

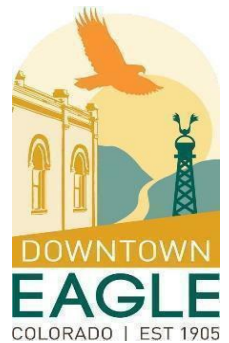
EAGLE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA)
Eagle Town Hall | 200 Broadway, Eagle, CO 81631
Castle Conference Room
Tuesday, May 19, 2026 | 1:00PM

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Disclosure of Any Conflicts of Interest Related to Agenda Items

Pursuant to Section 31-25-819, C.R.S regarding conflict of interest, board members and employees of the DDA must disclose significant financial interest and avoid voting or participating in related matters. Violations can lead to dismissal or forfeiture of office.

3. Public Comment

Comments are welcome on items not listed on the following agenda. Public comments are limited to three (3) minutes.

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes dated March 17, 2026

5. Administrative

- a. Upcoming Member Terms (June 30, 2026)
 - i. Marci Leith
 - ii. Lachie Thomas
- b. Annual Board Election in July
 - i. Election of the Chair and Vice Chair

6. Updates (as needed)

- a. DDA Financials
- b. EVC
- c. Eagle Chamber
- d. Town Department Update – questions for staff?

7. Business & Discussion Items

- a. \$10,000 Broadway Activation Funding – Molly Furtado
 1. Lighting – “Bistro Lights” and/or fix/repair existing lighting
 2. Banners/Signage
 3. Flowers/Landscaping
- b. EV Chargers on Broadway – Kira Koppel
- c. Property Inclusion

- d. Request to Amend Bylaws to Increase Number of Board Members
- e. Downtown Eagle Project Improvement Program – REDI Grant Closeout
- f. Registration List for Business and Property Owners
- g. Formation of an Arts District

8. Future Meetings / Agenda Items

- a. Town Code Changes – DDA Involvement

9. Adjourn – 3:00 PM

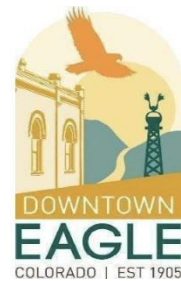
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Property Tax Increment Financing Presentation | Council Chamber 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

- Mike Kerrigan -DOLA TIF presentation
- Q & A session
- Members Present: Lachie Thomas, Scott Schlosser, Greg Schroeder, Jake Roach, Keith Carrieri, Andrew Atkins, Marci Leith
- Staff: Nikki Davis, Jill Kane, Rachel Tand, Melissa Daruna
- Guests: Mike Kerrigan (DOLA), Mary Kessler (EC Assessor), Elaine Wolf (EC Assessor), Mick Daly (EVC), Bryan Woods (Council), Casey Glowacki (Council), Geoff Grimmer (Council)

DDA Regular Meeting | Castle Conference Room 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

1. **Call to order:** 2:07 PM
 - a. Board members Present: Greg Schroeder, Scott Schlosser, Marci Leith, Jake Roach, Lachie Thomas, Andrew Atkins, Keith Carrieri
 - b. Staff: Nikki Davis, Molly Furtado, Kyle Brotherton, Gram Dick, Kasie Hill,
 - c. Guests: Becky Burgess
2. **Admin**
 - a. Non-meeting communications of DDA members
3. **Disclosure of Any Conflicts of Interest Related to Agenda Items - None**
 - a. Pursuant to Section 31-25-819, C.R.S regarding conflict of interest, board members and employees of the DDA must disclose significant financial interest and avoid voting or participating in related matters. Violations can lead to dismissal or forfeiture of office.
4. **Public Comment - None**
5. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Minutes dated February 17, 2026
 - b. Minutes dated March 4, 2026
 - i. Nikki requested an amendment to the February 17 and March 4 minutes to include disclosures of conflict of interest and recusals to certain business items.
 1. Lachie motioned to approve the minutes with amendments. Seconded by Marci. Motion carried.
6. **Updates (as needed)**
 - a. DDA Financials
 - i. Greg requested that we invite a representative from the Eagle County Assessor's Office to the board's recurring monthly meetings.
 - b. EVC
 - i. Recap on Business Advancement Program and EVC serving as the review panel. Presentations were held on March 10 & 11. Award notices will be distributed following Town Council approval on either March 24 or April 14.
 - c. Eagle Chamber

- i. Invitation for the DDA to attend the April 16 Eagle Chamber mixer, co-hosted by the Town of Eagle and Mountain Recreation.
- d. Town Department Update – questions for staff
 - i. Reminder about the Capitol Street Improvement Project scheduled to occur between late March through September/October.

7. Business & Discussion Items

- a. Funding Request - Banners on Broadway
 - i. Becky Burgess, Downtown Business Alliance (DBA) and Eagle Rising
 - ii. Molly Furtado, Town of Eagle Special Events Manager
 - 1. Marci motioned to approve \$3,000 for the DBA to design and purchase (3) banners. Seconded by Andrew. Motion carried.
 - 2. Marci motioned to approve \$7,000 for beautification on Broadway, including landscaping, lights on Fourth Street, and artistic signage. Seconded by Scott. Motion carried.
- b. Meeting Updates – No further discussion
 - i. MEAC – March 2
 - ii. Town Council Work Session – March 3
- c. DDA Legal Services – Tabled to April meeting
 - i. On Call Contract
 - ii. Request to research and modify bylaws to increase number of board members

Adjourn: 3:26 PM



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Melissa Daruna, Interim Town Manager
Date: May 12, 2026
Re: Town Manager Report

Administration and Organization Updates

The Finance team has been working diligently with departments across the Town to prepare supplemental budget reports and requests that are included in tonight's meeting. It is encouraging to see the high level of collaboration and strategic thinking reflected in these efforts. I would like to extend my appreciation to everyone for their additional time and commitment.

