



## RUETER-HESS ADVISORY BOARD

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026

### AGENDA

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Friday, March 13, 2026

9:00 AM

11865 Heirloom Parkway  
Parker, CO 80134

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**1. Call to Order**

- a. Roll Call
- b. Approval of the Agenda

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**Attachments:** [Unofficial Minutes for January 9, 2026](#)

**3. Citizen Comment**

**4. Discussion and Action Items**

- a. Rueter-Hess Budget 2027
- b. Rueter-Hess Update February 2026

**Attachments:** [Rueter-Hess Update for February 2026](#)

- c. Rueter-Hess Budget Update February 2026

**Attachments:** [Rueter-Hess Budget Update February 2026](#)

**5. Other Business and Discussion**

- a. Rueter-Hess Entrance Shed Update
- b. Dock RFP Update for Phase 3

**6. Adjournment**

*\*\*The Next Regular Meeting Will be Held on April 10, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m.\*\**

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**MEETING DATE:** March 13, 2026

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Unofficial Minutes for January 9  
2026



## RUETER-HESS ADVISORY BOARD

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2026

### MINUTES

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Friday, January 9, 2026

9:00 AM

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Parker, CO 80134

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#### 1. Call to Order

##### a. Roll Call

Mary Colton, Town of Parker, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked for a roll call.

**PRESENT** Board Member Austin Good  
Alternate Marne Hansen  
Board Member Mary Colton  
Alternate Amy Knopp  
Board Member Marcus Graves

**EXCUSED** Board Member Bill Wasserman.  
Board Member Jeff Brauer  
Board Member Steve Shoultz  
Alternate Michael Lawson  
Alternate Seth Hoffman  
Alternate Larry Nimmo

STAFF  
PRESENT

Ron Redd, PWSD, General Manager  
Jared Bailey, PWSD  
Jason Trujillo, Ranger Supervisor  
Celeste Deal, County Liaison

##### b. Approval of the Agenda

Mary Colton, Town of Parker, asked for comments or a motion to approve the January 9, 2026 Rueter-Hess Advisory Board Agenda.

**RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Austin Good  
**SECONDER:** Marne Hansen  
**AYES:** Good, Hansen, Colton, Knopp, Graves  
**EXCUSED:** Wasserman, Brauer, Shoultz, Lawson, Hoffman, Nimmo

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Mary Colton, Town of Parker, asked for comments or a motion to approve the December 12, 2025 Rueter-Hess Advisory Board Meeting Minutes.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Austin Good

**SECONDER:** Marne Hansen

**AYES:** Good, Hansen, Colton, Knopp, Graves

**EXCUSED:** Wasserman, Brauer, Shoultz, Lawson, Hoffman, Nimmo

**3. Citizen Comment**

There were none.

**4. Discussion and Action Items****a. Rueter-Hess Debrief 2025**

Rueter-Hess Debrief 2025 was presented by Amy Knopp, Manager, Rueter-Hess Recreation.

The Rueter-Hess Advisory Board and presenter had a question-and-answers session. Questions discussed included: partner presentations to councils, visitation trends, compliance rates, and future capital improvement priorities.

**b. Aqua Sierra Annual Report 2025**

Aqua Sierra Annual Report 2025 was presented by Amy Knopp, Manager, Rueter-Hess Recreation.

The Rueter-Hess Advisory Board and presenter had a question-and-answers session. Questions discussed included: bass harvest policy, and balancing scientific recommendations with recreational needs.

**c. Rueter-Hess Update for December 2025**

Rueter-Hess Update for December 2025 was presented by staff.

The Rueter-Hess Advisory Board and presenter had a question-and-answers session. Questions discussed included: winter operations, volunteer hours, special use calendar, and ranger training.

**d. Rueter-Hess Budget Update December 2025**

Rueter-Hess Budget Update December 2025 was presented by Amy Knopp, Manager, Rueter-Hess Recreation.

The Rueter-Hess Advisory Board and presenter had a question-and-answers session. Questions discussed included: fund transfers, capital improvement allocations, and rolling funds for fishery management.

**5. Other Business and Discussion**

a. Rueter-Hess Entrance Shed Update

Rueter-Hess Entrance Shed Update was presented by staff.

