



Town of Rangely

Town Council Packet
July 28, 2015 @ 7:00pm



1 – Agenda



Town of Rangely

July 28, 2015 - 7:00pm

Agenda

Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)

FRANK HUITT, MAYOR

JOSEPH NIELSEN, MAYOR PRO TEM

LISA HATCH, TRUSTEE

ANDREW SHAFFER, TRUSTEE

DAN EDDY, TRUSTEE

ANN BRADY, TRUSTEE

KRISTIN STEELE, TRUSTEE

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Invocation

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Minutes of Meeting

a. Approval of the minutes of the July 14, 2015 meeting.

6. Petitions and Public Input

7. Changes to the Agenda

8. Public Hearings - 7:15pm

9. Committee/Board Meetings

10. Supervisor Reports – See Attached

a. Don Reed – Utilities Supervisor

b. Vince Wilczek – Chief of Police

11. Reports from Officers – Town Manager Update

12. New Business

a. Discussion and Action to Approve the June 2015 Financial Statements.

b. Discussion and Action to Approve the final payment to Urie Rock for the crushing of asphalt and production of ¾" road base in the amount of \$34,482.13.

13. Informational Items

a. OHV Grant Information

b. Letter to Chief Wilczek

c. Chevron Check

d. USGS Email

14. Scheduled Announcements

a. Rangely School District board meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2015 at 6:15pm.

b. Rangely District Library regular meeting August 10, 2015 at 5:00pm.

- c. Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for July 30, 2015 at 6:00pm.*
- d. Rural Fire Protection District board meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2015 at 7:00pm.*
- e. Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District meeting August 10, 2015 at 7:00pm.*
- f. Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District board meeting is July 29, 2015 at 7:00pm.*
- g. Rangely Chamber of Commerce board meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2015 at 12:00pm.*
- h. Community Networking Committee meeting is scheduled for August 28, 2015 at 12:00pm.*

15. Adjournment

5 – Minutes

WORK SESSION WITH BETTER CITIES ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AT 6:00PM



Town of Rangely

July 14, 2015 - 7:00pm

Minutes

Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)

FRANK HUITT, MAYOR

JOSEPH NIELSEN, MAYOR PRO TEM

LISA HATCH, TRUSTEE

ANDREW SHAFFER, TRUSTEE

DAN EDDY, TRUSTEE

ANN BRADY, TRUSTEE

KRISTIN STEELE, TRUSTEE

1. **Call to Order** Joe Nielsen called the meeting to order
2. **Roll Call** Joe Nielsen, Ann Brady, Lisa Hatch and Kristin Steele present, Frank Huitt, Dan Eddy and Andrew Shaffer absent
3. **Invocation** Lisa Hatch lead the invocation
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** Peter Brixius lead the Pledge of Allegiance
5. **Minutes of Meeting**
 1. *Approval of the minutes of the June 23, 2015 meeting.* Motion to approve the revised minutes of June 23, 2015 made by Lisa Hatch, Kristin Steele seconded , motion passed, Ann Brady abstained
6. **Petitions and Public Input**
7. **Changes to the Agenda**
8. **Public Hearings - 7:15pm**
9. **Committee/Board Meetings** None
10. **Supervisor Reports - See Attached**
11. **Reports from Officers - Town Manager Update** Peter Brixius updated the council the Town Attorney is working on model traffic code and Title 10, he is also working with CIRSA on new contract status that will help expedite the process. Working to finalize the latest franchise agreement with Charter. We are working with Chevron on an agreement to correct the water billing overages. We have agreed to help Chevron from a consultation and analysis standpoint as they work on the new water line going to the office so we hope that they will have potable water. The 10" line coming from the river is in very poor condition. Chevron is looking at putting in 3" poly line from the CO2 plant. Just finished a crushing project that will help produce roughly 4000 yards of road base for the Town Street projects. The cost will be approx. \$50,000 and was part of the roads budget this year. Walter Environmental has awarded the dirt cleanup to Urie Trucking to excavate the 5S starting July 27th. Peter will be on vacation next week. The senior picnic will be on July 22, 2015 from 12-2. White River Village will complete the breezeway project in the next 2 weeks. Budget packets and performance management

packets will go out the first of August. We plan to have more than one Health Care provider present this year. Peter wanted to know if everyone received the email about the coal coalition workshop coming up in September. Kristin Steele said she would try to look at going but needs to know ASAP due to conflicting meetings. Peter believes that they will need to know tomorrow in order to put a team together to attend in September. Ann suggests checking with the college for a representative as well. Lisa Hatch said she would be a standby. Grant application is into the County for the Town Hall master plan, application deadline is August 1st for \$641,000.