While recruitment remains a top priority, we are pleased to welcome back several outstanding seasonal employees this spring and summer. We are also onboarding new team members in both seasonal and year-round roles. Additionally, all employee housing units are currently fully occupied, which is a positive milestone.

This spring, we will once again conduct check-ins with staff regarding their SMART goals and professional development plans. These conversations between supervisors and employees are intended to provide a streamlined opportunity to assess progress during the first part of the year and ensure appropriate support is in place. Following the Town Council's strategic planning sessions, we will also begin planning staff satisfaction surveys and 360-degree reviews for directors and department leaders.

Strategic Planning

The recent two-day strategic planning session was highly productive. I appreciate the Town Council's time and dedication to refining priorities and streamlining goals for the next five years. The Mayor and I will meet with the consultants later this week to review their notes and an initial draft of the plan. We will provide additional details regarding the rollout and presentation at an upcoming Council meeting.

Special Projects

Pickleball – Town Council members have been invited to participate in a pickleball clinic at the Gypsum Courts on Friday, May 15, at 5:00 p.m. This will provide an opportunity to observe and experience courts in a neighborhood setting. In alignment with direction from the recent capital projects work session, staff are continuing to collaborate with Eagle County on a formal proposal, including cost estimates, for courts in Eagle.

Economic Vitality Initiatives – Staff are actively advancing several initiatives to support businesses in our downtown areas. These efforts include summer broadband promotions, ongoing incentives for new businesses, and coordinated outreach to vacant or underutilized commercial spaces. Additional work includes proposed supplemental budget adjustments to support public art on Broadway, broader engagement with businesses and advisory committee members on town branding, and assistance for businesses utilizing their Business Advancement Program grant funding.

Active Land Use Applications - [Active Land Use Applications | Town of Eagle, CO - Official Website](#)

Work Sessions

To help the Town Council stay informed about upcoming work sessions, the following table outlines topics to be discussed over the next several months. Preparing in advance is helpful, as it allows effective planning and execution of a work session. Staff will maintain this table in the report and make any necessary adjustments. The topics are subject to change:

WORK SESSIONS in 2026:

Date	Topic
<i>January 6</i>	<i>WUI Code Updates</i>
<i>February 3, 2026</i>	<i>Town of Eagle Organization & Operations</i>
<i>March 3, 2026</i>	<i>Advisory Committees</i>
<i>April 7, 2026</i>	<i>Development Review Process</i>
<i>May 5, 2026</i>	<i>Capital Project Prioritization</i>
June 2, 2026	Long Range Planning
July 7, 2026	Housing & Density Caps
August 4, 2026	TBD
September 1, 2026	TBD
September 15, 2026 (3:30 – 5:30 p.m.)	2027 Budget
September 29, 2026 (3:30 – 5:30 p.m.)	2027 Budget
October 6, 2026	TBD
November 3, 2026	TBD
December 1, 2026	TBD



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Melissa Daruna, Town Manager, and Department Leads
Date: May 12, 2026
Re: Department Updates for April 2026

April 2026

ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER

Please refer to Town Manager Report

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

April 2026

In The Game Conference

Staff attended Downtown Colorado Inc.'s annual conference in Grand Junction, April 1-3. Communities from across Colorado shared implementation-focused strategies related to downtown vitality, small business growth, redevelopment financing, creative districts, and placemaking. Several sessions closely aligned with Eagle's ongoing work around wayfinding, business support programs, public-private partnerships and adaptive activation. A recurring theme was that successful downtowns are increasingly being treated as year-round community gathering spaces. Staff returned with new ideas and contacts that may support future projects.

Economic Vitality Committee (EVC)

At its quarterly meeting held on April 9, the EVC brainstormed strategies around the following:

- *Business Advancement Program* – Should the BAP become a recurring annual program, the presentation setup should be reformatted and that improved measurements on ROI should be established.
- *Placer.ai* - Form a small working group to help validate data, identify reporting opportunities, and support future economic storytelling related to visitation trends, events, and business activity.
- *Merging the Economic Vitality Committee and the Marketing & Events Advisory Committee* - Potential long-term consolidation of the EVC and MEAC to better align economic development, marketing, branding, and event activation efforts under a more unified strategy/advisory group.
- *Sports Tourism* – Described as a future economic development strategy, including opportunities tied to recreation facilities, event programming, and regional attraction that could further support sales tax growth and quality of life initiatives.

April 16 Eagle Chamber Mixer

Staff co-hosted the Eagle Chamber Mixer with Mountain Recreation and Edwards Jones. The event provided an opportunity to connect directly with Eagle's business community and share updates on current Town initiatives, capital improvement projects, the Business Advancement Program, sustainability programs for businesses, broadband, and the upcoming events season. Mountain Recreation was gathering feedback to help inform their district wide master plan and feasibility study.

