**Notice of Public Hearing for DAF *Drinking Water Project, Colorado City Metropolitan District,* Colorado**

Date: June 5, 2025

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: Colorado City Metropolitan District Administration Building

Address: 4497 Bent Brothers Blvd. Colorado City, CO 81019

Topic: Public Hearing on Cost, Rate Impacts, and Environmental Impacts of DAF Drinking Water Project

Remote Viewing Access: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82821308782?pwd=f26dH61OkoL55SCLO1C3ZlDCAYcOuf.1>

Meeting ID: 828 2130 8782; Passcode: 182824; One tap mobile dial in number: +1 719 359 4580

The meeting Zoom link and dial-in number will also be posted on the meeting agenda on the District’s website: <https://www.coloradocitymd.org/board-meetings>.

A public hearing will be conducted for informing citizens and soliciting public input, written or oral, regarding the Colorado City Metropolitan District (District) Dissolved Air Floatation System (DAF) Drinking Water Project, including the Project Needs Assessment (PNA) and Environmental Assessment (EA). The PNA is a report detailing the project as proposed, including project necessity, alternatives, and components. The PNA also describes how the project is being funded. The reports are being submitted to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to qualify Colorado City Metropolitan District for a State Revolving Fund Loan. The updated estimate for the cost of the DAF Drinking Water Project is $18,290,749 for a new 1.5 MGD DAF system and pretreatment building. The District has applied for grants, loans, and loan forgiveness funding for the project through the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Rural Utility Service (RUS), Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), and will also apply for funding through Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment’s (CDPHE) State Revolving Fund (SRF).

The DAF Drinking Water Project will address some of the following issues related to the District’s drinking water treatment and distribution system:

1. Treatment of high levels of turbidity in the raw water, and variations throughout the year.

2. High levels of iron and manganese in the water.

3. Short run times on the membrane, causing backwashing and clean-in-place to be needed frequently.

4. Inefficient operations with the continuous cleaning of the membranes.

5. Inadequate coagulation process.

6. Elevated levels of disinfection byproducts in the distribution system.

The public hearing will include discussion of:

1. Project alternatives that were considered.

2. The preferred alternative.

3. The possible range of projected rate increases based on potential funding scenarios.

4. Construction related and environmental impacts of the project.

5. How members of the public may obtain and review relevant documents.

In order to fund the project, additional rate increases to water rates will be necessary. The best and worst case scenarios for rate impacts will depend on how much funding, in the form of loans and grants, the District is able to obtain from various public sources. The best and worst case rate impact scenarios will be presented at the meeting. A detailed description of the environmental impacts of the project will also be discussed at the meeting.

Copies of the Project Needs Assessment (PNA) and an Environmental Assessment of the project will be available for public review, and written comments may be submitted, prior to the Public Hearing at the following location:

Colorado City Metropolitan District, 4497 Bent Brothers Boulevard, Colorado City, CO 81019;

Point of contact: James Eccher, District Manager, 719-676-3396.