARD. THE BOARD MAY ALSO CONTRACT FOR
 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FINANCIAL,
 LEGAL, AND ENGINEERING SERVICES, TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO
 ADMINISTER AND IMPLEMENT THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE.

8 (2) (a) THE BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF NINE DIRECTORS APPOINTED
9 AS FOLLOWS:

10 (I) ONE PUEBLO COUNTY COMMISSIONER APPOINTED BY THE
11 PUEBLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS A
12 REPRESENTATIVE OF PUEBLO COUNTY;

(II) ONE EL PASO COUNTY COMMISSIONER APPOINTED BY THE EL
PASO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS A REPRESENTATIVE
OF EL PASO COUNTY;

16 (III) ONE DIRECTOR APPOINTED BY THE PUEBLO CITY COUNCIL AS
17 A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CITY OF PUEBLO;

(IV) ONE DIRECTOR APPOINTED BY THE COLORADO SPRINGS CITY
 COUNCIL AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS;

20 (V) ONE DIRECTOR APPOINTED BY THE FOUNTAIN CITY COUNCIL
21 AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CITY OF FOUNTAIN;

(VI) ONE DIRECTOR APPOINTED BY THE PUEBLO COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WHO IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LOWER
ARKANSAS VALLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT OR A CITIZEN OF PUEBLO
COUNTY;

26 (VII) ONE DIRECTOR APPOINTED JOINTLY BY THE COLORADO
27 SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL AND THE EL PASO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY

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COMMISSIONERS WHO IS EITHER A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SMALL
 MUNICIPALITIES SELECTED FROM A GROUP OF AT LEAST TWO CANDIDATES
 NOMINATED JOINTLY BY THE SMALL MUNICIPALITIES, OR, IF THE SMALL
 MUNICIPALITIES DO NOT SUBMIT AT LEAST TWO CANDIDATES, IS A CITIZEN
 OF EL PASO COUNTY;

6 (VIII) ONE DIRECTOR APPOINTED JOINTLY BY THE PUEBLO CITY
7 COUNCIL AND THE PUEBLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
8 WHO IS A CITIZEN AT LARGE; AND

9 (IX) ONE DIRECTOR APPOINTED JOINTLY BY THE EL PASO COUNTY
10 AND PUEBLO COUNTY BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WHO IS A
11 MEMBER OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUP.

12 (b) THE TERM OF EACH DIRECTOR SHALL COMMENCE ON 13 FEBRUARY 1; EXCEPT THAT THE TERMS OF THE DIRECTORS INITIALLY 14 APPOINTED SHALL COMMENCE IMMEDIATELY UPON THEIR APPOINTMENT. 15 THE DIRECTORS INITIALLY APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPHS (I), 16 (IV), (VII), AND (IX) OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2) SHALL SERVE INITIAL TERMS THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2011, AND THE DIRECTORS 17 18 INITIALLY APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPHS (II), (III), (V), (VI), 19 AND (VIII) OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2) SHALL SERVE 20 INITIAL TERMS THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2012. THE TERM OF EACH 21 DIRECTOR APPOINTED AFTER THE INITIAL APPOINTMENTS SHALL BE FOR 22 TWO YEARS. EACH APPOINTING AUTHORITY OR PAIR OF JOINT APPOINTING 23 AUTHORITIES HAS SOLE DISCRETION TO REAPPOINT ANY DIRECTOR WHO 24 THE AUTHORITY OR AUTHORITIES INITIALLY APPOINTED.

(c) EACH APPOINTING AUTHORITY SHALL SELECT AND APPOINT ITS
RESPECTIVE DIRECTOR IN ANY LAWFUL MANNER AS DETERMINED BY THE
APPOINTING AUTHORITY. EACH APPOINTING AUTHORITY SHALL

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DESIGNATE AND PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE OTHER REPRESENTED PUBLIC
 BODIES OF THE IDENTITY OF ITS RESPECTIVE DIRECTOR, AND ANY DESIGNEE
 OR ALTERNATE IT MAY CHOOSE TO NAME, WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE
 APPOINTMENT. EACH APPOINTING AUTHORITY MAY ALSO NAME AN
 ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO ATTEND MEETINGS IF THE PRIMARY DIRECTOR IS
 UNAVAILABLE TO ATTEND OR HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

7 (d) IF A BOARD VACANCY OCCURS FOR ANY REASON INCLUDING. 8 BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A DIRECTOR NO LONGER POSSESSING A MANDATORY 9 QUALIFICATION FOR BOARD MEMBERSHIP THAT THE DIRECTOR HELD AT 10 THE TIME OF HIS OR HER APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD, THE APPOINTING 11 AUTHORITY THAT APPOINTED THE DIRECTOR SHALL FILL THE VACANCY BY 12 APPOINTING A SUCCESSOR DIRECTOR TO SERVE FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM. 13 THE SUCCESSOR DIRECTOR SHALL POSSESS ANY MANDATORY 14 QUALIFICATION SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2).

(3) (a) A DIRECTOR SHALL NOT RECEIVE A SALARY OR
COMPENSATION OR REIMBURSEMENT FOR ANY EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE
PERFORMANCE OF HIS OR HER DUTIES, OTHER THAN AS MAY BE PROVIDED
BY THE REPRESENTED PUBLIC BODY OR OTHER ORGANIZATION THE
DIRECTOR REPRESENTS AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE REPRESENTED
PUBLIC BODY OR ORGANIZATION OR UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD.
(b) A DIRECTOR SHALL NOT RECEIVE ANY COMPENSATION AS AN

21 (b) A DIRECTOR SHALL NOT RECEIVE ANT COMPLEXATION AS AN
22 OFFICER, ENGINEER, ATTORNEY, EMPLOYEE, OR OTHER AGENT OF THE
23 DISTRICT.

32-11.5-204. Board - meetings - records. (1) (a) EXCEPT FOR
THE INITIAL BOARD, EACH BOARD SHALL MEET IN JANUARY OF EACH YEAR
AT A REGULAR PLACE OF MEETING WITHIN THE DISTRICT FOR THE
QUALIFICATION OF NEW DIRECTORS AND FOR THE SELECTION OF NEW

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OFFICERS. THE INITIAL BOARD AT ITS FIRST MEETING, AND EACH
 SUCCESSOR BOARD AT THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN JANUARY OF EACH
 YEAR THEREAFTER, SHALL, BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF A QUORUM OF THE
 DIRECTORS, ELECT THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS:

5 (I) A CHAIRPERSON WHO SHALL PRESIDE OVER ALL MEETINGS OF 6 THE BOARD AND SEE THAT THE MEETINGS AND DEBATE ARE CONDUCTED 7 IN AN ORDERLY AND EXPEDITIOUS MANNER. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE 8 PERMITTED BY SECTION 32-11.5-203 (1) (b) (II), THE CHAIRPERSON SHALL 9 SIGN ALL CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AND LEGAL DOCUMENTS OF THE 10 BOARD AND IN GENERAL SHALL PERFORM ALL DUTIES INCIDENT TO THE 11 OFFICE OF CHAIRPERSON.

(II) A VICE-CHAIRPERSON WHO SHALL ASSUME THE DUTIES OF THE
 CHAIRPERSON IN THE CHAIRPERSON'S ABSENCE.

14 (b) (I) A MAJORITY OF THE DIRECTORS SHALL CONSTITUTE A 15 QUORUM FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS BY THE BOARD UNLESS A 16 DIFFERENT NUMBER IS SET BY RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD AT THE ANNUAL 17 MEETING. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE OR IN THE 18 BYLAWS, THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF A QUORUM OF THE 19 BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL BE SUFFICIENT TO CONDUCT THE BUSINESS OF 20 THE BOARD. IF LESS THAN A QUORUM IS PRESENT AT A MEETING, THE 21 CHAIRPERSON OR OTHER PRESIDING OFFICER MAY COMPEL THE 22 ATTENDANCE OF ANY ABSENT MEMBER IN SUCH MANNER AND UNDER SUCH 23 PENALTIES AS THE BOARD MAY PROVIDE OR MAY ADJOURN THE MEETING 24 TO A DIFFERENT TIME AND PLACE. IF THE MEETING IS ADJOURNED, THE 25 CHAIRPERSON SHALL NOTIFY ABSENT DIRECTORS OF THE TIME AND PLACE 26 OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING.

27 (II) SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT A QUORUM OF THE

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BOARD BE PRESENT TO VOTE, THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT SPENDING OR
 OTHER FISCAL POLICY RESOLUTIONS ONLY BY A SUPERMAJORITY VOTE AS
 FOLLOWS:

4	Board Members Appointed	Votes Required for Approval
5	2	2
6	3	2
7	4	3
8	5	4
9	6	4
10	7	5
11	8	6
12	9	7

13 (III) EACH DIRECTOR OR DIRECTOR'S ALTERNATE SHALL BE 14 ENTITLED TO ONE VOTE, AND VOTING BY PROXY SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED. 15 (IV) ALL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD, THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY 16 COMMITTEE, THE CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUP, OR ANY EXECUTIVE 17 COMMITTEE OR OTHER COMMITTEE DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD SHALL BE 18 HELD IN THE DISTRICT SUBJECT TO THE OPEN MEETINGS PROVISIONS OF THE 19 "COLORADO SUNSHINE ACT OF 1972", PART 4 OF ARTICLE 6 OF TITLE 24, 20 C.R.S.

(V) THE DIRECTORS, THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE
CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUP, OR ANY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OR OTHER
COMMITTEE DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD MAY PARTICIPATE IN ANY
MEETING OF THE BOARD OR COMMITTEE BY MEANS OF A TELEPHONE
CONVERSATION OR SIMILAR COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT BY WHICH ALL
PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING CAN HEAR EACH OTHER AT THE
SAME TIME. SUCH REMOTE PARTICIPATION SHALL CONSTITUTE PRESENCE

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1 IN PERSON AT THE MEETING.

2 (2) (a) THE BOARD SHALL PERFORM ALL LEGISLATIVE ACTS OF A 3 GENERAL AND PERMANENT NATURE BY RESOLUTION. ON ALL 4 RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS, THE ROLL SHALL BE CALLED, AND THE AYES 5 AND NOES SHALL BE RECORDED. AFTER PASSAGE, ALL RESOLUTIONS AND 6 ORDERS SHALL BE RECORDED IN THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICES OF THE 7 CLERK AND RECORDERS OF EL PASO AND PUEBLO COUNTIES, RECORDED 8 IN A BOOK KEPT BY THE DISTRICT FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND 9 AUTHENTICATED BY THE SIGNATURE OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE 10 BOARD AND THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD.

(b) THE DISTRICT AND THE BOARD SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE
"COLORADO OPEN RECORDS ACT", ARTICLE 72 OF TITLE 24, C.R.S.

13 (c) ALL DISTRICT RECORDS ARE SUBJECT TO AUDIT AS PROVIDED
14 BY LAW FOR POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE.

32-11.5-205. Powers of the district. (1) THE DISTRICT, ACTING
THROUGH THE BOARD OR THROUGH OTHER PERSONS TO WHOM THE BOARD
HAS DELEGATED ANY OF ITS POWERS AS AUTHORIZED BY THIS ARTICLE,
HAS THE FOLLOWING GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE POWERS:

- 19 (a) TO HAVE PERPETUAL EXISTENCE;
- 20 (b) TO SUE AND BE SUED;

21 (c) TO ADOPT BYLAWS FOR THE REGULATION OF ITS AFFAIRS AND
22 THE CONDUCT OF ITS BUSINESS;

23 (d) TO FIX THE TIME AND PLACE AT WHICH ITS REGULAR MEETINGS

24 SHALL BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CALLING

- 25 AND HOLDING OF SPECIAL MEETINGS;
- 26 (e) TO ADOPT AND USE A SEAL;
- 27 (f) TO MAINTAIN OFFICES AT ANY PLACE IT MAY DESIGNATE;

(g) (I) TO APPOINT A SECRETARY AND A TREASURER OF THE
 BOARD. EACH POSITION MAY BE FILLED BY A DIRECTOR OR BY ANOTHER
 PERSON, AND BOTH POSITIONS MAY BE FILLED BY THE SAME PERSON.

4 (II) THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD SHALL KEEP A RECORD OF THE
5 MINUTES OF ALL MEETINGS, ENSURE THAT ALL NOTICES REQUIRED BY LAW
6 ARE DULY GIVEN AND POSTED, SERVE AS THE CUSTODIAN OF BOARD
7 RECORDS, ATTEST TO DOCUMENTS AS THE NEED ARISES, AND PERFORM
8 SUCH OTHER FUNCTIONS AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD.

