

**JOINT MEETING OF THE
LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
COYOTE SPRINGS WATER RESOURCES DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BIG BEND WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 19, 2025
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER 10:02 a.m., Commission Chambers,
Clark County Government Center
500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada

DIRECTORS PRESENT Marilyn Kirkpatrick, President
Jim Gibson, Vice President
April Becker
Justin Jones
William McCurdy
Michael Naft
Tick Segerblom

STAFF PRESENT John Entsminger, Dave Johnson, Doa Ross, Greg Walch, Kevin Bethel

Unless otherwise indicated, all members present voted in the affirmative.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

For full public comment, visit www.lvvwd.com/apps/agenda/lvvwd/index.cfm

Laura McSwain, 2727 Ashby Ave., with the Water Fairness Coalition, spoke on item #2, the adoption of the budget. She stated that both the LVVWD and SNWA budgets should be looked at in tandem for proper oversight and transparency. She stated that the documents provided for the hearing make assertions that cannot be justified, and she expressed frustration and disapproval of the Excessive Use Charge and conservation programs that she feels are damaging the landscape of Southern Nevada and adding to a heat island effect. She provided photos and comments for the board, which are attached to these minutes.

Pete Foley, 4512 Fernbrook Rd., spoke on item #2 and stated that members of the public were promised a full accounting of the uses of the Excessive Use Charge funds, but have still not received that information. He also stated that members of the public were promised to be participants in a discussion about water conservation and development in the community but have still not been invited to participate in that discussion. Mr. Foley stated that the reporting suggests that the Excessive Use Charge revenue is being merged into the regular income process, which was not the original and promised intent. He stated that the LVVWD appears to have a loose approach to monitoring its finances.

ITEM NO.

1. Approval of Agenda & Minutes

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Vice President Gibson to approve the agenda and the minutes from the joint meeting of April 21, 2025. The motion was approved.

2. Conduct a Public Hearing on the Tentative Budgets for the Las Vegas Valley Water District, the Coyote Springs Water Resources District, and the Big Bend Water District and adopt final budgets for Fiscal Year 2025/26.

John Entsminger, General Manager, addressed the Board of Directors, sitting as the board of the Las Vegas Valley Water District, the Coyote Springs Water Resources District and the Big Bend Water District, and presented each boards' Fiscal Year 2025-2026 tentative budgets. A copy of his presentation is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Entsminger began by providing highlights from the Las Vegas Valley Water District's 2024-2025 Fiscal Year and gave an overview of 2025-2026 LVVWD operating budget. He also gave a summary of the capital budget and its breakdown of sources and uses. The LVVWD budget overview showed that the budget reflects a balanced operating and capital budget and the District's ongoing capital initiatives. Mr. Entsminger also stated that the unrestricted reserves remain above the fund balance target and that staff will continue to monitor the influence of tariffs on the cost of materials.

Mr. Entsminger presented the Big Bend Water District's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 tentative budget. He mentioned that the Big Bend Water District system continues to operate at a financial deficit, although the deficit has been reduced since last year. He stated that the organization will need to engage with the community to find solutions to help increase revenues, as the system's operating costs are not being met by the current rate structure.

Finally, Mr. Entsminger presented the Coyote Springs Water Resources District's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 tentative budget.

There were no questions from the board, President Kirkpatrick opened the Public Hearing for the Tentative Budgets for the Las Vegas Valley Water District, the Coyote Springs Water Resources District, and the Big Bend Water District.

Laura McSwain followed up on her earlier comments and asked what was essential, pointing toward a half page ad in the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* and mailers reminding people to change their watering clocks, stating that these are big expenses. She feels that the District's dollars are not being properly deployed, and the budget presentation only operates as an executive summary. She encouraged the board to better scrutinize the District's budget.

Pete Foley expressed disappointment that there were no questions asked about how the Excessive Use Charge revenue is being spent. He asked for more transparency in the budget documents and respect for the community in fulfilling promises. He stated that the Excessive Use Charge is not a one-size fits all policy and that it disproportionately hits those who can afford it least.

Vice President Gibson requested that District staff present fiscal information on the Excessive Use Charge revenue and its use to the board at a future meeting.

As there were no additional comments, President Kirkpatrick closed the hearing.

Vice President Gibson made a motion to adopt the final budgets for the Las Vegas Valley Water District, the Coyote Springs Water Resources District, and the Big Bend Water District for fiscal year 2025/26. The motion was approved.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Diane Henry, 7525 Coley Ave., stated that the District's watering schedule advertisements are misleading, and she feels that it is a waste of ratepayer dollars. She expressed frustration about the Excessive Use Charge penalties.