Wayfinding Study and Implementation Plan Project Close-out

The Town officially completed this effort following Town Council acceptance on April 28. Michael Baker International presented a phased, implementation-ready wayfinding system focused on improving navigation, strengthening Eagle's identity, and better connecting people to local businesses, neighborhoods, parks, trails, and recreation assets. Town Council also authorized staff to begin phased implementation planning. The Town was recently awarded a second \$20,000 grant from the Colorado Tourism Office to support early implementation in 2026-2027. [Unpack the Summary Booklet here!](#)

HOUSING

April 2026

Employee Housing

Staff are pleased to report that all three Town-owned employee housing units are now fully leased and occupied. The units are currently housing Town employees across multiple departments and continue to serve as an important workforce retention and recruitment tool. Staff will continue monitoring occupancy, administrative improvements, and long-term program needs as part of the Town's broader employee housing efforts.

Regional Housing Solutions

- *Exploring a Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Authority.*
 - Eagle County and Town of Avon continue gathering community input regarding the potential formation of a Regional Housing Authority. The public survey remains open and can be completed here: [Eagle River Housing Solutions](#). The group anticipates that aggregated survey findings will be ready by June.
- *Finding Our Way Home. A housing collaborative led by Habitat for Humanity Vail Valley.*
 - The Habitat staff and their facilitator, Civic Canopy, have temporarily paused the initiative as the organization evaluates next steps and works to broaden participation from additional community voices and regional stakeholders.

SUSTAINABILITY

April 2026

- **Building Electrification Project** – The construction kickoff occurred on April 1st, with installations scheduled for late May/early June.
- **Recycling Reimbursements via Extended Producer Responsibility Law** – Updates to our application for recycling reimbursement were submitted and are awaiting approval. Our outreach and education application was approved at over \$9,000 to support recycling education and outreach. Contracting is anticipated to occur throughout the month of May. Once a contract is finalized, staff can bring more information to Council.
- **Sustainability Grant Funding - \$34,000** is currently available to Eagle organizations, businesses, and individuals for projects that support our net zero by 2030 goals. [Applicants can apply with this link.](#)
 - The SAC will be scoring grant applications during their May 13th meeting.
 - Applicants are encouraged to reach out to Kira at kira.koppel@townofeagle.org for guidance.
- **Colorado Communities for Climate Action** – The Palmer Fund has agreed to cover the costs of our 2026 membership, removing budgetary concerns from tonight's CC4CA decision.
- **Fleet Electrification Analysis** – This project has commenced and is in the data gathering stage.
- **Colorado Energy Office Roundtable** – Staff represented Eagle in the roundtable hosted by nonprofit CORE in Basalt, suggesting creative grant and cost-share models that would reduce and make more equitable the cost of electrification to homeowners, HOAs, businesses, and neighborhoods.

- **Event participation & planning** – Staff participated in the Eagle Chamber Mixer and supported 2 Climate Action Week events, a Green Home & Geothermal System Tour and Sustainability Trivia. Staff participated in Bike to Work Day (6/24) planning: we aim to host 2 stations this year, have 2 bike shops participate, & communicate with residents the month leading up to Bike to Work Day to increase participation.

SPECIAL EVENTS

April 2026

- Town produced events for April: Eagle Chamber Mixer
- Town liaison for April events: Mystery on Broadway, Community Pride Highway Cleanup
- Special Event Permit Applications received: Endorphin Bootcamp in town park, Eagle Ranch Residential Block Party
- MEAC member Debbie Murphy resigned from the committee. Debbie was hoping the role was more event focused. She looks forward to volunteering at all the events. Thank you, Debbie.
- MEAC discussed possible consolidation with EVC. Staff will schedule the next quarterly Movers & Shakers meeting on June 1.
- Showdown Town announced summer lineup; Mammoth was mistaken for The Mammoths. And unfortunately, the July 9 band cancelled; new artist booked is Bonfire Dub.
- Tutorial with Town of Avon regarding Placer ai. Thank you for your time, Danita & Chelsea.
- Participated in the ECSD Safety Fair at Gypsum Creek Middle School and Eagle Valley Middle School to promote the town's Youth Whitewater Safety event on June 19 at the Eagle River Park.
- The Marketing & Events Department IG account @eagleoutside has over 4,500 followers 📈
- Join us May 16 for the town's Cleanup and Hard2Recycle event at Brush Creek Pavilion. This year we are teaming up with Paintcare and ACT enviro to properly and safely dispose of household paint.

COMMUNICATIONS

April 2026

Facebook Analytics:

- Total Followers: 4,859
- April Views (Number of times our content was played or displayed): 119,011
- Highest Engagement:
 - New Town Manager – 24,748 views
 - Starburst Award from Colorado Lottery – 23,756 views
 - Historical Post about Jim Seabry & Mike Lederhause – 20,022 views
- Created videos created for Sustainability Funding, Capitol Street Improvements, Dog Park Fence Completion, and Arbor Day Tree Planting Event. Total video watch time = 1d 17hrs (Time reels played & replayed)

HWY 6 Digital Sign: Creation of Graphics + Scheduling for 17 Messages

News Flash Updates: Stage 2 Water Restrictions in Effect & Remaining in Effect, Seasonal Trail Closures, Capitol Street Weekly Updates, I-70 Exit 147 Closure, Yard Waste Facility is Open, Community Slash Removal/Chipping Program, Dog Area Fence Complete, BAP Grant Recipients, New Town Manager Appointed, Statewide Starburst Award

INNOVATION TECHNOLOGY

April 2026

Broadband update:

- In April, Broadband billing was moved in-house to the Town’s utility billing system.
- 44 business/government subscribers, 133 residential subscribers, 8 new signups in February
- Broadband revenue generated last month: \$10,518.40. Several accounts did not pay in April. Most likely due to delays in transitioning into the new billing system.
- Transition to new NOC (Network Operation Center) partner underway.