9 (h) (I) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 32-11.5-203 (1) (b) 10 AND SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (h), TO HIRE AND FIX THE 11 COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES AND HIRE OR RETAIN OTHER 12 PERSONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PROFESSIONALS SUCH AS 13 ENGINEERS, ATTORNEYS, ACCOUNTANTS, AND OTHER FINANCIAL 14 PROFESSIONALS. THE DISTRICT SHALL HIRE OR RETAIN AN ENGINEER.

(II) (A) NO DIRECTOR, OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, OR AGENT OF THE
DISTRICT SHALL BE INTERESTED IN ANY CONTRACT OR TRANSACTION WITH
THE DISTRICT EXCEPT IN HIS OR HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY OR AS IS
PROVIDED IN HIS OR HER CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT WITH THE DISTRICT.

(B) NEITHER THE HOLDING OF ANY OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT OF A
PUBLIC BODY OR OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT NOR THE OWNING OF ANY
PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE, WITHIN OR OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT, SHALL
BE DEEMED A DISQUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OR
EMPLOYMENT BY THE DISTRICT OR DEEMED A DISQUALIFICATION FOR
COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES AS A DIRECTOR OR AS AN OFFICER,
EMPLOYEE, OR AGENT OF THE DISTRICT.

26 (C) A DIRECTOR SHALL NOT VOTE ON ANY ISSUE WITH RESPECT TO
27 WHICH THE DIRECTOR HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST AS REQUIRED BY

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SECTIONS 18-8-308, 24-18-108.5, AND 24-18-110, C.R.S. AN APPOINTING
 BODY MAY NAME AN ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO CURE THE TEMPORARY
 DISQUALIFICATION, AND THE ALTERNATE MAY VOTE IN PLACE OF THE
 DISQUALIFIED DIRECTOR.

5 (i) TO APPOINT A TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF TECHNICAL 6 EXPERTS TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD REGARDING 7 PUBLIC POLICY OR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE 8 WATERSHED AND TO CARRY ON TECHNICAL AND OTHER INVESTIGATIONS 9 OF ALL KINDS, MAKE MEASUREMENTS, COLLECT DATA, AND MAKE 10 ANALYSES, STUDIES, AND INSPECTIONS PERTAINING TO FACILITIES, 11 PROJECTS, AND RELATED PROPERTY BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE 12 DISTRICT;

(j) TO APPOINT A CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUP REPRESENTING
VARIOUS INTERESTS PERTAINING TO THE WATERSHED TO CONSULT WITH
AND OFFER ADVICE TO THE BOARD REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OF THE
WATERSHED;

17 (k) TO APPOINT ONE OR MORE PERSONS TO ACT AS CUSTODIANS OF
18 THE MONEYS OF THE DISTRICT FOR PURPOSES OF DEPOSITING THE MONEYS
19 IN ANY DEPOSITORY AUTHORIZED IN SECTION 24-75-603, C.R.S.
20 CUSTODIANS SHALL GIVE SURETY BONDS IN SUCH AMOUNTS AND FORM
21 AND FOR SUCH PURPOSES AS THE BOARD REQUIRES.

(1) TO DESIGNATE AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN THE
DISTRICT AND TO PUBLISH ANY NOTICE OR OTHER INSTRUMENT IN ANY
Additional NEWSPAPER AS THE BOARD DEEMS NECESSARY;

(m) TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING,
BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS WITH ANY PUBLIC
BODY OR AGENCY THEREOF;

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(n) (I) TO TRADE, EXCHANGE, PURCHASE, CONDEMN IN THE
 MANNER PROVIDED IN ARTICLES 1 TO 7 OF TITLE 38, C.R.S., AND
 OTHERWISE ACQUIRE, OPERATE, MAINTAIN, AND DISPOSE OF REAL AND
 PERSONAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING INTERESTS THEREIN, WITHIN OR OUTSIDE
 THE DISTRICT.

6 (II) IF THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANY PROJECT OR PART OF A PROJECT 7 AUTHORIZED IN THIS ARTICLE REQUIRES THE REMOVAL AND RELOCATION 8 OF ANY PUBLIC UTILITY FACILITY, WHETHER ON PRIVATE OR PUBLIC 9 RIGHT-OF-WAY OR OTHERWISE, THE DISTRICT SHALL REIMBURSE THE 10 OWNER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY FACILITY FOR THE EXPENSE OF THE 11 REMOVAL AND RELOCATION, INCLUDING THE COST OF ANY NECESSARY 12 LAND OR RIGHTS IN LAND.

13 (o) TO INSTITUTE, MAINTAIN, AND ADMINISTER A SYSTEMATIC AND
14 UNIFORM PROGRAM OF PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE IN THE DISTRICT;

(p) TO PROMULGATE SUCH RESOLUTIONS AND ISSUE SUCH ORDERS
AS THE DISTRICT DEEMS NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT FOR THE OPERATION,
MAINTENANCE, MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT, AND USE OF FACILITIES AND
ANY OTHER DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL FACILITIES UNDER ITS
CONTROL, WHETHER SITUATED WITHIN OR OUTSIDE OR BOTH WITHIN AND
OUTSIDE THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE DISTRICT;

(q) TO ADVOCATE FOR THE PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF
THE WATERSHED TO MITIGATE FLOODING, EROSION, AND SEDIMENTATION,
ADDRESS WATER QUALITY, AND PROVIDE A HEALTHY RIPARIAN HABITAT
WITH RECREATIONAL AMENITIES;

(r) TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT BALLOT LANGUAGE AND POSITION
STATEMENTS TO PLACE ONE OR MORE FUNDING MEASURES BEFORE THE
AFFECTED ELECTORS IN PUEBLO AND EL PASO COUNTIES; AND

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(s) TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC
 CONCERNING THE PURPOSES AND BENEFITS OF THE DISTRICT.

3 (2) THE DISTRICT HAS THE FOLLOWING FINANCIAL POWERS:

4 (a) TO PROVIDE FUNDING DERIVED FROM BOTH EL PASO AND
5 PUEBLO COUNTIES TO SUPPORT THE DISTRICT;

6 (b) TO PROVIDE COOPERATION AND FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL
7 ASSISTANCE THROUGHOUT THE FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED;

8 (c) (I) SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF
9 THIS PARAGRAPH (c), TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION,
10 OPERATION, OR MAINTENANCE OF PROJECTS AND ANY OTHER LAWFUL
11 OPERATIONS OF THE DISTRICT THROUGH:

12 (A) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SERVICE CHARGES PURSUANT TO PART
13 3 OF THIS ARTICLE;

14 (B) THE IMPOSITION OF MILL LEVIES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY
15 WITHIN THE DISTRICT AND THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS PURSUANT TO PART 4
16 OF THIS ARTICLE;

17 (C) THE CREATION OF IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS AND IMPOSITION
18 OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ON ALL PROPERTY WITHIN AN IMPROVEMENT
19 DISTRICT PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF THIS ARTICLE;

(D) THE ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS; AND
(E) ANY OTHER LAWFUL MEANS AUTHORIZED IN THIS ARTICLE.
(II) (A) NO ACTION BY THE DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH OR INCREASE
ANY SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AUTHORIZED BY THIS ARTICLE AND, IN
ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 20 (4) (a) OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE
CONSTITUTION, NO ACTION BY THE DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH OR INCREASE

- 26 ANY TAX OR MILL LEVY AUTHORIZED BY THIS ARTICLE SHALL TAKE EFFECT
- 27 UNLESS FIRST SUBMITTED TO A VOTE OF THE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS OF THE

DISTRICT OR, IN THE CASE OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT, THE ELIGIBLE
 ELECTORS OF THE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN WHICH THE SPECIAL
 ASSESSMENT IS PROPOSED TO BE COLLECTED.

4 (B) NO ACTION BY THE DISTRICT CREATING A MULTIPLE-FISCAL 5 YEAR DEBT OR OTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATION THAT IS SUBJECT TO 6 SECTION 20 (4) (b) OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION SHALL 7 TAKE EFFECT UNLESS FIRST SUBMITTED TO A VOTE OF THE ELIGIBLE 8 ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT OR. IN THE CASE OF IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 9 BONDS TO BE PAID WITH REVENUES FROM A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT, THE 10 ELIGIBLE ELECTORS OF THE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN WHICH THE SPECIAL 11 ASSESSMENT IS PROPOSED TO BE COLLECTED.

12 (C) THE QUESTIONS PROPOSED TO THE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS UNDER 13 SUB-SUBPARAGRAPHS (A) AND (B) OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (II) SHALL BE 14 SUBMITTED AT A BIENNIAL ELECTION OF THE DISTRICT, A GENERAL 15 ELECTION, OR ANY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE FIRST TUESDAY IN 16 NOVEMBER OF AN ODD-NUMBERED YEAR. THE ACTION SHALL NOT TAKE 17 EFFECT UNLESS A MAJORITY OF THE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS VOTING ON THE 18 QUESTION AT THE ELECTION VOTE IN FAVOR THEREOF. ELECTIONS SHALL 19 BE HELD AND CONDUCTED, AND THE RESULTS DETERMINED, IN THE 20 MANNER PROVIDED BY ARTICLES 1 TO 13 OF TITLE 1, C.R.S. NO DISTRICT 21 MONEYS MAY BE USED TO URGE OR OPPOSE PASSAGE OF AN ELECTION 22 **REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.** 

(d) (I) SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATION SPECIFIED IN SUBPARAGRAPH
(II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (d), TO IMPOSE SERVICE CHARGES FOR THE
AVAILABILITY OR USE OF THE FACILITIES OF THE DISTRICT, PLEDGE
SERVICE CHARGE REVENUES FOR THE PAYMENT OF BONDS, AND ENFORCE
THE COLLECTION OF SERVICE CHARGE REVENUES BY CIVIL ACTION OR BY

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1 ANY OTHER MEANS PROVIDED BY LAW.

2 (II) THE POWER OF THE DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH SERVICE CHARGES
3 IS LIMITED TO THE AREAS WITHIN THE COUNTIES OF EL PASO AND PUEBLO
4 THAT ARE WITHIN THE FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED.

5 (e) TO OBTAIN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, APPRAISALS, ECONOMIC
6 FEASIBILITY REPORTS, AND VALUATIONS OF ANY TYPE PERTAINING TO THE
7 FACILITIES OR ANY PROJECT OR ANY RELATED PROPERTY;

8 (f) TO DEPOSIT MONEYS OF THE DISTRICT IN ANY DEPOSITORY
9 AUTHORIZED IN SECTION 24-75-603, C.R.S.;

10 (g) TO CREATE SPECIAL FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS AS A SOURCE OF 11 REPAYMENT FOR BONDS, INCLUDING RESERVES REQUIRED OR DESIRED FOR 12 THAT PURPOSE, OR FOR PAYMENT OF PROJECT ACQUISITION, 13 CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, OR OTHER RELATED COSTS; 14 (h) TO INVEST OR DEPOSIT ANY DISTRICT MONEYS IN THE MANNER 15 PROVIDED BY PART 6 OF ARTICLE 75 OF TITLE 24, C.R.S., AND TO DIRECT 16 A CORPORATE TRUSTEE THAT HOLDS ANY DISTRICT MONEYS TO INVEST OR 17 DEPOSIT THE MONEYS IN INVESTMENTS OR DEPOSITS OTHER THAN THOSE 18 SPECIFIED BY SAID PART 6 IF THE BOARD DETERMINES, BY RESOLUTION, 19 THAT THE INVESTMENT OR DEPOSIT MEETS THE STANDARD ESTABLISHED 20 IN SECTION 15-1-304, C.R.S., THE INCOME IS AT LEAST COMPARABLE TO 21 INCOME AVAILABLE ON INVESTMENTS OR DEPOSITS SPECIFIED BY SAID 22 PART 6, AND THE INVESTMENT WILL ASSIST THE BOARD IN THE FINANCING, 23 CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, OR MAINTENANCE OF ITS PROJECTS OR 24 FACILITIES;

(i) (I) SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN SUBPARAGRAPH
(II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (i), UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE DISTRICT HAS
SUFFICIENT FUNDING TO OPERATE INDEPENDENT OF FUNDING FROM THE

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REPRESENTED PUBLIC BODIES, TO DEMAND FROM THE REPRESENTED
 PUBLIC BODIES APPROPRIATE STAFF, RESOURCES, AND FUNDING SUPPORT.
 THE REPRESENTED PUBLIC BODIES SHALL FUND INDEPENDENT STAFF OR
 PLEDGE TO SUPPORT THE DISTRICT WITH THEIR OWN EMPLOYEES OR
 CONTRIBUTE FUNDING IN ANY MANNER DEEMED EQUITABLE AND
 APPROPRIATE BY THE REPRESENTED PUBLIC BODIES AND THE DISTRICT.