12. New Business

1. Discussion and Action to Approve Qualified Bidder for Water Treatment Plant Structural

Improvements - Phase 2.5. Jocelyn Mullen recapped that we went to bid in June, there were five contractors whom were provided the bid package. We only received one qualified bid back at the time of the bid deadline. The bid received was for \$291,320.00 including \$25,000.00 in minor contract revisions. So actual price was \$266,320.00 without minor contract revisions, we believe we may need a few thousand dollars of that but we don't need a lot of it. We also pre-negotiated the price per foot if the push piers had to be pushed further than our current information gives us. Jocelyn mentioned that it is a complex project with a very small area to complete the construction and we feel that our relationship with Glacier is good from Phase II. Mayes will be the subcontractor on the push piers and they are very skilled so she makes the recommendation to accept the bid from Glacier. When the original bid package was presented we had a budget of \$200,000. After reviewing all of the information we found that there was some piping that was added to the scope of work so the bid had additional items which is over what was originally budgeted. Peter also noted that there will be geotechnical testing of the soils to determine if the settling is a result of flooding caused by Southwest Contractors. The soil testing and installation of push piers should alleviate the plants structural settling. Motion to approve Glacier Construction as the Qualified Bidder for the Water Treatment Plant Structural Improvement Phase 2.5 for \$266,320 plus the additional \$25,000 for contract revisions for a total of \$291,320 made by Lisa Hatch, Ann Brady seconded, motion passed.

1. Discussion and Action to Approve the Check Register for June 2015. Motion to approve the check register for June 2015 made by Kristin Steele, Lisa Hatch seconded, motion passed.

13. Informational Items

1. Senior Picnic July 22nd at 11:30 - 1:30 Elks Park

1. Letter to the Editor from Mayor

14. Scheduled Announcements

1. *Rangely School District board meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2015 at 6:15pm.*
1. *Rangely District Library regular meeting July 13, 2015 at 5:00pm.*
1. *Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for July 30, 2015 at 6:00pm.*
1. *Rural Fire Protection District board meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2015 at 7:00pm.*
1. *Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District meeting July 13, 2015 at 7:00pm.*
1. *Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District board meeting is July 29, 2015 at 7:00pm.*
1. *Rangely Chamber of Commerce board meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2015 at 12:00pm.*

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

12 – New Business

Income Statement

Town of Rangely

Month Ending June/2015

GENERAL FUND Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2015 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2015	% of Budget Expended
Taxes	\$732,776	70%	\$1,700,500	43.09%
Licenses and Permits	\$8,609	1%	\$21,000	41.00%
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$63,525	6%	\$1,736,571	3.66%
Charges for Services	\$135,500	13%	\$361,229	37.51%
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$102,486	10%	\$165,370	61.97%
Total General Revenue	\$1,042,895	100%	\$3,984,670	26.17%
GENERAL FUND Operating Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2015 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expenses	Budget 2015	% of Budget Expended
Town Council	\$17,123	1%	\$45,953	37.26%
Court	\$10,936	1%	\$26,482	41.30%
Administration	\$138,188	10%	\$288,652	47.87%
Finance	\$114,074	8%	\$229,733	49.66%
Building & Grounds	\$172,763	12%	\$388,841	44.43%
Economic Development	\$84,126	6%	\$156,241	53.84%
Police Department	\$335,436	24%	\$863,187	38.86%
Animal Shelter	\$55,649	4%	\$91,415	60.87%
Public Works	\$210,121	15%	\$537,040	39.13%
Foundation Trans. & Non Depart. Transfer	\$82,607	6%	\$1,318,229	6.27%
Total Capital Improvements	\$195,912	14%	\$714,500	27.42%
Total selling expenses	\$1,416,935	100%	\$4,660,273	30.40%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	(\$374,039)	100%	(\$675,603)	55.36%
WATER FUND Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2015 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2015	% of Budget Expended
Water Revenue	\$414,975	100%	\$2,798,782	14.83%
WATER FUND Operating Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2015 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2015	% of Budget Expended
Water Supply	\$204,297	25%	\$474,947	43.01%
Water Supply Capital Expense	\$352,168	44%	\$710,000	49.60%
Water Fund Dept. Transfers and Conting.	\$70,478	9%	\$48,000	146.83%
PW - Transportation & Distribution	\$55,435	7%	\$137,000	40.46%
PW - Transportation & Distrib. Capital Exp	\$115,197	14%	\$1,140,500	10.10%
Raw Water	\$10,808	1%	\$43,834	24.66%
Raw Water Capital Expense	\$0	0%	\$15,000	0.00%
Total selling expenses	\$808,383	100%	\$2,569,281	31.46%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	(\$393,409)	100%	\$229,501	-171.42%
GAS FUND Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2015 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2015	% of Budget Expended
Gas Revenue	\$627,125	100%	\$1,421,000	44.13%
GAS FUND Operating Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2015 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2015	% of Budget Expended
Gas Expenses	\$416,523	80%	\$1,070,353	38.91%
Gas Capital Expense	\$13,926	3%	\$74,000	18.82%
Total Transfers	\$87,500	17%	\$175,000	50.00%
Total Selling Expenses	\$517,949	100%	\$1,319,353	39.26%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	\$109,176	100%	\$101,647	107.41%
Wastewater FUND Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2015 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2015	% of Budget Expended
Wastewater Revenue	\$186,803	100%	\$441,497	42.31%
Wastewater FUND Oper Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2015 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2015	% of Budget Expended