Laura McSwain stated that she has attended the Nevada legislative session this year and is surprised by what the SNWA and LVVWD representatives attempt to submit in terms of having additional oversight. She hopes that there can be more transparency in the future. She stated that the amount of water that is available to the community and money that is being wasted by the District is puzzling.

Pete Foley stated that he is grateful for Vice President Gibson's request for a financial update but added that these promises have never been fulfilled in the past.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Copies of all original agenda items and minutes, including all attachments, are on file in the General Manager's office at the Las Vegas Valley Water District, 1001 South Valley View Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Public comment received for the 5/19/25 LVVWD Board of Directors meeting



LVVWD Meeting 05-19-2025 – Public Comment Agenda Item 2 – Tentative Budget

Laura McSwain, Founder and President of the Water Fairness Coalition, Inc. Representing the Coerced “Compliant”, the “non-compliant” and the “price-insensitive” residents of Southern Nevada who recognize the “conservation” policies being overseen by this board as misguided, unreasonable and untenable. Relegating the lives that many people built for themselves unaffordable.

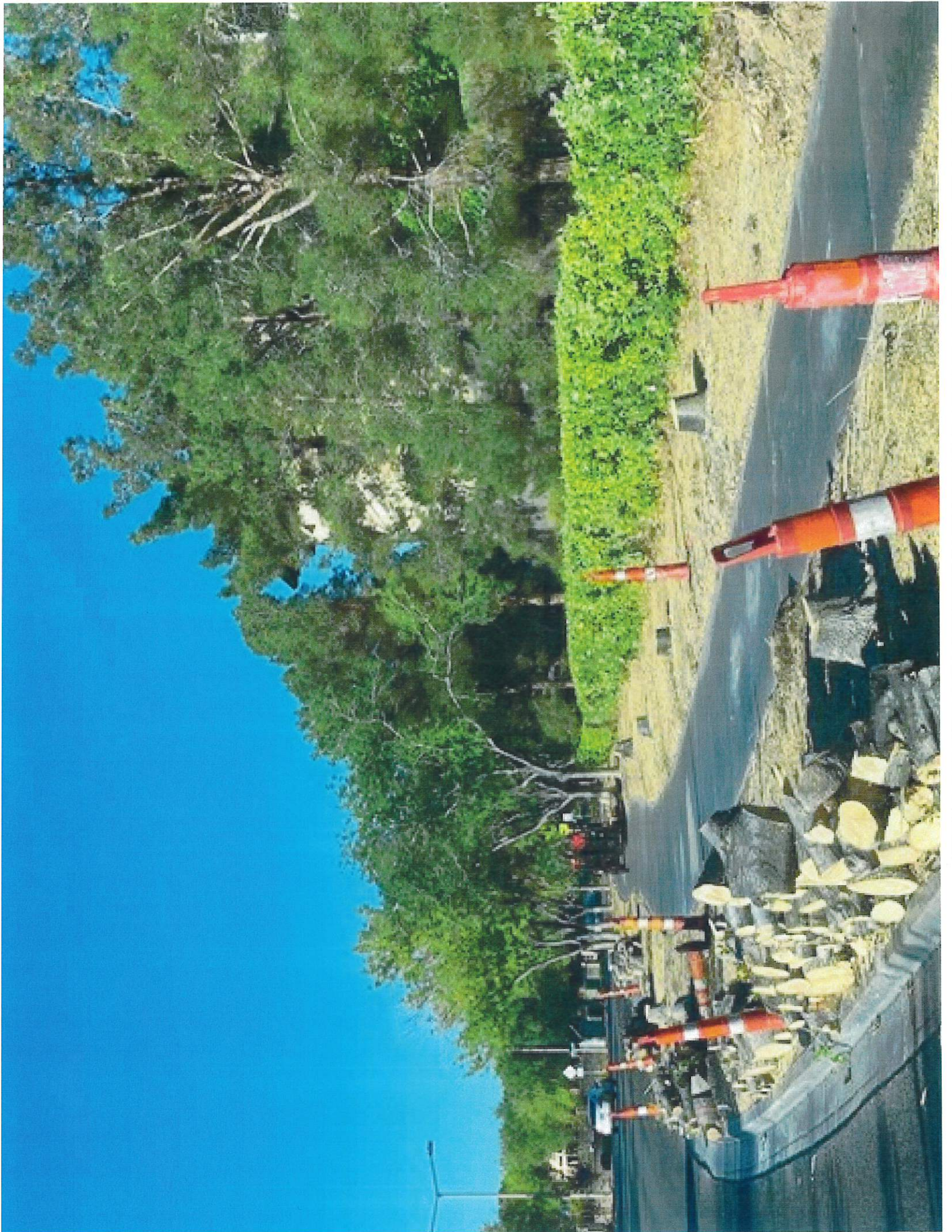
Let’s be honest, we should be looking at the budgets for both the LVVWD and SNWA in tandem for proper oversight. The documents should allow for clarity on all expenditures unrelated to water delivery and facility maintenance, and most importantly rate payers should be able to see how money is deployed into the community for visibility on the influence you all wield upon our media and among community groups and associations. Despite your Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, the documents provided for this hearing fall short.