7 (II) IN ACCORD WITH THE STATE CONSTITUTION OR ANY CHARTER 8 OF A REPRESENTED PUBLIC BODY, PERFORMANCE OF A REPRESENTED 9 PUBLIC BODY'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS ARTICLE IS EXPRESSLY SUBJECT 10 TO APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS BY THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNING BODY OF 11 THE PUBLIC BODY. IF SUFFICIENT MONEYS ARE NOT APPROPRIATED FOR 12 PERFORMANCE OF A PUBLIC BODY'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS ARTICLE OR 13 APPROPRIATED FUNDS CANNOT BE EXPENDED DUE TO APPLICABLE 14 SPENDING LIMITATIONS, PERFORMANCE OF THE PUBLIC BODY UNDER THIS 15 ARTICLE SHALL BE NULL AND VOID BY OPERATION OF LAW, AND THE 16 PUBLIC BODY SHALL THEREAFTER HAVE NO LIABILITY FOR COMPENSATION 17 OR DAMAGES TO ANY PERSON IN EXCESS OF THE PUBLIC BODY'S 18 AUTHORIZED APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE OR THE 19 APPLICABLE SPENDING LIMIT, WHICHEVER IS LESS. A REPRESENTED PUBLIC 20 BODY SHALL NOTIFY ALL OTHER REPRESENTED PUBLIC BODIES AND THE 21 DISTRICT AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE IN THE EVENT OF NONAPPROPRIATION 22 OR IN THE EVENT A SPENDING LIMITATION BECOMES APPLICABLE.

23 (3) (a) THE DISTRICT HAS THE FOLLOWING JURISDICTIONAL AND
24 LAND USE POWERS:

(I) WITHIN THE CORRIDOR, TO ACCEPT AND MANAGE FUNDING FOR
AND MANAGE AND CONSTRUCT STREAM IMPROVEMENTS IN THE
WATERSHED AND TO EXERCISE FULL LAND USE AUTHORITY; AND

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1 (II) OUTSIDE OF THE CORRIDOR, TO EXERCISE ADVISORY LAND USE 2 AUTHORITY ONLY; EXCEPT THAT THE DISTRICT SHALL BE ENTITLED TO 3 RECEIVE NOTICE FROM ALL REPRESENTED PUBLIC BODIES AND TO PROVIDE 4 COMMENTS TO SUCH REPRESENTED PUBLIC BODIES REGARDING LAND USE 5 APPLICATIONS FOR PROJECTS LOCATED OUTSIDE THE CORRIDOR THAT, IN 6 THE OPINION OF THE APPLICABLE REPRESENTED PUBLIC BODY'S PLANNING 7 DIRECTOR OR PLANNING DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE. WILL HAVE A DIRECT OR 8 INDIRECT IMPACT ON THE FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED. Each 9 REPRESENTED PUBLIC BODY SHALL SEND NOTICE TO THE DISTRICT 10 IDENTIFYING THE PLANNING DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE. THE DISTRICT MAY 11 REQUEST TO REVIEW LAND USE APPLICATIONS OF ANY REPRESENTED 12 PUBLIC BODY FOR PROJECTS LOCATED OUTSIDE THE CORRIDOR THAT MAY 13 DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY IMPACT THE WATERSHED.

14 (b) (I) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (3), "CORRIDOR" MEANS 15 A CORRIDOR ALONG FOUNTAIN CREEK THAT CONSISTS OF THE PORTION OF 16 THE ONE-HUNDRED-YEAR FLOODPLAIN, AS DEFINED BY THE UNITED 17 STATES FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, HEREINAFTER 18 REFERRED TO AS THE "FEMA ONE-HUNDRED-YEAR FLOODPLAIN", AND 19 FURTHER IDENTIFIED ON MAPS PROMULGATED BY THAT AGENCY, 20 CONSISTING OF FLOODPLAINS IN EL PASO COUNTY THAT LIE SOUTH OF THE 21 MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FOUNTAIN AND THE FLOODPLAIN IN 22 PUEBLO COUNTY LYING NORTH OF THE MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF 23 PUEBLO.

(II) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH
(b),PUBLIC BODIES NOT REPRESENTED ON THE BOARD, THROUGH THEIR
GOVERNING BODIES, MAY CONSENT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE DISTRICT
AND ADD PROPERTY TO THE CORRIDOR. THE REPRESENTED PUBLIC BODIES

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SHALL ALSO HAVE THE OPTION OF ADDING ADDITIONAL SECTIONS OF THE
 WATERSHED WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES TO
 THE CORRIDOR AND THE JURISDICTION OF THE DISTRICT.

4 (4) THE DISTRICT HAS THE FOLLOWING COOPERATIVE AND5 MISCELLANEOUS POWERS:

6 (a) TO PROVIDE FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND, WHERE
7 POSSIBLE, COORDINATE WITH ALL REGIONAL SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS,
8 REGIONAL MULTIPURPOSE PLANNING AGENCIES, REGIONAL PLANNING
9 COMMISSIONS, AND OTHER MULTIJURISDICTIONAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS
10 OPERATING WHOLLY OR PARTLY WITHIN THE DISTRICT;

11 (b) TO ADOPT A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM FOR THE ACQUISITION
12 AND CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES;

13 (c) TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN FACILITIES WITHIN 14 THE DISTRICT ACROSS OR ALONG ANY PUBLIC STREET, HIGHWAY, BRIDGE, 15 VIADUCT, OR OTHER PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY, OR IN, UPON, UNDER, OR OVER 16 ANY VACANT PUBLIC LANDS THAT ARE OR MAY BECOME THE PROPERTY OF 17 A PUBLIC BODY WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING A FRANCHISE FROM THE PUBLIC 18 BODY HAVING JURISDICTION OVER THE SAME. THE DISTRICT SHALL 19 COOPERATE WITH ANY PUBLIC BODY HAVING SUCH JURISDICTION, SHALL 20 PROMPTLY RESTORE ANY SUCH STREET, HIGHWAY, BRIDGE, VIADUCT, OR 21 OTHER PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY TO ITS FORMER STATE OF USEFULNESS AS 22 NEARLY AS MAY BE, AND SHALL NOT PERMANENTLY IMPAIR COMPLETELY 23 OR UNNECESSARILY THE USEFULNESS THEREOF.

(d) (I) TO THE EXTENT CONSISTENT WITH THE JURISDICTIONAL AND
LAND USE AUTHORITY SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION, TO
ADOPT FLOODPLAIN ZONING RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS PERTAINING TO
PROPERTIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT THAT AFFECT THE COLLECTION,

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CHANNELING, IMPOUNDING, OR DISPOSITION OF RAINFALL, OTHER SURFACE
 AND SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE, OR STORM AND FLOOD WATERS AS IT DEEMS
 NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT. IF A DISTRICT FLOODPLAIN ZONING
 RESOLUTION OR ORDER CONFLICTS WITH A FLOODPLAIN ZONING
 RESOLUTION OR ORDER ADOPTED BY ANY OTHER PUBLIC BODY, THE MORE
 RESTRICTIVE RESOLUTION OR ORDER SHALL CONTROL.

7 (II) NO DISTRICT FLOODPLAIN RESOLUTION OR ORDER SHALL BE 8 ADOPTED OR AMENDED EXCEPT BY ACTION OF THE BOARD AFTER A PUBLIC 9 HEARING HELD BY THE BOARD AT WHICH ANY PUBLIC BODY OWNING 10 DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL FACILITIES OR OTHERWISE EXERCISING 11 POWERS AFFECTING DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL IN THE AFFECTED 12 AREA AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE 13 HEARD. THE BOARD SHALL PROVIDE MAILED NOTICE OF THE HEARING TO 14 EACH SUCH PUBLIC BODY AND SHALL ALSO PUBLISH NOTICE OF THE 15 HEARING FOR THE BENEFIT OF OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS.

(e) TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE OR CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS
WITH ANY GOVERNMENT, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 29-1-202 (1), C.R.S., AS
AUTHORIZED IN SECTION 29-1-203, C.R.S., CONCERNING COMPREHENSIVE
PLANNING REGARDING OR THE PROVISION OF ANY FUNCTION, SERVICE, OR
FACILITY AUTHORIZED BY THIS ARTICLE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:
(I) JOINT OPERATING OR SERVICE CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS;
ACQUISITION, IMPROVEMENT, EQUIPMENT, OR DISPOSAL CONTRACTS;

23 PERSONNEL SHARING AGREEMENTS; OR OTHER ARRANGEMENTS
24 CONCERNING PERSONNEL, ANY FACILITIES, PROJECT, OR RELATED
25 PROPERTY OR ANY SIMILAR PROPERTY OR EQUIPMENT OWNED BY THE
26 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR A PUBLIC BODY; AND

27 (II) CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS FOR THE PROVISION AND

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OPERATION BY THE DISTRICT OF ANY DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL
 PROPERTY OR EQUIPMENT RELATED TO FACILITIES OR PROJECTS OF THE
 DISTRICT IN EXCHANGE FOR COMPENSATION SUFFICIENT TO DEFRAY THE
 COST TO THE DISTRICT OF PROVIDING, OPERATING, AND MAINTAINING THE
 PROPERTY OR EQUIPMENT;

6 (f) TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO BE QUALIFIED TO ACCEPT 7 AND TO ACCEPT CONTRIBUTIONS OR LOANS FROM THE FEDERAL 8 GOVERNMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE PLANNING, 9 ACQUISITION, IMPROVEMENT, EQUIPMENT, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION 10 OF ANY PROJECT OR AUTHORIZED ACTIVITY OF THE DISTRICT AND TO 11 ENTER INTO CONTRACTS AND COOPERATE WITH THE FEDERAL 12 GOVERNMENT IN THE FINANCING, PLANNING, ACQUISITION, IMPROVEMENT, 13 EQUIPMENT, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION OF ANY SUCH PROJECT OR 14 AUTHORIZED ACTIVITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE FEDERAL 15 LEGISLATION UNDER WHICH AID, ASSISTANCE, AND COOPERATION MAY BE 16 FURNISHED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT;

(g) SUBJECT TO ANY LIMITATIONS SPECIFIED IN THIS ARTICLE OR
ARTICLES 1 TO 7 OF TITLE 38, C.R.S., TO ENTER UPON ANY LAND TO MAKE
SURVEYS, BORINGS, SOUNDINGS, AND EXAMINATIONS AND TO LOCATE
FACILITIES, PROJECTS, ROADWAYS, AND OTHER RIGHTS-OF-WAY
PERTAINING TO FACILITIES AND PROJECTS AS NEEDED TO ACCOMPLISH THE
PURPOSES OF THE DISTRICT;

(h) TO ARBITRATE ANY DIFFERENCES ARISING AMONG THE
REPRESENTED PUBLIC BODIES IN CONNECTION WITH ANY FACILITIES,
PROJECT, OR ACTIVITY OF THE DISTRICT; AND

26 (i) TO HAVE AND EXERCISE ALL RIGHTS AND POWERS NECESSARY
27 OR INCIDENTAL TO OR IMPLIED FROM THE SPECIFIC POWERS GRANTED IN

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1 THIS ARTICLE.

2 **32-11.5-206.** Approval of other infrastructure. (1) ON AND 3 AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (1), ONLY THE FEDERAL 4 GOVERNMENT MAY ACQUIRE OR IMPROVE WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS 5 OF THE DISTRICT ANY DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL INFRASTRUCTURE, 6 UNLESS A PROPOSAL FOR THE ACQUISITION OR IMPROVEMENT IS APPROVED 7 BY THE BOARD: EXCEPT THAT A PUBLIC BODY OR OTHER PERSON MAY 8 ACQUIRE OR IMPROVE GUTTERS AND RAINSPOUTS ATTACHED TO BUILDINGS 9 OR OTHER STRUCTURES; CURBS AND GUTTERS APPURTENANT TO STREETS, 10 ALLEYS, HIGHWAYS, AND OTHER RIGHTS-OF-WAY; OR A COLLECTION OR 11 SECONDARY STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM, AS DEFINED IN THE EL PASO 12 COUNTY DRAINAGE CRITERIA MANUAL OR THE PUEBLO COUNTY DRAINAGE 13 CRITERIA MANUAL, AS APPLICABLE, OR IN ANY SUCCESSOR PUBLICATIONS 14 TO EITHER MANUAL. IF A PUBLIC BODY OR OTHER PERSON OTHER THAN 15 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ACQUIRES OR IMPROVES SUCH 16 INFRASTRUCTURE WITHOUT BOARD APPROVAL, THE BOARD MAY ORDER 17 MODIFICATION OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO MEET THE REASONABLE 18 SPECIFICATIONS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF THE DISTRICT.

