RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
COLORADO RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING – 2027 BUDGET
OCTOBER 13, 2026
STATION 64, 775 CASTLE VALLEY BLVD., NEW CASTLE, CO 81647

Chairperson Bristol called the Public Hearing on the draft 2027 Budget to order at 6:14 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present:
Addy Bristol, Vice President (Acting Chairperson)
Paige Haderlie, Director (Via Video Conference)
Dick Miller, Secretary
Adria Milton-Baker, Treasurer

Board Member Absent:
Alan Lambert, President (Excused)

Others Present:
Leif Sackett, Fire Chief
Dino Ross, Legal Counsel (Via Video Conference)
John Gredig, IT Director
PJ Tillman, Administrative Director
Orrin Moon, Prevention Division Chief
Bill Smith, Lieutenant
Matt Mikowski, Lieutenant (Via Video Conference)
Robert Fields, Firefighter/Engineer (Via Video Conference)

A motion was made by Secretary Miller and seconded by Treasurer Milton-Baker to excuse President Lambert from the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA:

The Board had no changes to the agenda.

Open Public Hearing -Proposed 2027 Budget

Chairperson Bristol opened the public hearing.

Fire Chief Sackett reviewed the proposed 2027 budget, emphasizing employee support and fiscal responsibility. The budget includes a 2% cost-of-living adjustment and funding for three previously approved additional positions and replacement staffing. He also announced a transition to the Public Sector Healthcare Group Authority effective January 1,

2027, offering comparable benefits with estimated savings of $102,000. Fire Chief Sackett answered questions from the Board.

Fire Chief Sackett reviewed EMS equipment replacements, the Capital Projects Fund budget, and use of $716,000 from reserves to balance the General Operating Fund budget. He also outlined the Certificate of Participation principal and interest payments and Station 61 project costs, with direct construction expenses listed separately. Updated figures will be presented next month.

A motion was made by Secretary Miller and seconded by Treasurer Milton-Baker to continue the Public Hearing on the proposed 2027 Budget to November 10, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

CONTINUE PUBLIC HEARING:

With no other business to come before the Board, Chairperson Bristol continued the Public Hearing at 6:14 p.m.

APPROVAL:

The foregoing Minutes, which have been approved by the affirmative majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Colorado River Fire Protection District, are a true and accurate record of the meeting held on the date stated above.

Date: 10/Nov 24 — Bristol

Date: Nov. 10, 2026 — Adria Milton-Baker