Technical Operations:

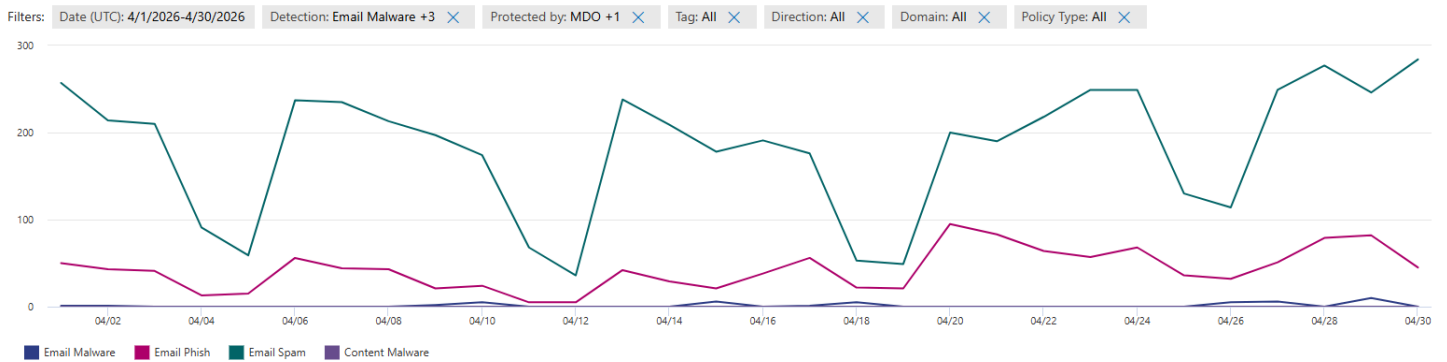
Training:

- All staff lunch and learn: SharePoint & OneDrive

Email threat protection report:

Threat protection status

The Threat protection status report provides information about threats found prior to email delivery, covering relevant detection technologies, policy types, and delivery actions. [Learn more about this report](#)



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

April 2026

Planning

Approved Applications:

- 446 Broadway – Variance (P&Z Denied on 3/17; TC Called Up and Approved 4/14)
- WUI Building Code – TC 4/14 and 4/28
- Chapter 4.11 and other minor amendments – P&Z 4/7; TC 4/28
- DR25-08/FP25-01 – Haymeadow RMF-4/5; P&Z 4/21
- DR25-04/LLA25-02 – Vail Valley Design Center (1215 Chambers); P&Z 4/21
- DR25-10 – McDonald’s (291 Eby Creek); P&Z 5/5

Denied Applications: None to report

Continued Applications: None to report

P&Z Recommendations: None to report

LAND USE APPLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

For more information and to access project documents, visit the Town’s [Active Land Use Applications Page](#).

446 Broadway – Minor Development Permit

- 2nd round comments sent on 4/27; comment review with applicant 5/6, awaiting resubmittal from applicant.

New Electric, 629 Sawatch Road – Minor Development Permit

- Resubmitted on 5/5; preparing to start 2nd review to ensure comments have been addressed, staff transition of application.

301 Broadway – Minor Development Permit

- Applicant submitted new Lot Line Adjustment application with resubmittal materials, referral responses due back to applicant week of 5/11

Bluffs PUD Amendment

- The applicant is making revisions to ensure alignment with HOA covenants and design guidelines.

332 Grand Avenue – Major Development Permit

- Referral comments sent to applicant 4/28; awaiting resubmittal from applicant.

Capitol Flats – Preliminary Plat, Rezoning, and Right-of-Way Vacation

- Applicant has been sent comments and is working through addressing them. It is anticipated that the right-of-way vacation will be moved through public hearing first.

Red Mountain Ranch – PUD Amendment (Minor, administrative decision)

- Application to amend front setbacks for single family dwellings submitted; staff preparing notice of determination (as of May 6).

Haymeadow Preliminary Plan (Neighborhoods A2, B, C, & D)

- Application for Preliminary Plan/Plat for the rest of the Planned Unit Development. Staff are reviewing the MOU agreement that will determine the application process. This is expected to be a 1.5 - 2 year review process.

Administrative Approvals (Encroachment Permits, Sign Permits, Use Approvals)

- Currently reviewing 3 Sign Permits, 0 Encroachment Permit, and 1 Mobile Vending Permits.
- 2 Sign Permits have been approved and issued so far this year, 5 are currently under review.
- 1 Encroachment permits have been approved and issued this year.
- 1 Mobile Vending Permit renewal has been approved and issued this year.
- 1 Use Review is under review.

NOTABLE UPDATES

- Software: Staff have selected Tyler Technologies as the Department's new permitting software, and Council has approved the vendor contract. Several team members attended the Tyler Technologies conference to begin familiarization with the system. While staff previously anticipated a project kickoff at the end of April/beginning of May, we are proposing a slight adjustment to the timeline to ensure our incoming Director and Building Official have time to fully understand current workflows, constraints, and (let's be honest) long-standing pain points before we lock ourselves into system configurations. Taking a brief breath now will help avoid sprinting confidently in the wrong direction later and will position the project for a smoother, more successful implementation overall.
- Jessica Johnsen, new Community Development Director, started yesterday, May 11.
- Daniel Brown, new Chief Building official, started yesterday as well, May 11.