19 (2) (a) THE BOARD SHALL NOT APPROVE A PROPOSAL FOR 20 DRAINAGE OR FLOOD CONTROL INFRASTRUCTURE ACQUISITION OR 21 IMPROVEMENT UNLESS THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO BE ACQUIRED OR 22 IMPROVED APPROPRIATELY COMPLEMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS FACILITIES, 23 BOTH PROPOSED AND ACQUIRED, AND IS CONSISTENT WITH ANY 24 COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM FOR THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF 25 FACILITIES ADOPTED BY THE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-11.5-205 26 (4) (b). The board may withhold its approval or disapprove a 27 PROPOSAL FOR DRAINAGE OR FLOOD CONTROL INFRASTRUCTURE

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ACQUISITION OR IMPROVEMENT ONLY IF THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO BE
 ACQUIRED OR APPROVED DOES NOT COMPLEMENT OR SUPPLEMENT
 FACILITIES OR DOES NOT CONFORM TO ANY COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF
 THE DISTRICT.

5 IF A PROPOSAL FOR DRAINAGE OR FLOOD CONTROL (b) 6 INFRASTRUCTURE ACQUISITION OR IMPROVEMENT DOES NOT SUFFICIENTLY 7 DELINEATE THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO BE ACOUIRED OR IMPROVED FOR THE 8 BOARD TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMPLEMENTS OR 9 SUPPLEMENTS FACILITIES AND CONFORMS TO ANY COMPREHENSIVE 10 PROGRAM OF THE DISTRICT, THE BOARD MAY DEMAND SUCH ADDITIONAL 11 INFORMATION AS IT DEEMS NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE TO MAKE SUCH A 12 DETERMINATION. THE BOARD MAY DELAY ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE 13 PROPOSAL UNTIL IT RECEIVES ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED.

32-11.5-207. Powers of public bodies. (1) A PUBLIC BODY, FOR
THE PURPOSE OF AIDING AND COOPERATING IN ANY PROJECT AUTHORIZED
IN THIS ARTICLE, MAY:

17 (a) SELL, LEASE, LOAN, DONATE, GRANT, CONVEY, ASSIGN, 18 TRANSFER, AND OTHERWISE DISPOSE TO THE DISTRICT ANY 19 PROJECT-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, OR INTEREST THEREIN; 20 (b) MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE DISTRICT FOR TEMPORARY USE, OR 21 OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF, ANY MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE, 22 OR OTHER PROPERTY AND ANY AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, PERSONS WITH 23 PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, OR OTHER PERSONS TO EFFECT THE PURPOSES OF 24 THIS ARTICLE. ANY PROPERTY OWNED BY AND PERSONS IN THE EMPLOY 25 OR SERVICE OF A PUBLIC BODY SHALL, WHILE PERFORMING ANY 26 AUTHORIZED SERVICE, ACTIVITY, OR UNDERTAKING FOR THE DISTRICT, 27 HAVE AND RETAIN ALL OF THE POWERS, PRIVILEGES, IMMUNITIES, RIGHTS,

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AND DUTIES, AND BE DEEMED TO BE ENGAGED IN THE SERVICE AND
 EMPLOYMENT, OF THE PUBLIC BODY, NOTWITHSTANDING THAT THE
 SERVICE, ACTIVITY, OR UNDERTAKING IS BEING PERFORMED FOR THE
 DISTRICT.

5 (c) ENTER INTO ANY AGREEMENT OR JOINT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
6 OR AMONG THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE DISTRICT, A PUBLIC BODY, OR
7 ANY COMBINATION THEREOF WITH RESPECT TO ACTION OR PROCEEDINGS
8 PERTAINING TO ANY POWER GRANTED IN THIS ARTICLE AND THE USE OR
9 JOINT USE OF ANY INFRASTRUCTURE, FACILITIES, PROJECT, OR OTHER
10 PROPERTY;

(d) SELL, LEASE, LOAN, DONATE, GRANT, CONVEY, ASSIGN,
 TRANSFER, OR PAY OVER TO THE DISTRICT INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY,
 OR MONEYS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING THE DISTRICT TO FINANCE,
 ACQUIRE, IMPROVE, OR EQUIP FACILITIES OR PROJECTS;

15 (e) TRANSFER, GRANT, CONVEY, OR ASSIGN TO THE DISTRICT ANY
16 CONTRACTS AWARDED BY THE PUBLIC BODY FOR THE ACQUISITION,
17 IMPROVEMENT, OR EQUIPMENT OF ANY PROJECT NOT COMMENCED OR NOT
18 COMPLETED; AND

(f) BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE, AS REQUIRED, THE PROCEEDS OF
TAXES, SERVICE CHARGES, AND OTHER REVENUES LEGALLY AVAILABLE TO
PAY ALL BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS ARISING FROM THE EXERCISE OF
ANY POWERS GRANTED IN THIS ARTICLE AS PAYMENTS FOR THE BONDS OR
OTHER OBLIGATIONS BECOME DUE.

# 24PART 3

25 SERVICE CHARGES

26 **32-11.5-301. Service charges.** (1) (a) THE DISTRICT MAY IMPOSE

27 AND COLLECT SERVICE CHARGES FOR DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONNECTION

WITH, OR THE USE OR SERVICES OF, FACILITIES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT
 LIMITED TO, MINIMUM CHARGES AND CHARGES FOR THE AVAILABILITY OF
 FACILITIES OR RELATED SERVICES.

4 (b) SERVICE CHARGES MAY BE CHARGED TO AND COLLECTED IN 5 ADVANCE OR OTHERWISE BY THE DISTRICT AT ANY TIME FROM ANY OWNER 6 OR OCCUPANT OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT THAT DIRECTLY 7 OR INDIRECTLY IS, HAS BEEN, OR WILL BE CONNECTED WITH FACILITIES OR 8 FROM WHICH OR ON WHICH ORIGINATES OR HAS ORIGINATED RAINFALL, 9 OTHER SURFACE AND SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE, OR STORM AND FLOOD 10 WATERS THAT HAVE ENTERED OR WILL ENTER FACILITIES, AND THE OWNER 11 OR OCCUPANT OF ANY SUCH REAL PROPERTY SHALL BE LIABLE FOR AND 12 SHALL PAY THE SERVICE CHARGES TO THE DISTRICT WHEN DUE AND 13 PAYABLE.

(c) SERVICE CHARGES OF THE DISTRICT SHALL ACCRUE FROM THE
DATE ON WHICH THE BOARD ESTIMATES, IN ANY RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ANY BONDS TO BE PAID FROM SERVICE
CHARGE REVENUES OR IN ANY CONTRACT WITH ANY PERSON, THAT THE
FACILITIES FOR WHICH THE SERVICE CHARGE IS IMPOSED WILL BE
AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE OR USE.

20 (2) (a) SERVICE CHARGES:

(I) SHALL BE IMPOSED AT RATES REASONABLY CALCULATED TO
DEFRAY ONLY THE COSTS OF THE FACILITIES FOR WHICH THEY ARE
IMPOSED THAT ARE NOT DEFRAYED BY OTHER DISTRICT REVENUES;

(II) SHALL, AS NEARLY AS THE DISTRICT DEEMS PRACTICABLE AND
 EQUITABLE, BE UNIFORM THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT FOR THE SAME TYPE,

26 CLASS, AND AMOUNT OF USE OF FACILITIES OR RELATED SERVICES;

27 (III) MAY BE BASED OR COMPUTED:

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(A) ON MEASUREMENTS OF DRAINAGE FLOW DEVICES DULY
 PROVIDED AND MAINTAINED BY THE DISTRICT OR BY ANY USER AS
 APPROVED BY THE DISTRICT;

4 (B) ON THE CONSUMPTION OF WATER IN, ON, OR IN CONNECTION
5 WITH THE REAL PROPERTY ON WHICH THE SERVICE CHARGE IS IMPOSED,
6 MAKING DUE ALLOWANCE FOR COMMERCIAL AND OTHER USE OF WATER
7 DISCHARGED INTO ANY SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND FOR ANY
8 INFILTRATION OF GROUND WATER AND DISCHARGE OF SURFACE RUNOFF
9 INTO THE SEWER SYSTEM;

10 (C) ON THE CAPACITY OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN, ON, OR
11 CONNECTED WITH THE REAL PROPERTY ON WHICH THE SERVICE CHARGE IS
12 IMPOSED;

13 (D) ON THE AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE OF FACILITIES;

14 (E) ON ANY OTHER FACTORS DETERMINING THE TYPE, CLASS, AND
 15 AMOUNT OF USE OR SERVICE OF FACILITIES; OR

16 (F) ON ANY COMBINATION OF THE FACTORS SPECIFIED IN 17 SUB-SUBPARAGRAPHS (A) TO (E) OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (III).

18 (b) FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING SERVICE CHARGES, THE 19 DISTRICT MAY GIVE WEIGHT TO THE SPECIFIC CHARACTERISTICS OF ANY 20 REAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE CHARACTERISTICS 21 OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BOTH PROPOSED AND EXISTING, IN ANY 22 SUBDIVISION OR OTHER AREA IN THE DISTRICT OR ANY OTHER SPECIAL 23 MATTER AFFECTING THE RUNOFF OF RAINFALL, OTHER SURFACE AND 24 SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE, OR STORM AND FLOOD WATERS FROM THE REAL 25 PROPERTY DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY INTO THE DISTRICT'S FACILITIES.

26 (c) THE DISTRICT MAY SET REASONABLE PENALTIES FOR ANY
 27 DELINQUENCIES IN THE PAYMENT OF SERVICE CHARGES, INCLUDING

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WITHOUT LIMITATION INTEREST ON DELINQUENT SERVICE CHARGES FROM
 ANY DATE DUE AT A RATE NOT EXCEEDING ONE PERCENT PER MONTH, OR
 FRACTION OF A MONTH, REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES, AND OTHER COSTS
 OF COLLECTION.

5 (3) THE DISTRICT MAY PRESCRIBE AND REVISE A SCHEDULE OF 6 SERVICE CHARGES. THE SCHEDULE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF 7 ANY CONTRACT OF THE DISTRICT AND SHALL ENSURE THAT THE SERVICE 8 CHARGES OF THE DISTRICT ARE ADEQUATE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT OTHER 9 AVAILABLE DISTRICT REVENUES AND ANTICIPATED SERVICE CHARGE 10 DELINQUENCIES, TO:

(a) PAY ALL FACILITIES OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES;
 (b) PAY PUNCTUALLY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON ANY
 BONDS PAYABLE FROM REVENUES OF FACILITIES;

(c) MAINTAIN REQUIRED RESERVES OR SINKING FUNDS; AND
(d) PAY ALL EXPENSES INCIDENTAL TO FACILITIES OR PROJECTS,
INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CONTINGENCIES AND ACQUISITION,
IMPROVEMENT, AND EQUIPMENT COSTS, REQUIRED BY THE TERMS OF ANY
CONTRACT OR OTHERWISE DEEMED NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE BY THE
DISTRICT.

20 (4) THE DISTRICT SHALL KEEP A COPY OF ANY SCHEDULE OF
21 SERVICE CHARGES IN EFFECT ON FILE AT ITS PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND SHALL
22 ALLOW INSPECTION OF THE SCHEDULE WHENEVER THE OFFICE IS OPEN FOR
23 BUSINESS.

(5) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN A CONTRACT OR
AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BY THE DISTRICT AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION
32-11.5-205 (4) (e), ONLY THE BOARD MAY PRESCRIBE, SUPERVISE, OR
REGULATE THE PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES PERTAINING TO FACILITIES OR

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SET OR ALTER SERVICE CHARGES.

2 PART 4 3 TAXES AND BONDS 4 **32-11.5-401. Taxes.** SUBJECT TO THE ELECTION REQUIREMENTS 5 SPECIFIED IN SECTION 32-11.5-205 (2) (C) (II) AND THE LIMITATIONS 6 SPECIFIED IN PART 3 OF ARTICLE 1 OF TITLE 29 AND SECTION 39-10-111 7 (11), C.R.S., THE DISTRICT MAY LEVY AND COLLECT AD VALOREM TAXES 8 ON AND AGAINST ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT. THE 9 PROCEEDS OF AD VALOREM TAXES MAY BE USED FOR ANY AUTHORIZED 10 PURPOSE OF THE DISTRICT INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE FUNDING 11 OF RESERVE FUNDS TO BE USED TO REPAY BONDS ISSUED PURSUANT TO 12 SECTION 32-11.5-402, DEFRAY MAINTENANCE, OPERATION, AND 13 DEPRECIATION COSTS OF FACILITIES, AND IMPROVE FACILITIES.