Wastewater Expenses	\$93,690	80%	\$246,388	38.03%
Wastewater Capital Expense	\$0	0%	\$95,000	0.00%
Total Transfers	\$24,000	20%	\$48,000	50.00%
General Fund Loan	\$0	0%	\$26,447	0.00%
Total Selling Expenses	\$117,690	100%	\$415,835	28.30%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	\$69,113	100%	\$25,662	269.32%

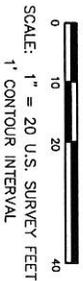
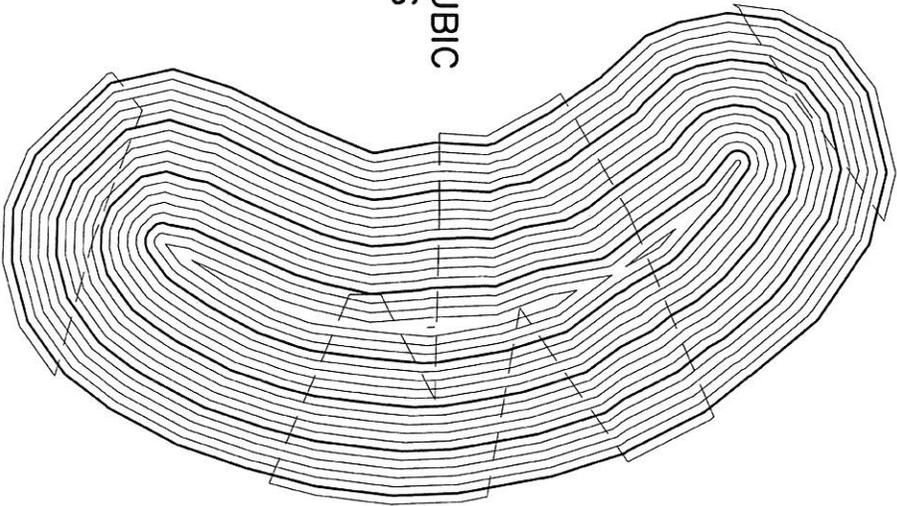
Town of Rangely