UPCOMING ANTICIPATED APPLICATIONS

- 894 Chambers – Minor Development Permit
- Capitol Theater – unknown type
- Haymeadow Townhome Plat – RMF-4/5
- Haymeadow Lot Line Adjustments – Filing 2 duplexes
- Haymeadow Townhome Plat – RMF-2A
- Haymeadow Resubdivision of RMF-3 in Filing 1

TRAINING/CONFERENCES:

- 2021 IECC residential and commercial overview, and overview of regional energy code amendments.
- Mountain Towns 2030 Regional Forum: Code Readiness for Colorado Mountain Communities.
- Western Matters Rural Summit
- Rocky Mountain Leadership Program
- 2026 Tyler Connect Conference
- GIS Training
- APA Colorado Conference

MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Business Name	Location	Status
RHG Ph II	16186 Hwy 6	All permits issued.
Haymeadow	Mount Hope	Building permit issued for 9 single family – 3 Townhouses w/ 1 postponed till spring and 2 permits issued

Building

The figures below show general activity levels not broken down by permit type (building, plumbing, mechanical, etc.)

TYPE OF WORK PERFORMED	EOY 2024	EOY 2025	2026
Inspections (n/i Planning, Public Works)	1944	1742	716
Permits Processed	334	425	111

P&Z and Council Meeting Schedule

May 2026
May 5 th (Work Session)
May 5 th (Planning Commission) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DR25-10 McDonald’s
May 12 th (Town Council) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DR25-04 Haymeadow RMF 4/5
May 19 th (Planning Commission) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve Minutes • Meet & Greet with new Commissioners, long-serving Commissioners, and new staff
May 26 th (Town Council)

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June 2026

June 2nd (Work Session)

- Long Range Planning Priorities

June 2nd (Planning Commission)

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June 9th (Town Council)

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June 16th (Planning Commission)

- 301 Broadway (tentative)
- Capitol Flats ROW (tentative)

June 23rd (Town Council)

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Engineering (Ryan Johnson, Town Engineer)

April 2026

General Updates:

- Staffing: An Engineer I/II Project Engineer position remains vacant at this time.
- Development review
 - Large Projects include:
 - Red Mtn Ranch Parcel 1
 - Haymeadow RMF 4 & 5
 - 446 Broadway
 - Capitol Flats
 - 301 Broadway
 - 629 Sawatch
 - 1215 Chambers

Right of Way Permitting Summary:

- Active ROW Permits: 0

Public Improvements Developer Projects:

- 263 Sawatch
 - Water main extension
- Haymeadow
 - Ouzel Lane Waterline.
 - Haymeadow Phase 4 Haymeadow Drive Extension and Sewer
 - Haymeadow Filing 2 Public Improvements
 - Haymeadow Booster pump Station
- Reserve at Hocket Gulch Phase 1B and 2
 - Water and sewer installation

Pavement Management:

- 2026 Resurfacing Project- Under development

Capital Improvement Projects:

- Grand Avenue Corridor: Kicked off Task Order 3 with Stolfus
- Capitol Street: Construction started on Capitol Street. See the town website for updates.
- Sylvan Lake Road: Progress is being made on the grant reimbursement and closeout documents



To: Mayor and Town Council

From: Tom Gosiorowski, PE, Public Works Director

Date: May 8, 2026

Agenda Item: Water Supply and Drought Update

Snowpack and Runoff Conditions

As most people are aware, Colorado experienced a winter of extremely low snowfall and our region of the state is classified as being in an Exception Drought. To further put this into context, the peak of snowpack within the Eagle River basin this winter was 21% less than the WORST snowpack observed in the last 30 years, and was 48% less than the median snowpack over that time – that’s less than half of the worst conditions known.

Unfortunately, we have experienced several significant drought years this century. While I wish to be able to draw on the experience of those years to inform expectations for this year, the reality is that this year is in a different league from those other drought years. I’m unable to confidently anticipate what water supply and streamflow will look like this summer based upon those other drought years.

Snowpack translates into stream flow beginning each Spring, and the chart included with this memo compares runoff this year with the significant drought years of 2002 and 2012. Not only is the runoff this year much lower, it peaked on March 27th which is almost 10 weeks earlier than normal.

I describe this because our effective reservoir for our water supply is the snowpack and the groundwater that is charged from snowmelt. This year that reservoir is much smaller and is emptying much earlier than in any other year before. There is no way to overstate how exceptional and dire the conditions are this year.

Precipitation over the past several weeks has stabilized the snowpack, but the very warm and dry weather expected through mid-month will likely reduce the snowpack very rapidly to zero.

Our Water Supply Through The Summer

Because our effective reservoir is less full and emptying sooner, I am certain that we will continue to experience diminished stream flows and reduced available water supply through this summer. While stream flows are important for recreation, wildlife, and agriculture, our primary concern is with availability of water for domestic service and fire protection. At this time there is adequate flow in Brush Creek to meet this primary need, however, water demands are still quite low as not much urban irrigation has begun yet. Currently daily water plant production is in the 1,100,000 gallons per day, this typically rises to a peak of nearly 3,500,000 gallons per day in June and July.

The low stream flows, that will certainly drop further, are cause for concern that the normal level of demand within our community will be very harmful to the other interests of recreation, wildlife, and agriculture. There is low likelihood that streamflows will drop to the point that there is not enough water available to meet the minimum demand for domestic use and fire protection, however, I cannot say that this is impossible.

