

## **BUDGET MESSAGE**

The 2021 budget for the St. Vrain Water Authority includes these important features:

The St. Vrain Water Authority (Authority) was formed in 2019 for the purpose of owning and operating the St. Vrain Water Treatment Plant to provide potable water for the benefit of the Members, the Town of Firestone and the Little Thompson Water District (LTWD). The St. Vrain Water Treatment Plant will treat raw water that each Member delivers to the Plant, and then deliver treated water to a water tank on site where the Member's will be provided a location for a pump station to transfer treated water into their respective distribution systems. The St Vrain Water Authority will charge members for treated water delivered to them based on rates to be determined in the future. In the interim, the Members will periodically be required to provide an advance of funds to the Authority to cover administrative costs the Authority may incur until such time as the Authority can deliver treated water and generate its own revenue.

The Town of Firestone and the Little Thompson Water District participate in the administration and operation of the Authority based on their subscribed capacity in the St Vrain Water Treatment Plant, currently being 83% Firestone and 17% LTWD. The Town of Firestone appoints four Directors and the LTWD appoints one Director of the five-member Board of Directors of the Authority. The Authority currently has no employees.

The Authority reports one major governmental fund: 1) General Fund - This is the Authority's operating fund, which accounts for all activities of the government. The attached budget is the budget for the governmental fund of the Authority.

In 2021, the Authority will not yet have a functioning water treatment plant to generate revenue. The Authority does anticipate expenses for contract legal counsel and for the preparation of an audit. These costs will be covered by cash contributions from the Members and from a subscription fee to be paid to the Authority by LTWD. Firestone will not pay a subscription fee to the Authority but will provide in-kind contributions of design, permitting, and construction cost of the water treatment plant. Firestone will also provide in-kind services for general accounting to the Authority.

The budgetary basis of accounting for the Authority is the modified accrual basis.

**CERTIFICATION OF BUDGET**

**TO: THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
Department of Local Affairs  
1313 Sherman Street, Room 520  
Denver, Colorado 80203**

This is to certify that the budget, as attached hereto, is a true and accurate copy of the budget for the St. Vrain Water Authority, Counties of Boulder, Larimer and Weld, Colorado, for the budget year beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, as adopted by the Board of Directors on November 9, 2020.

Adopted on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

ST. VRAIN WATER AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Dave Lindsay, Secretary