14 32-11.5-402. **Bonds.** SUBJECT TO THE ELECTION (1) 15 REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 32-11.5-205 (2) (c) (II), THE 16 DISTRICT MAY, FROM TIME TO TIME, ISSUE BONDS FOR ANY OF ITS 17 CORPORATE PURPOSES. THE BONDS SHALL BE ISSUED PURSUANT TO A 18 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OR A TRUST INDENTURE, SHALL NOT BE 19 SECURED BY AN ENCUMBRANCE, MORTGAGE, OR OTHER PLEDGE OF REAL 20 OR PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE DISTRICT, AND SHALL BE PAYABLE FROM 21 ANY DISTRICT REVENUES UNLESS THE BOND RESOLUTION OR TRUST 22 INDENTURE SPECIFICALLY LIMITS THE SOURCE OF DISTRICT REVENUES 23 FROM WHICH THE BONDS ARE PAYABLE.

(2) BONDS MAY BE EXECUTED AND DELIVERED BY THE DISTRICT AT
SUCH TIMES, MAY BE IN SUCH FORM AND DENOMINATIONS AND INCLUDE
SUCH TERMS AND MATURITIES, MAY BE SUBJECT TO OPTIONAL OR
MANDATORY REDEMPTION PRIOR TO MATURITY WITH OR WITHOUT A

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1 PREMIUM, MAY BE IN FULLY REGISTERED FORM OR BEARER FORM 2 REGISTRABLE AS TO PRINCIPAL OR INTEREST OR BOTH, MAY BEAR SUCH 3 CONVERSION PRIVILEGES, MAY BE PAYABLE IN SUCH INSTALLMENTS AND 4 AT SUCH TIMES NOT EXCEEDING FORTY YEARS FROM THE DATE THEREOF, 5 MAY BE PAYABLE AT SUCH PLACE OR PLACES WHETHER WITHIN OR 6 WITHOUT THE STATE, MAY BEAR INTEREST AT SUCH RATE OR RATES PER 7 ANNUM, WHICH MAY BE FIXED OR VARY ACCORDING TO INDEX, 8 PROCEDURE, OR FORMULA OR AS DETERMINED BY THE DISTRICT OR ITS 9 AGENTS, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY INTEREST RATE LIMITATION 10 APPEARING IN ANY OTHER LAW OF THE STATE, MAY BE SUBJECT TO 11 PURCHASE AT THE OPTION OF THE HOLDER OR THE DISTRICT, MAY BE 12 EVIDENCED IN SUCH MANNER, MAY BE EXECUTED BY SUCH OFFICERS OF 13 THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING THE USE OF ONE OR MORE FACSIMILE 14 SIGNATURES SO LONG AS AT LEAST ONE MANUAL SIGNATURE APPEARS ON 15 THE BONDS, WHICH MAY BE EITHER OF AN OFFICER OF THE DISTRICT OR OF 16 AN AGENT AUTHENTICATING THE SAME, MAY BE IN THE FORM OF COUPON 17 BONDS THAT HAVE ATTACHED INTEREST COUPONS BEARING A MANUAL OR 18 FACSIMILE SIGNATURE OF AN OFFICER OF THE DISTRICT, AND MAY CONTAIN 19 SUCH PROVISIONS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ARTICLE, ALL AS 20 PROVIDED IN THE RESOLUTION OF THE DISTRICT UNDER WHICH THE BONDS 21 ARE AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED OR AS PROVIDED IN A TRUST INDENTURE 22 BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND ANY BANK OR TRUST COMPANY HAVING FULL 23 TRUST POWERS.

(3) BONDS MAY BE SOLD AT PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SALE AT SUCH
PRICE OR PRICES, IN SUCH MANNER, AND AT SUCH TIMES AS DETERMINED
BY THE BOARD, AND THE BOARD MAY PAY ALL FEES, EXPENSES, AND
COMMISSIONS THAT IT DEEMS NECESSARY OR ADVANTAGEOUS IN

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1 CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OF THE BONDS. THE POWER TO FIX THE DATE 2 OF SALE OF THE BONDS, TO RECEIVE BIDS OR PROPOSALS, TO AWARD AND 3 SELL BONDS, TO FIX INTEREST RATES, AND TO TAKE ALL OTHER ACTION 4 NECESSARY TO SELL AND DELIVER THE BONDS MAY BE DELEGATED TO AN 5 OFFICER OR AGENT OF THE DISTRICT. ANY OUTSTANDING BONDS MAY BE 6 REFUNDED BY THE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 56 OF TITLE 11, C.R.S. 7 ALL BONDS AND ANY INTEREST COUPONS APPLICABLE THERETO ARE 8 DECLARED TO BE NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS.

9 (4) THE RESOLUTION OR A TRUST INDENTURE AUTHORIZING THE 10 ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS MAY PLEDGE ALL OR A PORTION OF THE SPECIAL 11 FUND, MAY CONTAIN SUCH PROVISIONS FOR PROTECTING AND ENFORCING 12 THE RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF HOLDERS OF ANY OF THE BONDS AS THE 13 DISTRICT DEEMS APPROPRIATE, MAY SET FORTH THE RIGHTS AND REMEDIES 14 OF THE HOLDERS OF ANY OF THE BONDS, AND MAY CONTAIN PROVISIONS 15 THAT THE DISTRICT DEEMS APPROPRIATE FOR THE SECURITY OF THE 16 HOLDERS OF THE BONDS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PROVISIONS 17 FOR LETTERS OF CREDIT, INSURANCE, STANDBY CREDIT AGREEMENTS, OR 18 OTHER FORMS OF CREDIT ENSURING TIMELY PAYMENT OF THE BONDS, 19 INCLUDING THE REDEMPTION PRICE OR THE PURCHASE PRICE.

20 (5) ANY PLEDGE OF MONEYS OR OTHER PROPERTY MADE BY THE 21 DISTRICT OR BY ANY PERSON OR GOVERNMENTAL UNIT WITH WHICH THE 22 DISTRICT CONTRACTS SHALL BE VALID AND BINDING FROM THE TIME THE 23 PLEDGE IS MADE. THE SPECIAL FUND OR OTHER PROPERTY SO PLEDGED 24 SHALL IMMEDIATELY BE SUBJECT TO THE LIEN OF THE PLEDGE WITHOUT 25 ANY PHYSICAL DELIVERY OR FURTHER ACT, AND THE LIEN OF THE PLEDGE 26 SHALL BE VALID AND BINDING AGAINST ALL PARTIES HAVING CLAIMS OF 27 ANY KIND IN TORT, CONTRACT, OR OTHERWISE AGAINST THE PLEDGING

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PARTY REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE CLAIMING PARTY HAS NOTICE OF
 THE LIEN. THE INSTRUMENT BY WHICH THE PLEDGE IS CREATED NEED NOT
 BE RECORDED OR FILED.

4 (6) NEITHER THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, EMPLOYEES OF THE
5 DISTRICT, NOR ANY PERSON EXECUTING THE BONDS SHALL BE LIABLE
6 PERSONALLY ON THE BONDS OR SUBJECT TO ANY PERSONAL LIABILITY OR
7 ACCOUNTABILITY BY REASON OF THE ISSUANCE THEREOF.

8 (7) THE DISTRICT MAY PURCHASE ITS BONDS OUT OF ANY 9 AVAILABLE MONEYS AND MAY HOLD, PLEDGE, CANCEL, OR RESELL SUCH 10 BONDS SUBJECT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENTS WITH THE 11 HOLDERS THEREOF.

12 (8) THE STATE HEREBY PLEDGES AND AGREES WITH THE HOLDERS 13 OF ANY BONDS AND WITH THOSE PARTIES WHO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS 14 WITH THE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE THAT THE STATE WILL NOT 15 LIMIT, ALTER, RESTRICT, OR IMPAIR THE RIGHTS VESTED IN THE DISTRICT 16 OR THE RIGHTS OR OBLIGATIONS OF ANY PERSON WITH WHICH IT 17 CONTRACTS TO FULFILL THE TERMS OF ANY AGREEMENTS MADE PURSUANT 18 TO THIS ARTICLE. THE STATE FURTHER AGREES THAT IT WILL NOT IN ANY 19 WAY IMPAIR THE RIGHTS OR REMEDIES OF THE HOLDERS OF BONDS UNTIL 20 THE BONDS HAVE BEEN PAID OR UNTIL ADEQUATE PROVISION FOR 21 PAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE. THE DISTRICT MAY INCLUDE THIS PROVISION 22 AND UNDERTAKING FOR THE STATE IN ITS BONDS.

(9) ALL BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, SAVINGS AND LOAN
ASSOCIATIONS, INSURANCE COMPANIES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS,
GUARDIANS, TRUSTEES, AND OTHER FIDUCIARIES MAY LEGALLY INVEST
ANY MONEYS WITHIN THEIR CONTROL IN ANY BONDS ISSUED UNDER THIS
ARTICLE. PUBLIC ENTITIES, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-75-601 (1), C.R.S.,

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MAY INVEST PUBLIC FUNDS IN BONDS ONLY IF THE BONDS SATISFY THE
 INVESTMENT REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED IN PART 6 OF ARTICLE 75 OF
 TITLE 24, C.R.S.

4 (10) THE INCOME OR OTHER REVENUES OF THE DISTRICT, ALL 5 PROPERTIES AT ANY TIME OWNED BY THE DISTRICT, BONDS, AND THE 6 TRANSFER OF AND THE INCOME FROM BONDS SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM ALL 7 TAXATION AND ASSESSMENTS IN THE STATE. IN THE RESOLUTION OR 8 INDENTURE AUTHORIZING BONDS, THE DISTRICT MAY WAIVE THE 9 EXEMPTION FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION FOR INTEREST ON THE 10 BONDS. BONDS SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 51 11 OF TITLE 11, C.R.S.

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## PART 5

13 IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

14 32-11.5-501. Improvement districts, special assessments, and 15 **bonds - general authority of district.** SUBJECT TO THE PROCEDURAL, 16 ELECTION, AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PART 5, THE DISTRICT MAY 17 CREATE ONE OR MORE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS, LEVY SPECIAL 18 ASSESSMENTS AGAINST ALL OF THE ASSESSABLE PROPERTY IN AN 19 IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, AND CAUSE THE ASSESSMENTS TO BE COLLECTED 20 TO DEFRAY WHOLLY OR IN PART THE COST OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, 21 OR IMPROVING ONE OR MORE PROJECTS. SUBJECT TO THE ELECTION 22 REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 32-11.5-205 (2) (c) (II), THE 23 DISTRICT MAY ALSO ISSUE BONDS TO BE REPAID FROM THE REVENUES 24 GENERATED BY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER 25 MONEYS PLEDGED TO SECURE THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS.

26 32-11.5-502. Initiating procedure. (1) THE PROCEDURE FOR
27 ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, OR IMPROVING ANY PROJECT TO BE FUNDED

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IN WHOLE OR IN PART WITH REVENUES GENERATED BY SPECIAL
 ASSESSMENTS CAN BE INITIATED BY THE PROVISIONAL ORDER METHOD
 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION OR THE PETITION METHOD
 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION.

5 (2) (a) WHENEVER THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT THE INTEREST
6 OF THE DISTRICT REQUIRES ANY PROJECT TO BE FUNDED IN WHOLE OR IN
7 PART WITH REVENUES GENERATED BY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, THE BOARD,
8 BY RESOLUTION, SHALL DIRECT THE ENGINEER TO PREPARE:

(I) PRELIMINARY PLANS SHOWING:

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10 (A) A TYPICAL SECTION OF THE CONTEMPLATED PROJECT; AND

11 (B) THE TYPES OF MATERIAL, APPROXIMATE THICKNESS, AND12 WIDTH;

13 (II) A PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL COST OF THE
14 PROJECT; AND

15 (III) AN ASSESSMENT PLAT SHOWING:

16 (A) THE AREA TO BE ASSESSED; AND

17 (B) THE AMOUNT OF MAXIMUM BENEFITS ESTIMATED TO BE18 ASSESSED AGAINST EACH TRACT.

(b) THE RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD SHALL DESCRIBE THE PROJECT
IN GENERAL TERMS BUT MAY PROVIDE FOR ONE OR MORE TYPES OF
CONSTRUCTION, AND THE ENGINEER SHALL SEPARATELY ESTIMATE THE
COST OF EACH TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION. THE ESTIMATE MAY BE MADE IN
A LUMP SUM OR BY UNIT PROCESS, AS DEEMED MOST APPROPRIATE BY THE
ENGINEER FOR THE COMPLETED FACILITIES.

25 (c) The resolution of the board shall state:

26 (I) WHAT PART OR PORTION OF THE EXPENSE OF THE DESCRIBED
27 PROJECT IS OF SPECIAL BENEFIT AND IS TO BE PAID FOR WITH REVENUES

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1 GENERATED BY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS;

2 (II) WHAT PART OF THE PROJECT, IF ANY, HAS BEEN OR IS
3 PROPOSED TO BE FUNDED WITH REVENUES GENERATED FROM SOURCES
4 OTHER THAN SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; AND

5 (III) THE BASIS BY WHICH THE COST OF THE PROJECT WILL BE
6 APPORTIONED AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS WILL BE LEVIED.