The documents provided make assertions that cannot be justified when looking at the Excessive Use Charge Costs v use as one example. Here is what the 10,000 acre-feet of water savings (a mere 3% of our allocation) on paper has contributed to: blight, higher temperatures, heat deaths, double the pollution days. That 10,000 acre-feet evaporated along with the 600,000 acre feet that evaporates annually. Double our allocation. Where does this water best serve the community? Having it evaporate within our neighborhoods reducing heat island, or evaporating while sitting in Lake Mead? And as temperatures rise, it will only get worse. Your Service Rules Update touts “ensuring a more sustainable Southern Nevada”. Look around. Does this look sustainable to you? You have assured the community visibility to the “Excessive Use” penalty deployments of \$25,381,157 for 2024-2025 and anticipated to drop to \$24,550,865 for 2025-2026, yet the penalties themselves are estimated to increase.

Within the section regarding ‘budget Controls’ is the following- “Budgetary controls are established at various levels to have effective control over the “necessary expenditures.” It raises a question as to what is considered “necessary?” The \$35,000,000 combined community outreach? How much water could have been purchased with this money? Or saved by utilizing irrigation techniques and exploring turf grass varieties that would allow our community to actually save water in a sustainable way while preserving our urban tree canopy and respecting existing homeowner’s property rights?

Our time in this life is brief. What we do with the time we are given either enhances our legacy or leaves a mark for others to have to overcome. Do you really believe that the actions being taken to dismantle residents’ investments and quality of life live up to the values you espouse: Respect for People, Integrity, Service, Excellence and Sustainability? It all boils down to how, when our time is up, we want to be remembered by those whose lives we have touched. Are watching mature trees being mowed down something you are proud of? Environmentalists will tell you it is not a worthy sacrifice.









2025-26 BUDGET HEARINGS

LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
BIG BEND WATER DISTRICT
COYOTE SPRINGS WATER RESOURCES DISTRICT

2024-25 Highlights

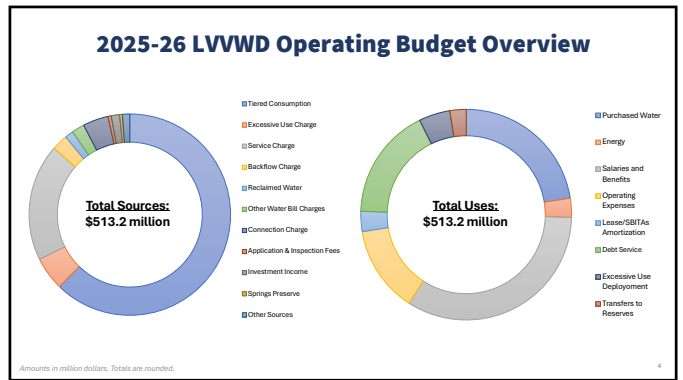


LVVWD replacing a fire hydrant in a residential neighborhood.

- Partnered with American Water Resources to offer service line warranties at a reduced rate for customers
- Updated golf course water rates to ensure parity among all courses
- Reduced customer wait times up to 50 percent through process improvements
- Implemented AMI readings for the District's construction fire hydrant meters
- Welcomed more than 250,000 visitors to the Springs Preserve



Budget OVERVIEW



Operating Sources of Funds

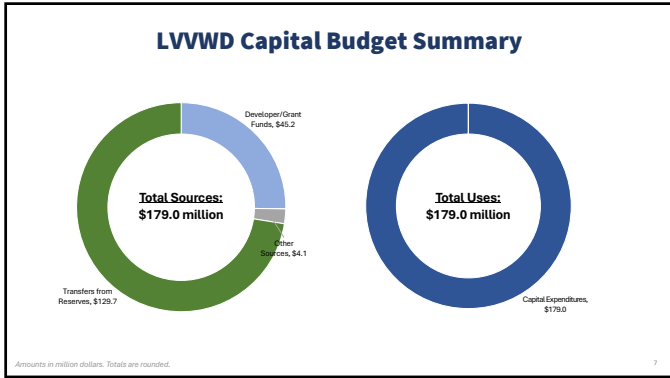
SOURCES	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget-to-Budget	
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	\$	%
Tiered Consumption	\$ 297.2	\$ 300.4	\$ 319.8	\$ 19.3	6%
Excessive Use Charge (EUC)	28.5	27.1	27.6	0.5	2%
Service Charge	88.9	92.7	96.4	3.7	4%
Backflow Charge	13.0	12.9	13.2	0.2	2%
Reclaimed Water	6.8	6.3	7.0	0.7	11%
Other Water Bill Charges	9.6	8.3	10.4	2.2	26%
Connection Charge	20.0	16.4	21.0	4.7	28%
Application and Inspection Fees	2.8	3.1	2.6	(0.5)	-16%
Investment Income	38.4	5.7	6.9	1.1	20%
Springs Preserve	2.3	2.2	2.2	0.1	2%
Other Sources	5.7	2.1	6.1	4.0	**
LVVWD Sources	\$ 513.1	\$ 477.4	\$ 513.2	\$ 35.9	8%