What We Are Doing To Prepare And Respond To The Drought

Stage 2 water restrictions were implemented April 1st. Because we do not have an actual reservoir our water restrictions do not have the effect of preserving water for use later in the summer. These restrictions do help to protect the stream for wildlife and help our customers to build good conservation habits as we enter the summer. I confidently anticipate that we will enter Stage 3 restrictions by early June.

This year there will be more need than ever to ensure that our water restrictions succeed in reducing demands placed on the stream. Because of this we will need to make a greater effort than ever before to enforce these restrictions. Staff have been working to create plans and mechanisms for enforcement, and to ensure that we have Code and Resolutions in place that enable this effort. At this time our focus is on establishing a method of using water meter use data to identify violators as opposed to actively patrolling to observe violations. It appears that we will need to make some changes to code and resolutions to achieve this, and you will see more on this in coming Council meetings.

I am also working to enforce the diversion reductions mandated by the Brush Creek Watershed Management Plan. The Plan is the biggest lever we have for keeping beneficial water in Brush Creek. For context, the diversions regulated by the Plan reduce from a total of 34.57 cfs in the Wet Year condition to 22.35 cfs in the Critical Dry Year condition. For comparison, on our biggest day of domestic demand we divert about 5.5 cfs into our treatment plants, so completely eliminating all treated water use would produce less than half as much benefit as ensuring the Plan is complied with. On May 6th I notified the parties to the Plan that we had entered the Dry Year condition and that reductions in diversions are required. Beginning at noon today (Friday) flows on Brush Creek at Ouzel lane increased nearly 100%, and although we are still below the

12 cfs target at this location this demonstrates that the Plan is very effective. On Monday I am planning to visit as many of the diversions regulated by the Plan as possible and will have more information to share at the Council meeting.

The Town leases the water used for irrigation of the Eagle Ranch Golf Course and I have been working with the Golf Course staff to implement reductions in use per the lease terms, and to activate the pump back system which will allow water be diverted from lower in the valley thereby helping to preserve fish habitat within the Eagle Ranch development.

I have also been working with our water attorney and hydrologist to analyze the impact of this exceptional year on our water rights portfolio. You may have read that Green Mountain Reservoir will not fill this year, and furthermore, a volume of water in that reservoir referred to as the Historic Users Pool will not exist. The Town contracts for water to be released from Green Mountain to satisfy the Shoshone and Cameo calls, and some of our rights are normally protected by the Historic Users Pool. So far our analysis indicates that we have other mechanisms available to satisfy downstream calls so the risk of having to let our water flow down to other users is minimal.

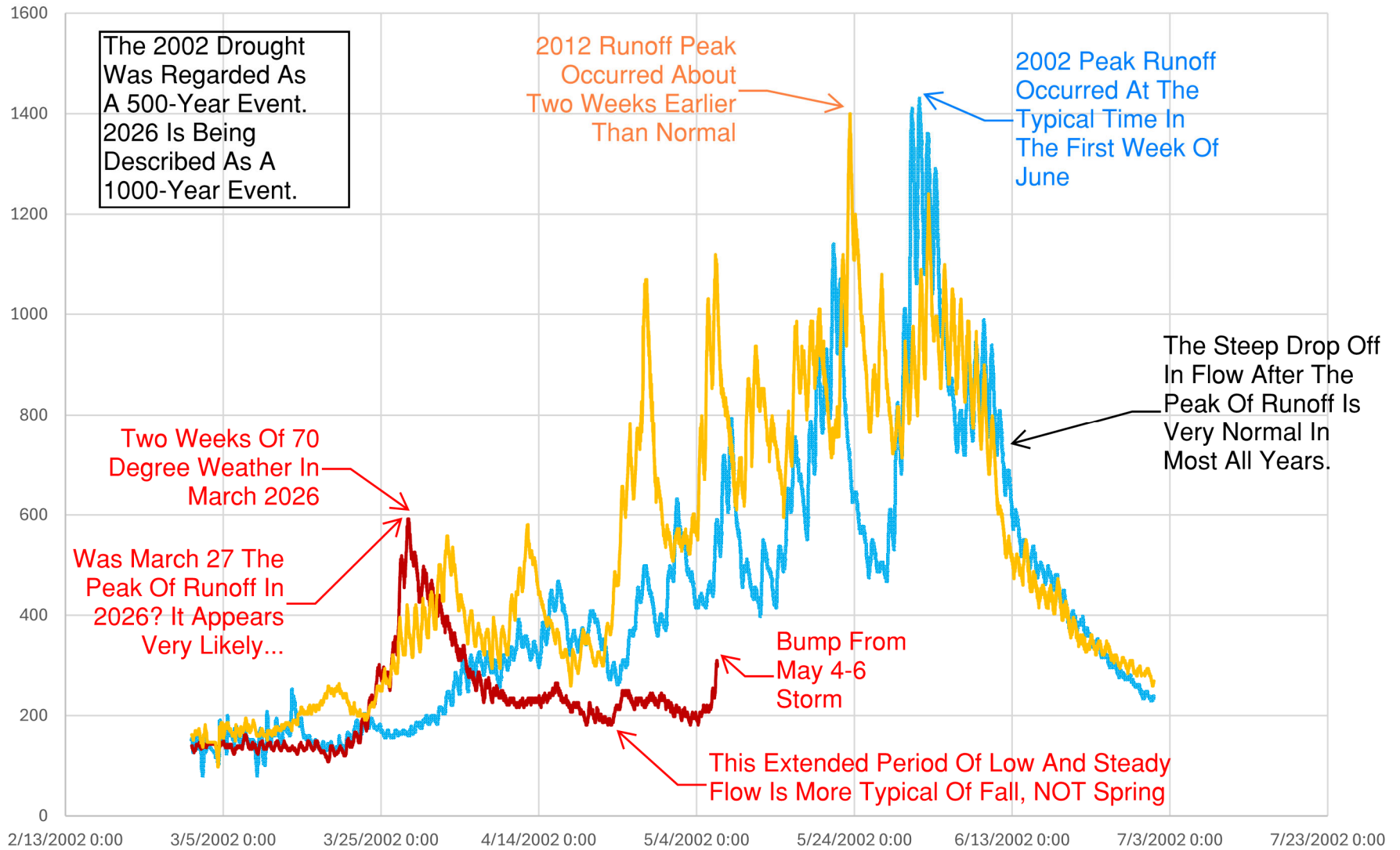
Our Utilities Staff and I have begun scenario planning for the absolute worst-case scenario of Brush Creek going dry at either our Upper Basin Water Treatment Plant or Lower Basin Water Treatment Plant. This is doomsday kind of stuff, but must be prudently planned for during this exceptional year.