7 (d) IN CASE A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IS NOT TO BE MADE
8 ACCORDING TO FRONT FEET, THE RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD SHALL:

9 (I) BY APT DESCRIPTION DESIGNATE THE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT,
10 INCLUDING THE TRACTS TO BE ASSESSED;

(II) DESCRIBE DEFINITELY THE LOCATION OF THE PROJECT; AND
 (III) STATE THAT THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IS TO BE MADE UPON
 ALL THE TRACTS BENEFITED BY THE PROJECT PROPORTIONATELY TO THE
 BENEFITS RECEIVED.

15 (e) IN CASE A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IS TO BE UPON THE ABUTTING
16 PROPERTY ON A FRONTAGE BASIS, IT SHALL BE SUFFICIENT FOR THE
17 RESOLUTION SO TO STATE AND TO DEFINE THE LOCATION OF THE PROJECT
18 TO BE MADE.

(f) THE RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD NEED NOT DESCRIBE IN DETAIL
EACH PARTICULAR TRACT TO BE ASSESSED BUT MAY SIMPLY DESIGNATE
THE PROPERTY, IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, OR LOCATION SO THAT THE
VARIOUS TRACTS TO BE ASSESSED CAN BE DETERMINED TO BE WITHIN THE
PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.

- 24 (g) THE ENGINEER SHALL FORTHWITH PREPARE AND FILE WITH THE25 DISTRICT:
- 26 (I) THE PRELIMINARY PLANS;
- 27 (II) THE PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF COST; AND

1 (III) THE ASSESSMENT PLAT.

(h) UPON THE FILING OF THE PLANS, PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF
COST, AND PLAT, THE BOARD SHALL EXAMINE THE SAME. IF THE BOARD
FINDS THE PLANS, ESTIMATE, AND PLAT TO BE SATISFACTORY, IT SHALL
MAKE A PROVISIONAL ORDER BY RESOLUTION TO THE EFFECT THAT THE
PROJECT SHALL BE ACQUIRED, CONSTRUCTED, OR IMPROVED.

7 (3) (a) THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF TRACTS TO BE ASSESSED IN A 8 PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR NOT LESS THAN NINETY-FIVE 9 PERCENT OF THE ENTIRE COST OF A PROJECT, COMPRISING MORE THAN 10 FIFTY PERCENT OF THE AREA OF THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 11 AND ALSO COMPRISING A MAJORITY OF THE LANDOWNERS RESIDING IN THE 12 PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, MAY, BY WRITTEN PETITION, INITIATE 13 THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, OR IMPROVEMENT OF ANY ASSESSMENT 14 PROJECT THAT THE BOARD IS AUTHORIZED TO INITIATE SUBJECT TO THE 15 FOLLOWING LIMITATIONS:

16 (I) THE BOARD MAY INCORPORATE THE PROJECT IN ONE OR MORE
17 EXISTING OR ALTERNATIVE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS;

(II) THE BOARD IS NOT REQUIRED TO PROCEED WITH THE
CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, OR IMPROVEMENT OF THE PROJECT OR ANY
PART THEREOF IF, AFTER HOLDING A PROVISIONAL ORDER HEARING
PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-11.5-507, THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT IT IS
NOT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OR PART
THEREOF TO GO FORWARD; AND

(III) A PARTICULAR KIND OF PROJECT, MATERIAL THEREFOR, OR A
PART THEREOF NEED NOT BE CONSTRUCTED, ACQUIRED, IMPROVED, OR
LOCATED AS PROVIDED IN THE PETITION IF THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT
IT IS NOT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

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1 (b) THE BOARD IS NOT REQUIRED TO TAKE ANY FURTHER ACTION 2 REGARDING A PETITION IF THE BOARD DETERMINES BY RESOLUTION THAT 3 THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, OR IMPROVEMENT OF THE PROPOSED 4 PROJECT IS PROBABLY NOT FEASIBLE, THE RESOLUTION REQUIRES A CASH 5 DEPOSIT OR A PLEDGE OF PROPERTY IN AT LEAST AN AMOUNT DESIGNATED 6 BY THE BOARD PROBABLY TO BE SUFFICIENT TO DEFRAY THE COSTS LIKELY 7 TO BE INCURRED BY THE BOARD BEFORE AND DURING THE ATTEMPTED 8 ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, OR IMPROVEMENT OF THE PROJECT 9 DESIGNATED IN THE PETITION, AND THE DEPOSIT OR PLEDGE IS NOT 10 PROVIDED TO THE BOARD WITHIN TWENTY DAYS AFTER MAILED NOTICE IS 11 GIVEN TO THE PERSON PRESENTING THE PETITION OR AFTER ONE 12 PUBLICATION IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE DISTRICT 13 OF A NOTICE OF THE RESOLUTION'S ADOPTION AND OF ITS CONTENT IN 14 SUMMARY FORM. THE BOARD MAY SUBSEQUENTLY, AS IT DEEMS 15 NECESSARY, REQUIRE ONE OR MORE ADDITIONAL DEPOSITS OR PLEDGES AS 16 A CONDITION PRECEDENT TO THE CONTINUATION OF ACTION BY THE 17 DISTRICT.

18 (c) WHENEVER A DEPOSIT OR PLEDGE IS MADE AND THEREAFTER 19 THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, OR 20 IMPROVEMENT OF A PROJECT PROPOSED BY PETITION IS NOT FEASIBLE 21 WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD, THE BOARD MAY REQUIRE THAT ALL OR 22 ANY PORTION OF THE COSTS INCURRED BY THE DISTRICT IN CONNECTION 23 WITH THE PETITION OR PROJECT BE DEFRAYED FROM THE DEPOSIT OR 24 PROCEEDS OF THE PLEDGED PROPERTY UNLESS THE PETITIONERS OR OTHER 25 INTERESTED PERSONS DEFRAY THE COSTS WITHIN TWENTY DAYS AFTER 26 THE BOARD DETERMINES THE AMOUNT TO BE DEFRAYED BY RESOLUTION 27 AND PUBLISHES NOTICE OF THE RESOLUTION.

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(d) ANY SURPLUS MONEYS REMAINING FROM A DEPOSIT OR PLEDGE
 SHALL BE RETURNED BY THE DISTRICT TO THE PERSON MAKING THE SAME.
 (4) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS
 SECTION, UPON THE FILING OF A PETITION PURSUANT TO SAID SUBSECTION
 (3), THE BOARD SHALL PROCEED IN THE SAME MANNER AS PROVIDED IN
 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION FOR PROCEEDINGS INITIATED BY THE
 BOARD.

32-11.5-503. Combination of projects. (1) MORE THAN ONE
PROJECT MAY BE COMBINED IN AN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IF THE BOARD
DETERMINES THAT THE COMBINATION WILL BE EFFICIENT AND
ECONOMICAL.

(2) IF PROJECTS COMBINED IN ONE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ARE
SEPARATE AND DISTINCT DUE TO SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCES IN THEIR
CHARACTER OR LOCATION OR OTHER SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCES, EACH
PROJECT SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS A SEPARATE ASSESSMENT UNIT OR
QUASI-IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PETITION,
REMONSTRANCE, AND ASSESSMENT.

18 (3) IF PROJECTS ARE COMBINED, THE BOARD SHALL DESIGNATE THE 19 PROJECT AND THE AREA CONSTITUTING EACH ASSESSMENT UNIT, AND, IN 20 THE ABSENCE OF AN ARBITRARY AND AN UNREASONABLE ABUSE OF 21 DISCRETION, ITS DETERMINATION THAT THERE IS OR IS NOT SUCH A 22 COMBINATION AND ITS DETERMINATION OF THE PROJECT AND THE AREA 23 CONSTITUTING THE ASSESSMENT UNIT SHALL BE FINAL AND CONCLUSIVE. 24 (4) THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, OR IMPROVING 25 EACH PROJECT SHALL BE SEGREGATED FOR THE LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS,

26 AND AN EQUITABLE SHARE OF THE INCIDENTAL COSTS SHALL BE27 ALLOCATED TO EACH ASSESSMENT UNIT.

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32-11.5-504. Effect of estimates. (1) UNLESS OTHERWISE
 SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE, NO ESTIMATE OF THE COST OF
 A PROJECT REQUIRED OR AUTHORIZED IN THIS PART 5 SHALL CONSTITUTE
 A LIMIT ON THE COST OR A LIMIT ON THE POWERS OF THE BOARD OR OF ANY
 OFFICERS, AGENTS, OR EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT.

6 (2) NO ASSESSMENT SHALL EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF THE ESTIMATE
7 OF MAXIMUM SPECIAL BENEFITS FROM THE PROJECT TO ANY TRACT
8 ASSESSED.

9 **32-11.5-505.** Fixing hearing and notice. (1) IN A RESOLUTION 10 CONSTITUTING A PROVISIONAL ORDER PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-11.5-502 11 (2), THE BOARD SHALL SET A TIME AT LEAST TWENTY DAYS AFTER THE 12 DATE OF THE RESOLUTION AND A PLACE AT WHICH THE OWNERS OF THE 13 TRACTS TO BE ASSESSED OR ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS MAY 14 APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD AND BE HEARD AS TO THE PROPRIETY AND 15 ADVISABILITY OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, OR IMPROVING THE 16 PROVISIONALLY ORDERED PROJECT.

17 (2) NOTICE OF THE MEETING REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS
18 SECTION SHALL BE GIVEN BY PUBLICATION AND BY MAIL.

19 (3) THE NOTICE REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION20 SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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(a) THE KIND OF PROJECT PROPOSED;

(b) THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT AND THE PORTION, IFANY, TO BE PAID FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS;

(c) THE BASIS FOR APPORTIONING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS,
WHICH SHALL BE IN PROPORTION TO THE SPECIAL BENEFITS DERIVED TO
EACH OF THE SEVERAL TRACTS COMPRISING THE ASSESSABLE PROPERTY

27 AND ON A FRONT-FOOT, AREA, ZONE, OR OTHER EQUITABLE BASIS;

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- (d) THE NUMBER OF INSTALLMENTS AND THE TIME IN WHICH THE
   SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ARE PAYABLE;
- 3 (e) THE MAXIMUM RATE OF INTEREST ON UNPAID INSTALLMENTS
  4 OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS;
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(f) THE AREA OF THE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TO BE ASSESSED;

6 (g) THE TIME AND PLACE AT WHICH THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER 7 THE ORDERING OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT, HEAR ALL COMPLAINTS, 8 PROTESTS, AND OBJECTIONS THAT MAY BE MADE IN WRITING AND FILED 9 WITH THE DISTRICT AT LEAST THREE DAYS IN ADVANCE OR MAY BE MADE 10 VERBALLY AT THE HEARING BY THE OWNER OF ANY TRACT TO BE 11 ASSESSED OR BY ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSON;

12 (h) THE FACT THAT THE DESCRIPTION OF THE TRACTS TO BE
13 ASSESSED, THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF BENEFITS ESTIMATED TO BE
14 CONFERRED ON EACH TRACT, AND ALL RELATED PROCEEDINGS ARE ON FILE
15 AND MAY BE EXAMINED AT MAIN OFFICES OF THE DISTRICT DURING
16 BUSINESS HOURS BY ANY INTERESTED PERSON; AND

(i) A STATEMENT THAT REGARDLESS OF THE BASIS USED FOR
APPORTIONING ASSESSMENTS, IN CASES OF WEDGE-SHAPED, V-SHAPED, OR
ANY OTHER IRREGULAR-SHAPED TRACTS, AN AMOUNT APPORTIONED
THERETO SHALL BE IN PROPORTION TO THE SPECIAL BENEFITS THEREBY
DERIVED.

(4) THE DISTRICT SHALL MAINTAIN PROOF OF PUBLICATION AND
PROOF OF MAILING OF THE NOTICE REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (1) AND (2)
OF THIS SECTION AND DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION IN
THE RECORDS OF THE DISTRICT UNTIL ANY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS IMPOSED
TO FUND THE PROJECT THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THE PROVISIONAL ORDER
HAVE BEEN PAID IN FULL.

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1 **32-11.5-506.** Subsequent modifications. (1) EXCEPT AS 2 OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD 3 MAY MODIFY OR RESCIND BY RESOLUTION ANY BOARD ACTION RELATING 4 TO THE CREATION OF AN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OR THE IMPOSITION OF 5 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AT ANY TIME BEFORE ADOPTING A RESOLUTION 6 CREATING THE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SECTION 7 32-11.5-509 AND AUTHORIZING A PROJECT TO BE FUNDED IN WHOLE OR IN 8 PART WITH REVENUES GENERATED BY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.