Month Ending June/2015

Rangely Housing Auth Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2015 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2015	% of Budget Expended
Rangely Housing Auth Revenue	\$92,980	100%	\$261,400	35.57%
Rangely Housing Auth Oper Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2015 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2015	% of Budget Expended
Rangely Housing Auth Expenses	\$68,979	86%	\$144,550	47.72%
Housing Authority Capital Expense	\$10,779	14%	\$30,000	35.93%
Transfers	\$0	0%	\$71,000	0.00%
Total Expense	\$79,758		\$245,550	32.48%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	\$13,222	100%	\$15,850	83.42%
Fund for Public Giving Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2015 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2015	% of Budget Expended
Fund for Public Giving Revenue	\$918	100%	\$2,000	45.92%
Fund for Public Giving Oper Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2015 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2015	% of Budget Expended
Fund for Public Giving Expenses	\$0	100%	\$2,000	0.00%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	\$918	100%	\$0	#DIV/0!
Economic Development Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2015 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2015	% of Budget Expended
RDA Revenues	\$33,363	100%	\$103,353	32.28%
Economic Development Oper Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2015 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2015	% of Budget Expended
RDA Expenses	\$49,868	100%	\$87,600	56.93%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	(\$16,505)	100%	\$15,753	-104.77%
Conservation Trust Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2015 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2015	% of Budget Expended
Conservation Trust Revenue (Grant \$136K)	\$6,225	100%	\$14,500	42.93%
Conservation Trust Oper Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2015 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2015	% of Budget Expended
	\$125	100%	\$2,797	4.47%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	\$6,100	100%	\$11,703	52.13%
Housing Assistance Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2015 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2015	% of Budget Expended
Housing Assistance Revenue	\$553	100%	\$52,500	1.05%
Housing Assistance Oper Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2015 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2015	% of Budget Expended
Housing Assistance Expenses	\$0	100%	\$138,000	0.00%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	\$553	100%	(\$85,500)	-0.65%
Rangely Develop Corp Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2015 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2015	% of Budget Expended
Rangely Develop Corp Revenue	\$1,978	100%	\$4,000	49.45%
Rangely Develop Corp Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2015 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2015	% of Budget Expended
Rangely Develop Corp Expenses	\$0	100%	\$3,000	0.00%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	\$1,978	100%	\$1,000	197.81%

GRAVEL PILE VOLUME TOWN OF RANGELY

2,711 CUBIC
YARDS



NOTES:
 ELEVATION BASE ASSUMED.
 PILE MEASURED WITH GPS OBSERVATIONS
 7-20-2015
 VOLUME CALCULATED USING AVERAGE END METHOD
 AND COMPOSITE SURFACES USING LAND DESKTOP
 2007 SOFTWARE.
 EXISTING GROUND UNDER PILE IS BASED UPON THE
 TOE ELEVATIONS OF THE PILE

GRAVEL PILE VOLUME	
TOWN OF RANGELY	
JSC, INC.	
P.O. BOX 1153 PHONE: (970) 878-5292	MEEKER, CO 81641 FAX: 878-5392
DRAWN BY DATE 21-2015	SEC JOB NO. 35-111 CHECKED BY J.L.J.

Urie Rock Company

Urie Gravel Pit - 1847 CR 46
mailing - 2424 E Main St
Rangely, Colorado 81648

Invoice #

4535

Date
7/24/2015

Bill To

Town of Rangely
209 E. Main St.
Rangely, Colorado 81648

P.O. #

Terms

Project
asphalt crushing job

Ton/Hr	Item	Date - Scale Ticket # - Description	Unit Price	Amount
4,066.5	Crusher CEC	Crush 2,711 cubic yards of asphalt for the Town of Rangely.	7.25	29,482.13
1	Urie Trucking, Inc	Due to tonage being less than 6000 tons, a mobilization charge is agreed upon for hauling plant and equipment to the site.	5,000.00	5,000.00

ordered by Peter Brixius 675-8477
Crushing Town Asphalt Pile

Thank You for your business

Phone 970-675-5766 Fax 970-675-2013

Thank You for allowing us to serve your gravel & trucking needs.

Subtotal \$34,482.13

Sales Tax (6.5%) \$0.00

Total \$34,482.13

Finance charges 1.5%/month 18% APR.
Customer is responsible for all collection fees on accounts.

Make Checks payable to URIE ROCK
COMPANY

13 – Informational Items

Budget Form

Project Name: Western Wagon Wheel OHV Trails

ITEMS LISTED IN THE BUDGET BELOW SHOULD BE SPECIFIC AND CORRESPOND TO THE PLANNED ACTIVITIES INDICATED IN THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION (SCOPE OF WORK) ON YOUR GRANT APPLICATION.

PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES <small>List all sources and amounts of project funding in this section</small>	CASH	In-Kind (Non-Cash) Contributions	TOTAL
OHV GRANT FUNDING REQUEST			\$ 55,900.00
Rio Blanco County	\$ 15,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 25,000.00
Town of Rangely	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000.00
Rangely Chamber of Commerce	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT			\$ 90,900.00

USE OF GRANT FUNDING <small>List uses of OHV Grant funding (only) below</small>	Date to be Completed	Grant Amount	Totals
I. Personnel Costs <small>Identify as: Salary/wage, benefits, travel, training, outfitting costs, personal protection equipment, etc.</small>			
Category Total			\$ -
II. Project Materials/Supplies <small>Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.</small>			
Signage Supplies (carsonite markers; reflective stickers; 'Share the Road' signs; etc.)	Dec-16	\$ 7,600.00	
Informational Kiosk Design, Construction & Installation (qty. 15)	Dec-16	\$ 29,500.00	
Educational Brochures Design & Printing (qty. 10,000)	Dec-16	\$ 4,600.00	
Trail Map Design & Printing (qty. 2,500; weatherproof)	Dec-16	\$ 5,500.00	
GPS/Mapping Supplies	Dec-16	\$ 1,500.00	
Category Total			\$ 48,700.00
III. Equipment <small>Identify as: Trail Dozer, ATV, Motorcycle, shovels, vehicle operation costs, equipment repairs, fuel, chainsaws, etc.</small>			
Electronic Trail Counters (qty. 5)	Dec-16	\$ 4,000.00	
Category Total			\$ 4,000.00
IV. Contracted Services <small>Identify as: Youth Corps, NEPA, planning, engineering, other subcontractors that are not part of your entity.</small>			
Category Total			\$ -
V. Volunteer Support <small>Identify as: Safety education, safety gear (gloves/goggles), outfitting, per diem (meals or mileage when travel required by and identified in project scope of work), non-monetary awards or recognition.</small>			
Volunteer Recognition & Support	Dec-16	\$ 3,200.00	
Category Total			\$ 3,200.00
VI. Insurance			
Category Total			\$ -
VII. Grant Administrative Costs* <small>Identify as: administrative costs: postage, copying services, electricity, phone charges, etc. (Up to 5% of amount spent)</small>			
Category Total			\$ -
TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT			\$ 55,900.00

**Colorado Parks & Wildlife Approval

Signature: _____

Date: 5/26/15

By: _____

Date: _____

**Note: Any changes to the budget must have pre-approval of the OHV program.



COLORADO

Parks and Wildlife

Department of Natural Resources

State Trails Program
13787 S. HWY 85
Littleton, CO 80125

May 8, 2015

Katelin Cook
Economic Development Coordinator
200 Main Street
PO Box 599
Meeker, CO 81641

Dear Katelin,

Congratulations! Your 2016 OHV Trails Project has been approved for funding.

Project Name: **Western Wagon Wheel Pilot Program - 2016**

Total Amount Requested: **\$ 60,200.00**

Total Grant Amount Awarded: **\$ 55,900.00**

Following is information on where your grant was ranked among all other projects.

Your Score: **82.47** %

Highest Score to receive funding: **92.57**%

Lowest Score to receive funding: **72.06**%.

Please note: If the amount awarded is lower/higher than what was requested, you will need to submit a revised project Scope of Work and project Budget to match the awarded amount. In order to help you make the revisions to your scope and budget, here are the comments the OHV Subcommittee made regarding your 2016 grant:

- Fund at \$55,900.
- Allowing \$3,200 (total) for volunteer support...flags, decals, field safety kits, vol. support at \$1,500...no hats, no monetary volunteer award.

Once your revisions are complete, simply mail, scan or fax the forms to our office so they can be included in your grant agreement.

Later this season you will be receiving a copy of the grant agreement for this project to route for signatures. In the meantime, please keep in mind no funds can be spent on this project until all State signatures are acquired. These funds are typically available for projects starting in 2016. **This grant award is subject to change and contingent upon the availability of funds.**

I want to thank you for your help in providing OHV trail opportunities for Colorado. We look forward to working with you. If you have questions on the information provided above or other administrative procedures, please contact our office at 303-791-1954.

Sincerely,

Tom Metsa
Snowmobile and OHV Program Manager
303-791-1957 Ext. 4132
thomas.metsa@state.co.us



CNCC
500 Kennedy Drive
Rangely, CO 81648
1.800.562.1105

July 9th, 2015

Police Chief Wilczek
Rangely Police Department
Town of Rangely
209 East Main St.
Rangely, CO 81648

Dear Chief Wilczek:

CNCC thanks you and your department for your generous donation of the two Dodge Chargers to our National Park Ranger Academy.

As both a school and a community, much pride is taken on ours for providing one of just seven remaining F.L.E.T.A. accredited National Park Ranger Academies with FLETC approved training in the Nation. The CNCC Park Ranger Academy strives vigorously to eventually be unsurpassed by providing our cadets with the best training and tools that we can offer. It is with the generous support of people and organizations such as yours that we can accomplish this further.