Finally, I have begun working with Ashley LaFleur on a series of communications with the community regarding water supply, use, and conservation. We filmed a first video covering the Brush Creek Management Plan which will post to Facebook soon, and we are doing a second one regarding our water supply next week. Others will follow covering the need for conservation, how customers can reduce irrigation use, identify water leaks, etc. Ashley is making similar communications through all of our available channels and methods.

I anticipate devoting a significant portion of my time to drought response this summer, and many other staff from Utilities, Finance, and the Police Department will be contributing to this effort through the summer.

Eagle River Below Gypsum

— 2002 Flow (cfs) — 2026 Flow (cfs) — 2012 Flow (cfs)



Downtown Eagle Project Investment Program Funding Tracker

2024 Grantees	Invoice #	Original Award	Add. Award	Grantee Reimbursed	Status
1 FOODsmith Prep	DEPIP-01	\$ 4,400.00	\$ -	\$ 4,400.00	Reimbursed
2 Slope & Hatch	DEPIP-02	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00	Reimbursed
3 Yoga Off Broadway	DEPIP-03	\$ 4,400.00	\$ -	\$ 4,400.00	Reimbursed
4 *Mountain Market & Supply	DEPIP-04	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00	Reimbursed
5 Flower Hound	DEPIP-05	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00	Reimbursed
6 Higher Elevatoion Healing Art School	DEPIP-06	\$ 4,400.00	\$ -	\$ 4,400.00	Reimbursed
7 Vail Valley Wellness	DEPIP-07	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00	Reimbursed
8 EagleARTS Nonprofit	DEPIP-08	\$ 4,400.00	\$ -	\$ 4,400.00	Reimbursed
9 *Hidden Table Games	DEPIP-09	\$ 4,400.00	\$ -	\$ 4,042.31	Reimbursed
		\$ 50,000.00		\$ 49,642.31	

2025 Grantees	Invoice #	Original Award	Add. Award	Grantee Reimbursed	Status
1 Inner Light Juice	DEPIP-10	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 5,350.00	Reimbursed
2 Floofy Snoot	DEPIP-11	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 3,850.00	Reimbursed
3 FOODsmith Prep	DEPIP-12	\$ 5,600.00	\$ -	\$ 5,600.00	Reimbursed
4 Flower Hound	DEPIP-13	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	Reimbursed
5 Skookumchuck Yoga and PT	DEPIP-14	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 1,950.00	Reimbursed
6 Nurture Skin & Body	DEPIP-15	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 1,350.00	Reimbursed
7 Vail Valley Wellness	DEPIP-16	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	Reimbursed
8 EagleARTS	DEPIP-17	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 5,350.00	Reimbursed
9 Noche Latina	DEPIP-18	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 3,350.00	Reimbursed
10 330 Broadway (deadline 6/1/26)	DEPIP-19	\$ 6,535.00	\$ -	\$ 6,535.00	Net Yet Filed
11 Vintage Green (deadline 6/1/26)	DEPIP-20	\$ 2,355.00	\$ -	\$ 2,355.00	Net Yet Filed
12 233 Broadway (extension granted, deadline 6/1/26)	DEPIP-21	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 6,350.00	Net Yet Filed
13 *Eagle Valley Business Center - declined grant, funds held	-	\$ 1,960.00	\$ -	\$ -	-
14 Brush Creek Saloon - declined grant, funds reallocated	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
15 Canela - unable to provide receipts, funds reallocated	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
16 The Sweet Mustache - business closed, funds reallocated	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
17 The Tea Party - business closed, funds reallocated	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
		\$ 47,550.00	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 48,040.00	

FOOTNOTES:

	DOLA		DDA		
*Mountain Market & Supply DEPIP-04					
Grantee Reimbursed	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 3,092.54	\$ 3,907.46		DOLA will only reimburse us for partial work; won't reimburse work that occurred on or before 8/12/2024.

