

INDIAN HILLS WATER DISTRICT

2026 Budget Message

Introduction

Indian Hills Water District, the (“District”) was organized in 1952 to provide for the planning, acquisition, financing, extension, operation and maintenance of the water system serving the District.

The 2026 budget was prepared in accordance with the Local Budget Law of Colorado. The budget reflects the projected spending plan for the 2026 fiscal year based on available revenues. This budget provides for the general operation of the District.

The District’s 2025 assessed value increased to \$25,886,551 from \$25,632,053 the year before. The District’s mill levy was maintained at 16.071 mills for taxes collected in the 2026 fiscal year, and all revenues from the mill levy are designated to the General Fund.

Budgetary Basis of Accounting

The District uses funds to budget and report on its financial position and results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain functions. The District’s General Fund is considered a governmental fund and is reported using the economic resources focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses recorded when the liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied.

Fund Summaries

The **General Fund** is used to account for resources traditionally associated with government such as property taxes, specific ownership tax and expenditures which include district administration, legal services, and other expenses related to statutory operations of a local government. The general fund also accounts for the water operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to a private business enterprise, where the intent is that costs of providing services to the public on a continuing basis be financed primarily through user charges.

Emergency Reserve

As required by the TABOR amendment to the Colorado Constitution, the District has provided for an Emergency Reserve in the amount of 3% of the total fiscal year revenues in the General Fund.

INDIAN HILLS WATER DISTRICT
Assessed Value, Property Tax and Mill Levy Information

	2024 Actual	2025 Adopted Budget	2026 Adopted Budget
Assessed Valuation	\$ 25,756,600	\$ 25,632,053	\$ 25,886,551
Mill Levy			
General Fund	16.071	16.071	16.071
Total Mill Levy	16.071	16.071	16.071
Property Taxes			
General Fund	413,934	411,935	416,025
Actual/Budgeted Property Taxes	\$ 413,934	\$ 411,935	\$ 416,025

INDIAN HILLS WATER DISTRICT
PROPRIETARY FUND
2026 Adopted Budget
with 2024 Actual, 2025 Adopted Budget, and 2025 Estimated

	2024 Actual	2025 Adopted Budget	2025 Estimated	2026 Adopted Budget
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BEGINNING FUND NET POSITION BALANCE	\$ 1,035,359	\$ 910,043	\$ 1,091,345	\$ 1,264,481
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OPERATIONS

Operating Revenue

Water Revenue	491,651	485,608	485,608	488,036
Water Vending	1,400	1,500	1,500	1,500
Total Operating Revenue	493,051	487,108	487,108	489,536

Water Operations Expenses

Repairs and Maintenance- Misc	28,324	21,000	33,823	35,000
Snow Removal	-	-	-	8,000
Landscape Maintenance	-	-	-	1,600
Treatment Plants	20,544	20,000	20,000	21,000
Distribution Sytem	6,258	15,000	15,000	15,000
Leak Detection	635	-	-	-
Leak Event 1/2024	3,062	-	-	-
Leak Repair	5,093	-	-	-
Water Hauling	101,782	-	87,480	-
ORC OPS Labor	35,100	-	-	-
ORC Ops Contract	94,180	161,800	161,800	161,800
Utilities	33,245	45,000	45,000	45,000
Fees, Licences & Permits	1,685	1,750	1,750	1,850
Small Tools & Equipment	452	-	-	-
SCADA	6,247	7,500	1,700	1,700
Internet at TC	401	500	1,000	1,400
Security Monitoring Fee	720	720	2,461	2,160
Water Testing	10,946	14,000	14,000	14,000
PFAS Testing	-	-	-	8,000
Chemicals & Filters	14,946	7,300	20,000	20,000
Nitrate Filtration	12,084	33,200	33,200	33,200
Truck Gas & Oil	931	-	-	-
Truck Parts & Repairs	6,481	-	1,120	-
GIS Mapping	7,651	4,500	4,500	4,500
Water Meters	6,407	15,000	3,000	3,000
Auto Meter Service Units	2,660	-	1,000	2,700
Water Rights- Bergen Ditch	1,500	1,500	1,540	1,540
Water Rights- Warrior Ditch	1,400	1,400	1,800	1,800
Water Rights- Soda Lakes	900	300	300	300
Legal-Water	-	2,000	-	2,000
Total Water Operations Expenses	403,633	352,470	450,474	385,550

Excess (deficiency) of Operational Revenue over Expenses	89,418	134,638	36,634	103,986
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GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Other Income

Property Taxes	430,200	411,935	411,935	416,025
Specific Ownership Taxes	30,929	24,716	20,737	24,962
Interest Income	54,006	50,000	40,000	40,000
Insurance Claims	12,937	-	-	-
Easement Income- Jeffco Project	1,500	-	-	-
Unrealized Gain/Loss	20	-	-	-
Total Other Income	529,592	486,651	472,672	480,987

Administrative Expenses

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	2024 Actual	2025 Adopted Budget	2025 Estimated	2026 Adopted Budget
Insurance- P & L	-	12,450	12,450	15,400
Insurance- Workers' Comp	-	-	650	650
Directors Fees	4,600	3,000	3,000	3,000
Consulting Fees	-	-	589	-
Accounting	18,218	30,000	50,000	40,000
Management	19,217	48,000	48,000	50,400
Elections	-	10,000	15,871	-
Office Expense- Misc	1,885	-	-	-
Customer Billing	18,094	32,000	32,000	32,000
Beacon Integration	-	-	2,389	-
Email and Websites	2,154	-	1,145	950
Postage and Printing	910	-	-	800
Online Payment Expense	2,301	2,500	-	-
Telephone and Internet	1,877	1,400	1,400	1,400
Membership and Dues	1,490	2,700	1,489	1,700
Travel and Mileage	554	4,000	-	700
Miscellaneous	4,638	2,100	3,026	-
Bill.com Subscription Fees	-	-	-	1,100
Payroll Expense and Admin Wages	143,967	-	-	-
Cell Phones	1,346	-	649	-
Network Security	1,683	1,584	1,584	1,679
Legal- General	11,251	12,500	5,000	5,000
Audit	7,850	7,850	7,850	7,800
Engineering	4,117	2,500	3,500	3,500
JeffCo Treasurers Fees	6,496	6,500	6,500	6,240
Total Administrative Expenses	252,647	179,084	197,092	172,319
Capital Project Expenses				
Turkey Creek Plant	4,915	-	575	14,000
M&M Plant	2,980	-	575	-
Back-Up Power	-	-	1,450	75,000
Nitrate Removal Project	-	40,000	55,000	-
Compressors	-	-	32,500	-
Distribution System Improvements	5,857	-	-	-
Booster Station Improvements	1,155	-	10,000	-
Building Repairs/Maintenance	737	-	2,250	3,000
Truck Replacement	5,830	-	-	-
Water Filtration Upgrade	288,904	-	-	425,000
Improvement Projects	-	261,500	25,000	-
Water Vending Replacement	-	-	-	25,000
Well 7- Upgrades	-	-	-	5,800
Well 8- Upgrades	-	-	-	5,800
Metering Improvements	-	-	-	125,000
PFAS Filtration	-	-	-	175,000
Zone 3 Booster Improvement	-	36,908	11,727	-
Total Capital Projects Expenses	310,378	338,408	139,077	853,600
Excess (deficiency) of Other Revenue over Expenses	(33,432)	103,797	173,137	(440,947)
Total Expenses Requiring Appropriation	966,657	869,962	786,643	1,411,469
ENDING FUND NET POSITION BALANCE	\$ 1,091,345	\$ 1,013,840	\$ 1,264,481	\$ 823,535