Thank you again for your generous donations as well your service to our community,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Russee George".

CNCC President

A handwritten signature in black ink, which is highly stylized and difficult to read.

CNCC NPS Academy Coordinator

Chevron Products Company
A Division of Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
P.O. Box 9034
Concord CA 94524

CHECK DATE: 07/06/2015
CHECK NO. 0024167980
PAYEE REF: 0010492390
COMPANY NO: 0061
MAIL CODE: 202C0



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TOWN OF RANGELY
209 E MAIN ST
RANGELY CO 81648

ADDRESS INQUIRES TO: P.O. Box 9034, Concord, CA 94524-1934
PHONE CONTACT: 925-827-7741 FAX CONTACT: 925-680-3534

INVOICE DATE	INVOICE #.	OUR REFERENCE #.	GROSS AMT.	DISC. AMT.	NET AMT.
07/01/2015	GIFTS123332	0090023593	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00
		TOTAL	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00



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DETACH AND RETAIN THIS STUB FOR YOUR RECORDS

CHECK # 0024167980 ATTACHED BELOW



Chevron Products Company
A Division of Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
P.O. Box 9034
Concord CA 94524

62-20
311

No. 0024167980

07/06/2015

PAY TO TOWN OF RANGELY
ORDER OF 209 E MAIN ST
RANGELY CO 81648

\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$3,000.00

NOT VALID AFTER 1 YEAR

Chevron
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Three Thousand and 00/100 Dollars

CITIBANK, N.A.
ONE PENN'S WAY, NEW CASTLE, DE 19720

00 24 16 7980 00 03 11 00 209 22 38696461

From: [Peter Brixius](#)
To: [Natalie Ducey](#)
Cc: [Don Reed](#)
Subject: Fwd: USGS streamgaging and water-quality sampling for 2016
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 1:35:31 PM

Natalie please place in information section of the packet.

Peter

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Anders, Steven" <spanders@usgs.gov>
Date: 07/20/2015 10:07 AM (GMT-07:00) **To:** Dave Kanzer
<dkanzer@crwcd.org>, cbsouthmetro@crestedbutte.net,

Subject: USGS streamgaging and water-quality sampling for 2016

Dear USGS Cooperator,

Based on conversations we've had in the past, several cooperators have requested earlier notification of changes to our costs for streamgaging and water-quality sampling. I know this is a busy time and many of you are working feverishly on your budgets for the next fiscal cycle so I hope this information is timely. As you are aware, the USGS does all we can do to keep our costs reasonable while maintaining high quality data and excellent customer service. Like most organizations there are circumstances beyond our control that affect the cost of providing services. These changes are ultimately reflected in our gage and sampling costs.

In simple terms, the USGS has three primary funding sources for hydrologic monitoring; the Cooperative Water Program (CWP), the National Streamflow Information Program (NSIP), and you, our cooperators. Every year the President and Congress set our allocations for the CWP and NSIP. In the recent past funding for the CWP has remained fairly flat and in some years has even been reduced. The good news however is NSIP. The President and Congress seem to like this program and in 2014 and 2015 the program received modest increases. These additional funds were used to reinvest in our streamgage program. We have purchased streamgaging equipment, rebuilt gages, funded the installation and maintenance of new gages, and at some sites were able to replace cooperator funds with NSIP funds. All of which have improved the robustness of our program, and in some instances reduced the costs to our cooperators.

As we look forward to our next fiscal cycle, we expect the CWP funding to remain flat or decrease slightly but we're optimistic that we'll realize a small increase in NSIP funding. We're hoping the two will essentially offset each other. We are projecting our operating costs (labor, travel, training, lab expenses, etc.) will be slightly higher. With this in mind we are applying an average 3.1% increase in our overall costs for next year. We expect our 'match rates', high, medium, low, and very low, will remain similar to last year. So as you budget for the upcoming year I believe planning for a 3.1% increase above last year's levels would

be a reasonable approach. I hope to begin on the program funding tables soon and will be contacting individual groups to set up our annual program meetings. In the meantime feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you all for partnering with the USGS and allowing us to be your premiere data collectors and decimators of high quality scientific information.

Sincerely,

Steven P. Anders

Steven P. Anders
Western Colorado Data Section Chief
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