Unawarded Funds; Not Filed for DOLA Reimbursement	\$ 1,960.00	\$ 1,568.00	\$ 392.00	*Eagle Valley Business Center
	\$ 357.69	\$ 286.15	\$ 71.54	*Balance from Hidden Table Gales
Total	\$ 2,317.69	\$ 1,854.15	\$ 463.54	

Downtown Eagle Grant Program Total Budget	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Less Total Reimbursement Issued to Grantees	\$ 97,682.31	\$ 78,145.85	\$ 19,536.46
Remaining Balance / Unawarded Funds	\$ 2,317.69	\$ 1,854.15	\$ 463.54



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Colorado Creative Districts

Overview

Type: Certification, grant, technical assistance

For: Communities; [Certified Creative Districts](#)

Applications: By invitation only

OEDIT Division: [Colorado Creative Industries](#)

CCI is **not** accepting new certification applications in FY26. Stay tuned for updates and deadlines by [subscribing to the CCI newsletter \(opens in new window\)](#). In preparation for future rounds of applications, review the previous [FY25 Certification and Recertification Guidelines, \(Google Docs\)](#).

Program Summary

The Colorado Creative Districts program certifies communities that contribute to our state's economy through creativity, culture, and the arts. The program's goal is to help communities increase jobs, incomes, and investments in creative places. Colorado Creative Districts attract artists and creative entrepreneurs to a community, infusing new energy and innovation, which in turn enhances the economic and civic capital of the community. Districts also serve as a focal point for celebrating and strengthening a community's unique identity, become a space to showcase cultural and artistic organizations and events, and contribute to the development of healthy communities.

Benefits of the program include:

- A cash award of up to \$10,000 for newly certified districts (local match required).
- A technical and professional assistance fund available to districts that have been certified for one or more years (local match required).
- A marketing strategy developed in partnership with the Colorado Tourism Office to support tourism and bring Colorado's Creative Districts to a national audience.
- Support in developing and pitching content and news about how creativity is changing Colorado through the work of creative districts.
- Two highway signs placed on state highways near districts.
- Access to statewide economic data on the impact of creative districts.
- Access to creative economy data.
- Facilitate access to resources and facilitate a learning community among districts.

A year after certification, districts can apply for the technical and professional assistance grant (see below) for projects and activities that support strategic goals.

CCIs are responsible for filing both a mid-year and an annual report to OEDIT. **After five years of certification, districts need to apply for recertification.**

Eligibility

Districts must go through a rigorous application and certification process in order to become a Certified Colorado Creative District. Communities need to:

- Complete one of these two prerequisites:
 - [Call Yourself Creative Program](#)
- Be a contiguous area, with a mix of uses in the boundaries, that is easy to walk and navigate.
- Be distinguished by physical, artistic, and cultural resources.
- Be a concentrated area of artistic and cultural activity, including major arts or culture facilities, arts, entertainment businesses, arts and cultural activities, or artistic/cultural and creative sector production.
- Promote, preserve, and educate on aspects of arts and culture.
- Have broad community support and buy-in.
- Be a structured entity such as municipal or county government, a registered neighborhood organization, downtown or economic development authority, 501(c)(3), or 501(c)(6).
- Have an advisory or governing board.
- Have paid district staff (can be a dedicated percentage of time).
- Have a strategic plan (preferably covers three to five years).
- Have a minimum \$10,000 cash operating budget and sustainable funding source(s).

Selection and Appeal Process

- I. *Selection* - A panel of experts in creative districts and community development will review applications and approve a list of finalists. The reviewers will evaluate and rank applications with these categories and weights:
 - a. Creative district information (30%)
 - A documented concentration of artists and creative sector workers.
 - Arts and cultural institutions located within the district.
 - Economic data provided such as sales tax, visitors, maps, other.
 - Budget including sustainable funding and staff resources.
 - Strength of strategic planning process, plan, and goals.

- Strength of strategic plan and goals in addressing equity, diversity, and inclusion.
 - b. District characteristics (40%)
 - Character, authenticity, sense of place, “it” factor.
 - An attractiveness of the district for visitors.
 - Amenities including brand recognition, signs, community spaces, access to open space and outdoor amenities.
 - Schedule of activities, including authentic and unique offerings.
 - Livability, including support services and complimentary retail activity.
 - Walkability and alternative transportation, such as bike paths or public transportation.
 - c. Community buy-in and leadership (30%)
 - Board structure and community representation.
 - Consistent leadership on board and staff.
 - Strategic investments by the district and local agencies.
 - Inclusion of district in community planning documents such as comprehensive plan, infrastructure, housing, zoning, economic development plans.
 - Local leadership and vision for how district will evolve in the future.
 - Broad participation and input from residents and people living within and adjacent to the district, including strong evidence of engagement of individuals and groups mirroring the demographics of the community.
- II. *Appeal* - Applicants may appeal the Colorado Creative Industries Council's decision on an application if there is evidence that the:
- Stated review process was not followed.
 - Council's conflict of interest policy was violated.

A written appeal, describing the grounds for appeal and the desired remedy, needs to be sent to the Chair of the Colorado Creative Industries Council no later than three weeks after you receive a denial notice. The Council will reconsider its decision at its next regularly scheduled meeting. Unhappiness with a denial is not grounds for an appeal.

Grants for Certified Creative Districts

The [Certified Creative District Project and Technical Assistance Fund Grant](#) is open on a rolling basis.

The technical assistance fund provides support to advance strategic goals in Certified Creative Districts. These funds are designed to provide flexible support that meets the unique needs of districts with a quick turnaround. Funds can be used to leverage

additional support including public funding, grants and more. Awarded Creative District managing entities are eligible for a one-time, flat amount of \$7,500. Matching funds are encouraged but not required.