9 (2) NO SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN A PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT 10 DISTRICT, DETAILS, PRELIMINARY PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, OR ESTIMATES 11 SHALL BE MADE AFTER THE FIRST PUBLICATION OR MAILING OF NOTICE TO 12 PROPERTY OWNERS, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST; EXCEPT THAT THE BOARD 13 MAY DELETE A PORTION OF A PROJECT OR ANY TRACT FROM THE PROPOSED 14 IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OR FROM ANY ASSESSMENT UNIT, AND THE 15 ENGINEER MAY MAKE MINOR CHANGES IN TIME, PLANS, AND MATERIALS 16 FOR A PROJECT AT ANY TIME BEFORE ITS COMPLETION.

17 32-11.5-507. Provisional order hearing. (1) AT THE
18 PROVISIONAL ORDER HEARING, ANY PROPERTY OWNERS INTERESTED IN A
19 PROPOSED PROJECT TO BE FUNDED IN WHOLE OR IN PART WITH REVENUES
20 GENERATED BY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS MAY PRESENT THEIR VIEWS TO THE
21 BOARD. THE BOARD MAY ADJOURN THE HEARING FROM TIME TO TIME.

(2) IF THE BOARD DETERMINES, AFTER CONSIDERING ALL VIEWS
PRESENTED AT THE PROVISIONAL ORDER HEARING, THAT IT IS NOT IN THE
PUBLIC INTEREST THAT THE PROPOSED PROJECT OR A PORTION OF THE
PROPOSED PROJECT GO FORWARD, THE BOARD SHALL ORDER BY
RESOLUTION THAT THE PROCEEDING FOR THE REJECTED PROJECT OR
PORTION SHALL STOP. THE REJECTED PROJECT OR PORTION MAY ONLY

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1 RESUME IF THE BOARD ADOPTS A NEW RESOLUTION.

32-11.5-508. Post-hearing procedure. (1) AFTER THE
PROVISIONAL ORDER HEARING, THE BOARD SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER
TO FORM THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND ANY ASSESSMENT
UNIT WITHIN THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.

6 (2) IF THE BOARD DESIRES TO FORM THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT
7 DISTRICT BUT ALSO DESIRES TO MODIFY THE DISTRICT, THE BOARD SHALL
8 DIRECT THE ENGINEER TO PREPARE AND PRESENT TO THE BOARD:

9 (a) A REVISED AND DETAILED ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL COST, 10 INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION THE COST OF ACQUIRING, 11 CONSTRUCTING, OR IMPROVING EACH PROPOSED PROJECT. UNLESS 12 OTHERWISE SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE, THE REVISED 13 ESTIMATE SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE A LIMITATION FOR ANY PURPOSE.

(b) FULL AND DETAILED PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR EACH
PROPOSED PROJECT DESIGNED TO PERMIT AND TO ENCOURAGE
COMPETITION AMONG THE BIDDERS IF ANY PROJECTS ARE TO BE ACQUIRED,
CONSTRUCTED, OR IMPROVED BY CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT; AND

18 (c) A REVISED MAP AND ASSESSMENT PLAT SHOWING THE
19 LOCATION OF EACH PROPOSED PROJECT AND THE TRACTS TO BE ASSESSED
20 THEREFOR.

(3) THE BOARD, IN THE RESOLUTION CREATING THE IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT OR A SEPARATE RESOLUTION, MAY COMBINE OR DIVIDE THE
PROPOSED PROJECTS INTO SUITABLE CONSTRUCTION UNITS FOR THE
PURPOSE OF LETTING SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT CONTRACTS,
REGARDLESS OF THE EXTENT OF ANY PROJECT CONSTITUTING AN
ASSESSMENT UNIT AND REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT A PORTION OF
THE COST OF ANY PROJECT IS TO BE DEFRAYED WITH REVENUES OTHER

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1 THAN REVENUES GENERATED BY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.

2 (4) NOTHING IN THIS PART 5 SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS NOT
3 REQUIRING THE SEGREGATION OF COSTS OF UNRELATED IMPROVEMENT
4 PROGRAMS FOR ASSESSMENT PURPOSES.

5 **32-11.5-509.** Creation of district. (1) WHEN AN ACCURATE 6 ESTIMATE OF COST, FULL AND DETAILED PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, AND 7 THE MAP AND ASSESSMENT PLAT ARE PREPARED, PRESENTED, AND 8 SATISFACTORY TO THE BOARD, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE 9 PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF COST, PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, AND MAP 10 AND ASSESSMENT PLAT ARE MODIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-11.5-508, 11 THE BOARD SHALL BY RESOLUTION CREATE THE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 12 AND ORDER THE PROPOSED PROJECT TO BE ACQUIRED, CONSTRUCTED, OR 13 IMPROVED.

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(2) THE RESOLUTION SHALL PRESCRIBE:

15 (a) THE EXTENT OF THE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND OF ANY
16 ASSESSMENT WITHIN THE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BY BOUNDARIES OR BY
17 OTHER BRIEF DESCRIPTION;

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(b) THE KIND AND LOCATION OF EACH PROPOSED PROJECT;

19 (c) THE AMOUNT OR THE PROPORTION OF THE TOTAL COST TO BE
20 DEFRAYED BY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, THE METHOD OF LEVYING SPECIAL
21 ASSESSMENTS, THE NUMBER OF INSTALLMENTS, AND THE TIMES AT WHICH
22 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS WILL BE PAYABLE; AND

23 (d) The character and the extent of any construction

24 UNITS PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-11.5-508 (3).

(3) THE ENGINEER MAY FURTHER REVISE THE COST, PLANS AND
SPECIFICATIONS, AND THE MAP AND ASSESSMENT PLAT FOR ALL OR ANY
PART OF A PROJECT, AND THE BOARD MAY AMEND THE RESOLUTION

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CREATING THE DISTRICT ACCORDINGLY PRIOR TO LETTING ANY
 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AND PRIOR TO ANY PROPERTY BEING ACQUIRED
 OR ANY WORK BEING DONE OTHER THAN BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACT LET
 BY THE DISTRICT.

5 **32-11.5-510. Construction contracts.** No contract for 6 CONSTRUCTION WORK TO ACQUIRE OR IMPROVE THE PROJECT 7 CONTEMPLATED SHALL BE MADE OR AWARDED NOR SHALL THE BOARD 8 INCUR ANY EXPENSE OR ANY LIABILITY IN RELATION THERETO, EXCEPT FOR 9 MAPS, PLATS, DIAGRAMS, ESTIMATES, PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND 10 NOTICES, UNTIL AFTER THE PROVISIONAL ORDER HEARING AND NOTICE 11 PROVIDED FOR IN THIS PART 5 HAVE BEEN HAD AND GIVEN.

12 **32-11.5-511. Division of tract.** IF A TRACT IS DIVIDED AFTER A 13 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HAS BEEN LEVIED AND DIVIDED INTO INSTALLMENTS 14 AND BEFORE THE COLLECTION OF ALL THE INSTALLMENTS, THE BOARD 15 MAY REQUIRE THE COUNTY ASSESSOR TO APPORTION THE UNCOLLECTED 16 AMOUNTS UPON THE SEVERAL PARTS OF THE TRACT SO DIVIDED 17 PROPORTIONALLY BASED UPON THEIR VALUATION FOR ASSESSMENT FOR 18 TAXES. THE APPORTIONMENT SHALL BE CONCLUSIVE ON ALL PARTIES, AND 19 ALL SUBSEQUENT ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE ACCORDING TO THE 20 APPORTIONMENT.

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## PART 6

## ANNEXATION

23 32-11.5-601. Annexation of lands to district. (1) THE
24 TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE DISTRICT MAY BE ENLARGED BY THE
25 ANNEXATION OF ADDITIONAL REAL PROPERTY THERETO:

26 (a) BY PETITION AND CONSENT OF THE FEE OWNER PURSUANT TO
27 SECTIONS 32-11.5-602 AND 32-11.5-606;

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1 (b) BY PETITION OF THE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS PURSUANT TO 2 SECTIONS 32-11.5-603, 32-11.5-604, AND 32-11.5-606;

3 (c) BY ACTION INITIATED BY THE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SECTIONS
32-11.5-605 AND 32-11.5-606 WITH THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNING
BODY OF EACH COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY THAT INCLUDES ANY OF THE
REAL PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED; OR

7 (d) BY PETITION BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF EACH COUNTY OR
8 MUNICIPALITY THAT INCLUDES ANY OF THE REAL PROPERTY TO BE
9 ANNEXED.

32-11.5-602. Petition of fee owners. (1) THE FEE OWNER OF ANY
REAL PROPERTY CONTIGUOUS TO THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE DISTRICT
AND CAPABLE OF BEING SERVED WITH FACILITIES OF THE DISTRICT MAY
FILE WITH THE BOARD A PETITION IN WRITING SEEKING THE INCLUSION OF
THE PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT.

15 (2) THE PETITION AUTHORIZED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION16 SHALL:

17 (a) SET FORTH AN ACCURATE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE
18 PROPERTY OWNED BY THE PETITIONERS;

19 (b) STATE THAT ASSENT TO THE ANNEXATION OF THE PROPERTY IS
20 GIVEN BY THE SIGNERS THERETO, CONSTITUTING ALL THE FEE OWNERS OF
21 THE PROPERTY; AND

(c) BE ACKNOWLEDGED IN THE SAME MANNER REQUIRED FORCONVEYANCE OF LAND.

24 (3) A FEE OWNER MAY NOT WITHDRAW A PETITION AFTER
25 CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD OR FILE FURTHER OBJECTIONS EXCEPT IN
26 THE CASE OF FRAUD OR MISREPRESENTATION.

27 (4) THE BOARD SHALL HEAR A PETITION FILED PURSUANT TO

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SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION AT AN OPEN MEETING AFTER PUBLISHING
 NOTICE OF THE FILING OF THE PETITION, THE PLACE, TIME, AND DATE OF
 THE MEETING, AND THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE PETITIONERS IN A
 NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE COUNTY OR COUNTIES IN
 WHICH THE REAL PROPERTY PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED IS LOCATED.

6 (5) THE BOARD SHALL GRANT A PETITION BY RESOLUTION IF IT 7 DETERMINES THAT THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION IS FEASIBLE AND IN THE 8 BEST INTERESTS OF THE DISTRICT. THE BOARD MAY DETERMINE THAT 9 ANNEXATION OF ONLY A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY PROPOSED TO BE 10 ANNEXED IS APPROPRIATE.

11 **32-11.5-603.** Petition of eligible electors. (1) NOT LESS THAN 12 TEN PERCENT OR ONE HUNDRED, WHICHEVER NUMBER IS SMALLER, OF THE 13 ELIGIBLE ELECTORS OF ANY REAL PROPERTY THAT IS CONTIGUOUS TO THE 14 DISTRICT AND CONTAINS TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND OR MORE SQUARE FEET 15 OF LAND MAY FILE A PETITION WITH THE BOARD IN WRITING SEEKING THE 16 ANNEXATION OF THE PROPERTY TO THE DISTRICT; EXCEPT THAT NO SINGLE 17 TRACT OR PARCEL OR PROPERTY CONTAINING TEN ACRES OR MORE MAY BE 18 INCLUDED IN THE DISTRICT WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE OWNER.

19 (2) A PETITION SHALL DESCRIBE THE AREA TO BE ANNEXED AND
20 SHALL BE ACKNOWLEDGED IN THE SAME MANNER REQUIRED FOR
21 CONVEYANCES OF LAND.

(3) THE BOARD SHALL CAUSE NOTICE OF THE FILING OF A PETITION
TO BE PUBLISHED IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE
COUNTY OR COUNTIES IN WHICH THE PROPERTY PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED
IS LOCATED, AND THE NOTICE SHALL STATE:

26 (a) THAT A PETITION HAS BEEN FILED;

27 (b) THE NAMES OF THE PETITIONERS;

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(c) A DESCRIPTION OF THE AREA PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED;

2 (d) THE PLACE, TIME, AND DATE OF A BOARD HEARING ON THE
3 PROPOSED ANNEXATION AT WHICH THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER THE
4 PETITION AND ALL WRITTEN OBJECTIONS TO THE PETITION; AND

5 (e) A STATEMENT THAT ALL INTERESTED PERSONS MAY APPEAR AT
6 THE BOARD HEARING AND SHOW CAUSE IN WRITING WHY THE PETITION
7 SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED.

8 (4) THE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS MAY NOT WITHDRAW A PETITION
9 AFTER CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD OR FILE FURTHER OBJECTIONS
10 EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF FRAUD OR MISREPRESENTATION.

11 (5) THE BOARD SHALL GRANT A PETITION BY RESOLUTION IF IT
12 DETERMINES THAT THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION IS FEASIBLE AND IN THE
13 BEST INTERESTS OF THE DISTRICT.