Amounts in million dollars. Totals are rounded.

Operating Uses of Funds

USES	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget-to-Budget	
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	\$	%
Purchased Water	\$ 107.2	\$ 108.2	\$ 115.4	\$ 7.2	7%
Energy	14.8	15.8	15.0	(0.8)	-5%
Salaries and Benefits	136.7	166.0	173.1	7.1	4%
Operating Expenses	40.6	53.3	68.0	14.7	28%
Lease/SBITAs Amortization	7.7	8.2	16.0	7.8	95%
Debt Service	83.8	88.3	88.3	-	0%
EUC Deployment and Other Uses	-	25.4	24.6	(0.8)	-3%
Transfers to Reserves	122.2	12.2	12.8	0.5	4%
LVVWD Uses	\$ 513.1	\$ 477.4	\$ 513.2	\$ 35.9	8%

Amounts in million dollars. Totals are rounded.



LVVWD Capital Budget

	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget-to-Budget Variance	
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	\$	%
SOURCES					
Developer/Grant Funds	\$ 2.8	\$ 8.6	\$ 45.2	\$ 36.6	**
Debt Issuance Proceeds	200.0	-	-	-	**
Other Sources	3.0	6.7	4.1	(2.6)	-39%
Transfers from Restricted Reserves	-	154.0	129.7	(24.2)	-16%
LVVWD Sources	\$ 205.8	\$ 169.2	\$ 179.0	\$ 9.8	6%
USES					
Capital Expenditures	123.6	169.2	179.0	\$ 9.8	6%
Transfers to Restricted Reserves	82.3	-	-	-	**
LVVWD Uses	\$ 205.8	\$ 169.2	\$ 179.0	\$ 9.8	6%

Amounts in million dollars. Totals are rounded.

LVVWD Budget Summary

- Budget reflects a balanced operating and capital budget
- The budget reflects the District's ongoing capital initiatives
- Unrestricted reserves remain above fund balance target
- Continue to monitor influence of tariffs on cost of materials

LVVWD Infrastructure Management crews installing cathodic protection within the Oakley Pipeline.



2025-26 BUDGET HEARING

Big Bend Water District

	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget-to-Budget Variance	
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	\$	%
SOURCES					
Water charges	\$ 4,154,437	\$ 4,195,980	\$ 4,215,279	\$ 19,299	0%
Interest Income	-	-	-	-	-
System development charges	20,500	5,125	-	(5,125)	-18%
Sales tax	386,660	399,836	328,050	(71,786)	-18%
Other sources	1,129,723	513,410	399,953	(113,457)	-22%
Subtotal	5,691,320	5,114,351	4,943,282	(171,069)	-3%
Debt issuance proceeds	-	-	-	-	-
BBWD Sources	5,691,320	5,114,351	4,943,282	(171,069)	-3%
USES					
Energy	515,697	475,000	500,000	25,000	5%
Salaries and benefits	1,762,099	3,327,199	1,993,232	(1,333,967)	-40%
Operating expenses	1,805,888	2,544,676	1,875,679	(668,997)	-26%
Capital expenditures	1,075,339	1,448,000	1,448,000	-	0%
Debt service	517,423	394,750	-	(394,750)	-
BBWD Uses	5,676,446	8,189,625	5,816,911	(2,372,714)	-29%
BBWD NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ 14,873	\$ (3,075,274)	\$ (873,629)	\$ 2,201,645	



Coyote Springs Water Resources District

	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget-to-Budget	
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	Variance	%
				\$	%
SOURCES					
Operating revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Developer contributions ¹	386	50,000	50,000	-	0%
Total Sources	\$ 386	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	0%
USES					
Operating expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Invoiced developer costs ²	386	50,000	50,000	-	0%
Total Uses	386	50,000	50,000	\$ -	0%
TOTAL NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-

¹Per contractual agreement, the developer(s) will reimburse any costs not covered by operating revenues.
²Based on recent costs billed to the developer(s).

