

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
STATE OF WYOMING, NATRONA COUNTY**

IN THE MATTER OF THE CASPER-ALCOVA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Civil Action No. 9009
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**PETITION FOR ADJUDICATION OF THE CURRENT EXPENSE BUDGET FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR 1 JULY 2025 TO 30 JUNE 2026**

COME NOW the duly elected, qualified, and acting commissioners of the Casper- Alcova Irrigation District ("District" or "CAID") of Mills, Wyoming, according to and in conformance with Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 41-7-402(b), and hereby present to the Court this *Petition for Adjudication of the Current Expense Budget for the Fiscal Year 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026*, and respectfully show to the Court as follows:

1. All of the estimated expense items set forth in this petition were approved by unanimous vote during the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the District on May 8, 2025. Certain explanatory parentheticals are provided for the Court's further information in italic typeface; please note that the Board did not vote on the language of these explanatory parentheticals, although it voted on the associated expense line-items.

2. The following is an itemized estimate of the money to be raised by assessment, or otherwise, within the District for the purpose of constructing new work, maintenance, to meet the yearly expenses during the fiscal year, and to provide for possible delinquencies:

Administration	
Personnel (<i>wages, benefits, payroll taxes</i>)	\$642,000.00
Office Operations	\$30,000.00
Professional Services (<i>including without limitation legal consultant, accounting, and auditing</i>)	\$75,000.00
Bonds/Liability Insurance	\$3,800.00
Operations	
Automation	\$10,000.00
Buildings and Grounds	\$15,000.00
Equipment Expense	\$20,000.00
Equipment Purchase	\$83,490.00
Vehicle Expense	\$25,000.00
Vehicle Replacement	\$65,000.00
Field Expense	\$83,490.00
Fuel	\$55,000.00
Insurance Commercial	\$15,000.00
Rent Expense	\$3,000.00
Shop Expense	\$15,000.00
Utilities	\$11,000.00
USBR Reserved Works	\$10,000.00
Transfer From Operating into Reserves	
Emergency Reserves	\$20,000.00
Total Expenses	\$1,181,780.00
Grant Projects/Pass Through Dollars Debits	
WWDC Lateral 256 Check Structure Construction Grant (<i>replace the lateral 256 60-inch check structure fall of 2025</i>)	\$372,500.00
WWDC Level II Lateral Study 100% Reimbursed	
WY Attorney General - Selenium Reclamation	\$325,574.58
USBR Surcharge-Water	\$35,000.00
Total Grant Projects/Pass Through Dollars Debits	\$733,074.58
Grant Projects/Pass Through Dollars Credits	
WWDC Lateral 256 Check Structure Construction Grant (<i>replace the lateral 256 60-inch check structure fall of 2025</i>)	-\$372,500.00
WWDC Level II Lateral Study 100% Reimbursed	
WY Attorney General - Selenium Reclamation	-\$325,574.58
USBR Surcharge-Water	-\$35,000.00
Total Grant Projects/Pass Through Dollars Credits	- \$733,074.58
Total Estimated Expenses	\$1,181,780.00

3. There are a total of 548 owners of lots, tracts, and farm units of irrigable land within CAID. The "first acre" of each of the 548 landowners shall be assessed a Facilities and Maintenance Fee of \$600.00, which equals a sum of \$328,800.00.

4. There are 24,228 acres of irrigable land situated within CAID. To cover the budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year, after utilizing other funding, it is necessary to assess said acreage (minus the 548 "first acres") at the rate of \$36.00 per acre:

Total Estimated Expenses	\$1,181,280.00
Fees for Encroachment Permits	\$500.00
Facilities & Maintenance Fee	\$328,800.00
Per Acre Assessment	<u>\$852,480.00</u>
Total Landowner Assessments	\$1,181,280.00
Total Estimated Income	\$1,181,780.00

5. It may be necessary on occasion for the District to transfer money from one line item of the budget to another to meet unforeseen expenses. The District should be authorized to do that without further order of the Court so long as the overall budget remains intact or the unforeseen expenses can be paid in accordance with the Court's Order.

WHEREFORE, THE CAID COMMISSIONERS PRAY that the Court:

1. Fix a time and place to examine CAID's budget and hear all objections thereto, and

2. Approve CAID's budget, adjudicate the same by order, and authorize an assessment for the 2025-2026 fiscal year as follows:

Total Assessed to Landowners	\$1,181,280.00
Facilities and Maintenance Fee Assessment	\$328,800.00

Total Per Acre Assessment

\$852,480.00

Per Acre Assessment

\$36.00 per acre

DATED this 14 day of ~~June~~, 2025.

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HB.

Patrick Herman

Patrick (Ric) Herman, President
Commissioner Subdistrict No. 5

STATE OF WYOMING)

) ss.

COUNTY OF NATRONA)

Patrick (Ric) Herman, being of lawful age and being first duly sworn on oath according to law, deposes and states: That he is one of the Commissioners of the Casper-Alcova Irrigation District, duly organized and operating under and by the laws of the State of Wyoming, and he is the person who has signed the foregoing *Petition for Adjudication of the Current Expense Budget for the Fiscal Year 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026*, and that the facts and matters therein contained are true.

Patrick Herman

Patrick (Ric) Herman, President
Commissioner Subdistrict No. 5

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of May, 2025.



Notary Public

Heather Bartow

My commission expires: 2/26/2031