32-11.5-604. Annexation election. (1) IF A PETITION IS
PROVISIONALLY GRANTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-11.5-602 OR
32-11.5-603, THE BOARD BY RESOLUTION SHALL:

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(a) MAKE AN ORDER TO THAT EFFECT;

(b) DIRECT THAT THE QUESTION OF INCLUSION OF THE REAL
PROPERTY PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED WITHIN THE DISTRICT BE SUBMITTED
TO THE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS OF THE AREA THAT INCLUDES THE REAL
PROPERTY ONLY; AND

(c) DESIGNATE THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD AS THE
DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL TO GIVE NOTICE AND CONDUCT THE
ELECTION ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLES 1 TO 13 OF TITLE
1, C.R.S.

(2) IF A MAJORITY OF THE VOTES CAST ON THE QUESTION AT THE
 ELECTION FAVOR INCLUSION, THE BOARD SHALL BY RESOLUTION ENTER AN

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1 ORDER MAKING THE REAL PROPERTY A PART OF THE DISTRICT.

2 **32-11.5-605.** Annexation initiated by the board. (1) (a) AT 3 ANY TIME AND AS A CONDITION TO AN ANNEXATION INITIATED BY THE 4 BOARD, THE BOARD MAY ADOPT A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT REAL 5 PROPERTY PROPOSED FOR ANNEXATION:

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(I) IS CONTIGUOUS TO THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE DISTRICT;

(II) CONTAINS SIX HUNDRED FORTY OR MORE ACRES OF LAND;

8 (III) HAS BECOME URBANIZED BY HAVING A POPULATION OF AT 9 LEAST ONE THOUSAND PERSONS PER SQUARE MILE AND HAVING AT LEAST 10 FIVE HUNDRED DWELLING UNITS PER SQUARE MILE; AND

11 (IV) IS CAPABLE OF BEING SERVED BY THE FACILITIES OF THE 12 DISTRICT.

13 (b) A RESOLUTION ADOPTED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS 14 SUBSECTION (1) SHALL PROVISIONALLY ORDER THE ANNEXATION OF THE 15 REAL PROPERTY PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED.

16 (2) THE BOARD SHALL CAUSE NOTICE OF THE ADOPTION OF A 17 RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION TO BE GIVEN 18 BY PUBLICATION IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE 19 COUNTY OR COUNTIES IN WHICH THE PROPERTY PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED 20 IS LOCATED, AND THE NOTICE SHALL STATE:

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(a) THAT THE RESOLUTION HAS BEEN ADOPTED:

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(b) THE DESCRIPTION OF THE AREA PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED;

23 (c) THE PLACE, TIME, AND DATE OF A BOARD HEARING ON THE 24 PROPOSED ANNEXATION AT WHICH THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER ALL 25 WRITTEN OBJECTIONS TO THE FINALIZATION OF THE ANNEXATION; AND 26 (d) THAT ALL INTERESTED PERSONS MAY APPEAR AT THE BOARD

27 HEARING AND SHOW CAUSE IN WRITING WHY THE ANNEXATION SHOULD

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1 NOT BE MADE FINAL.

2 (3) PRIOR TO THE BOARD HEARING, THE BOARD SHALL OBTAIN
3 WRITTEN CONSENT TO ANNEX THE PROPERTY FROM THE GOVERNING BODY
4 OF EACH COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY THAT INCLUDES ANY OF THE REAL
5 PROPERTY PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED.

6 (4) IF, AFTER THE BOARD HEARING, THE BOARD DETERMINES BY 7 RESOLUTION THAT THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION IS FEASIBLE AND IN THE 8 BEST INTEREST OF THE DISTRICT. THE BOARD SHALL FURNISH BY MAIL TO 9 THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE 10 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS COPIES OF BOTH THE RESOLUTION 11 ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION AND THE 12 POST-HEARING RESOLUTION AND SHALL REQUEST THAT THE DIRECTOR 13 APPROVE THE ANNEXATION.

14 (5) IF THE DIRECTOR APPROVES THE ANNEXATION IN WRITING, THE 15 BOARD, UPON THE RECEIPT OF SUCH APPROVAL, SHALL BY RESOLUTION 16 ENTER A FINAL ORDER ANNEXING THE REAL PROPERTY TO THE DISTRICT. 32-11.5-606. General annexation provisions. (1) THE FAILURE 17 18 OF ANY PERSON IN THE DISTRICT OR IN AN AREA PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED 19 TO THE DISTRICT TO FILE A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO A PROPOSED 20 ANNEXATION IN A PROPERLY NOTICED HEARING OF THE BOARD THEREON 21 CONSTITUTES THE ASSENT OF THE PERSON TO THE INCLUSION IN THE 22 DISTRICT OF THE AREA DESCRIBED IN THE NOTICE OF THE HEARING FOR 23 ANNEXATION.

24 (2) A DETERMINATION BY THE BOARD THAT A PROPOSED
25 ANNEXATION IS FEASIBLE AND IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE DISTRICT
26 SHALL BE FINAL, CONCLUSIVE, AND NOT SUBJECT TO REVIEW.

27 (3) WHENEVER THE BOARD BY RESOLUTION ENTERS AN ORDER

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1 ANNEXING REAL PROPERTY TO THE DISTRICT, THE BOARD SHALL FILE THE

2 RESOLUTION WITH:

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(a) THE SECRETARY OF STATE;

4 (b) THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL;

5 (c) THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT; AND

6 (d) THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER, COUNTY ASSESSOR, AND
7 COUNTY TREASURER OF EACH COUNTY IN WHICH THE ANNEXED REAL
8 PROPERTY IS LOCATED.

9 (4) A BOARD RESOLUTION ANNEXING REAL PROPERTY TO THE 10 DISTRICT IS A FINAL ORDER AND SHALL FINALLY AND CONCLUSIVELY 11 ESTABLISH THE ANNEXATION OF THE REAL PROPERTY TO THE DISTRICT 12 AGAINST ALL PERSONS; EXCEPT THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, ON 13 BEHALF OF THE STATE, WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF THE FILING OF THE 14 RESOLUTION WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AS REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH 15 (b) OF SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION, MAY FILE A PROCEEDING IN THE 16 NATURE OF QUO WARRANTO AGAINST THE ANNEXATION. AN ANNEXATION 17 SHALL NOT BE DIRECTLY OR COLLATERALLY QUESTIONED IN ANY SUIT, 18 ACTION, OR PROCEEDING EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZED IN THIS 19 SUBSECTION (4).

20 (5) AFTER THE DATE OF THE FINAL ANNEXATION OF REAL 21 PROPERTY TO THE DISTRICT BY RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD. THE ANNEXED 22 REAL PROPERTY SHALL BE LIABLE FOR ITS PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF 23 EXISTING BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF THE DISTRICT BUT SHALL NOT BE 24 LIABLE FOR ANY TAXES OR SERVICE CHARGES LEVIED OR ASSESSED PRIOR 25 TO ITS ANNEXATION TO THE DISTRICT. THE ANNEXATION OF THE REAL 26 PROPERTY TO THE DISTRICT SHALL NOT BE MADE SUBJECT TO OR 27 CONTINGENT UPON THE PAYMENT OR ASSUMPTION OF ANY PENALTY, TOLL,

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OR CHARGE, OTHER THAN THE TAXES AND SERVICE CHARGES THAT ARE
 UNIFORMLY MADE, ASSESSED, OR LEVIED FOR THE ENTIRE DISTRICT
 EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE.

4 (6) THE DISTRICT AND THE OWNER OF ANY REAL PROPERTY
5 SOUGHT TO BE ANNEXED TO THE DISTRICT MAY ENTER INTO AN
6 AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON WHICH THE
7 PROPERTY MAY BE ANNEXED.

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PART 7

10 32-11.5-701. Budgets, accounts, audits, and construction 11 contracting. (1) THE DISTRICT SHALL ADOPT A BUDGET FOR EACH FISCAL 12 YEAR, SHALL MAINTAIN ACCOUNTS, AND SHALL CAUSE AUDITS TO BE 13 MADE PERTAINING TO THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE DISTRICT AS 14 RESPECTIVELY PROVIDED IN THE "LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET LAW OF 15 COLORADO", PART 1 OF ARTICLE 1 OF TITLE 29, C.R.S., THE "COLORADO 16 LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIFORM ACCOUNTING LAW", PART 5 OF ARTICLE 17 1 OF TITLE 29, C.R.S., AND THE "COLORADO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDIT 18 LAW", PART 6 OF ARTICLE 1 OF TITLE 29, C.R.S.

19 (2) THE DISTRICT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF 20 ARTICLE 91 OF TITLE 24, C.R.S., REGARDING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTING. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-101-105 (2), C.R.S., 21 22 THE DISTRICT MAY ADOPT ALL OR ANY PART OF THE "PROCUREMENT 23 CODE", ARTICLES 101 TO 112 OF TITLE 24, C.R.S. THE DISTRICT MAY 24 ALSO AWARD CONTRACTS USING AN INTEGRATED PROJECT DELIVERY 25 METHOD PURSUANT TO THE "INTEGRATED DELIVERY METHOD FOR 26 SPECIAL DISTRICT PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS ACT", PART 18 OF ARTICLE 1 27 OF THIS TITLE.

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1 32-11.5-702. No action maintainable. AN ACTION OR 2 PROCEEDING AT LAW OR IN EQUITY TO REVIEW ANY ACTS OR PROCEEDINGS 3 OR TO QUESTION THE VALIDITY OR ENJOIN THE PERFORMANCE OF ANY ACT 4 OR PROCEEDINGS OR THE ISSUANCE OF ANY BONDS OR FOR ANY OTHER 5 RELIEF AGAINST OR FROM ANY ACTS OR PROCEEDINGS DONE UNDER THIS 6 ARTICLE, WHETHER BASED UPON IRREGULARITIES OR JURISDICTIONAL 7 DEFECTS, SHALL NOT BE MAINTAINED UNLESS COMMENCED WITHIN THIRTY 8 DAYS AFTER THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ACT OR PROCEEDINGS OR THE 9 EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST, AND IS THEREAFTER 10 PERPETUALLY BARRED.

11 **32-11.5-703.** Early hearings. ANY CIVIL ACTION IN WHICH THERE 12 MAY ARISE A QUESTION REGARDING THE VALIDITY OF ANY POWER 13 GRANTED IN THIS ARTICLE OR OF ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE 14 SHALL BE ADVANCED AS A MATTER OF IMMEDIATE PUBLIC INTEREST AND 15 CONCERN AND SHALL BE HEARD AT THE EARLIEST PRACTICABLE MOMENT. 16 **32-11.5-704. Freedom from judicial process.** (1) EXECUTION 17 OR OTHER JUDICIAL PROCESS SHALL NOT ISSUE AGAINST ANY PROPERTY OF 18 THE DISTRICT AUTHORIZED IN THIS ARTICLE, NOR SHALL ANY JUDGMENT 19 AGAINST THE DISTRICT BE A CHARGE OR LIEN UPON ITS PROPERTY.

20 (2) SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO OR LIMIT 21 THE RIGHT OF ANY BONDHOLDER, TRUSTEE, OR ASSIGNEE OF A 22 BONDHOLDER, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WHEN IT IS A PARTY TO ANY 23 CONTRACT WITH THE DISTRICT, OR ANY OTHER OBLIGEE UNDER THIS 24 ARTICLE TO FORECLOSE, OTHERWISE TO ENFORCE, AND TO PURSUE ANY 25 REMEDIES FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF ANY PLEDGE OR LIEN GIVEN BY THE 26 DISTRICT ON THE PROCEEDS OF ANY TAXES, ASSESSMENTS, REVENUES, OR 27 ANY OTHER MONEYS OF THE DISTRICT.

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1 SECTION 2. 38-1-202 (1) (f), Colorado Revised Statutes, is 2 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBPARAGRAPH to read: 3 **38-1-202.** Governmental entities, corporations, and persons 4 authorized to use eminent domain. (1) The following governmental 5 entities, types of governmental entities, and public corporations, in 6 accordance with all procedural and other requirements specified in this 7 article and articles 2 to 7 of this title and to the extent and within any time 8 frame specified in the applicable authorizing statute may exercise the 9 power of eminent domain:

10 (f) The following types of single purpose districts, special 11 districts, authorities, boards, commissions, and other governmental 12 entities that serve limited governmental purposes or that may exercise 13 eminent domain for limited purposes on behalf of a county, city and 14 county, city, or town:

15 (XX.5) THE FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED, FLOOD CONTROL, AND
16 GREENWAY DISTRICT CREATED IN SECTION 32-11.5-201, C.R.S., AS
17 AUTHORIZED IN SECTION 32-11.5-205 (1) (n) (I), C.R.S.

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,
 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.