The Rueter-Hess Advisory Board and presenter had a question-and-answers session. Items discussed included: insulation, HVAC installation, and timeline for completion.

b. 2027 Budget Prep

2027 Budget Prep was presented by Amy Knopp, Manager, Rueter-Hess Recreation.

The Rueter-Hess Advisory Board and presenter had a question-and-answers session.

Questions discussed included: prioritization of trailhead improvements, ranger vehicle needs, rental boats, dock expansion, and stormwater hardening at Hess Road.

**6. Adjournment**

Mary Colton, Town of Parker, declared the meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

*\*\*The Next Regular Meeting Will be Held on Friday, March 14, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m. \*\**

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**MEETING DATE:** March 13, 2026

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Rueter-Hess Update for February 2026

## Memorandum

**Date:** March 5, 2026  
**To:** Douglas County Advisory Boards  
**From:** Amy Knopp, Manager of Rueter-Hess Recreation  
**CC:** Steven Shoultz, CPRE, Director of Parks and Recreation  
**Subject:** **Rueter-Hess Recreation Update for February 2026**

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### RUETER-HESS RESERVOIR OPEN TO FISHING

Winter came and went quickly, as ice lasted only about three weeks in the coves of Rueter-Hess Reservoir. Whereas over the past two years, the fishing closure lasted about 9 weeks. Shoreline fishing officially opened on February 20th, and we are excited



*Reservoir Iced Over*



*Reservoir With Open Water*

to report on the first Walleye catch since the opening, measuring 21 inches. As we move toward March, preparations are well underway to ensure a smooth transition into the spring season. The upcoming time change on March 9 will extend daylight hours, allowing visitors to extend their recreation activities.

### UPDATE ENTRANCE STATION

On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Rueter-Hess property received its new entrance station. This new entrance station is one of the improvements that will enhance the guests' experience entering the park. To date, the old entrance station has served over 20,000 guests in the past three years. In addition to being more visibly



*Old Entrance Shed*



*New Entrance Shed*

inviting, the new entrance station will better enable park rangers to serve guests by providing a faster, safer, friendlier arrival. The new entrance station is expected to be fully functioning and ready by the start of this year's watercraft season.

## Special Event Update

The Rueter-Hess property continues to be a highly sought-after destination for community programming, hosting youth day camps that teach safe canoe, kayak, and paddleboard use, as well as signature events like the Town's Dash Across the Dam 5K and community engagement days featuring paddle sports, fishing, and hiking. In 2025, the property successfully supported 27 special events, reflecting strong community interest and growing recreational demand. Looking ahead, we have already received 11 special-use requests for 2026, demonstrating continued enthusiasm for using the site for educational and recreational gatherings. These events play an important role in connecting residents to outdoor experiences while reinforcing the property's value as a regional asset. Our team remains committed to supporting safe, well-organized, and memorable events throughout the upcoming season.



*School Group Shoreline Fishing*



*Youth Day Camp*

## OPERATIONAL UPDATES

In addition to seasonal readiness, the team has been focused on equipment inventory and inspections. Every asset is being checked to confirm it carries a County Asset Tag, is in proper working order, and is in its designated area.

The Rueter-Hess Sign Project is also progressing. Efforts are concentrated on developing a phased proposal, identifying signage needs, and gathering cost estimates to support future implementation. These improvements will enhance wayfinding and visitor experience throughout the property.



*Sign Examples*

Additionally, a new vehicle has been added to the fleet to support operational efficiency and meet the demands of the upcoming season. The new vehicle provides reliable response, transportation, safe equipment storage, and the ability to tow boats and UTVs.



*New Patrol Truck*

Staff development remains a priority. This year, a professional goal is to encourage future leaders within the Ranger program. Members of the Ranger team began the County's Supervisor Bootcamp series, where they will learn valuable skills and tools to effectively manage programs and lead people. Training initiatives have also been a major focus. Staff members attended Colorado Parks and Wildlife's two-day Aquatic Nuisance Species Certification classes to stay up to date and focus on water quality. Plow review training is underway to test staff proficiency in attaching and detaching plow equipment, connecting hydraulics and control boxes, and performing operational functions safely. Looking ahead, several training sessions are scheduled, including Trail Team Lead Training, Radio Procedural Training, and AED/CPR Training. These programs will strengthen operational readiness and ensure staff are equipped with the skills necessary for a successful season.

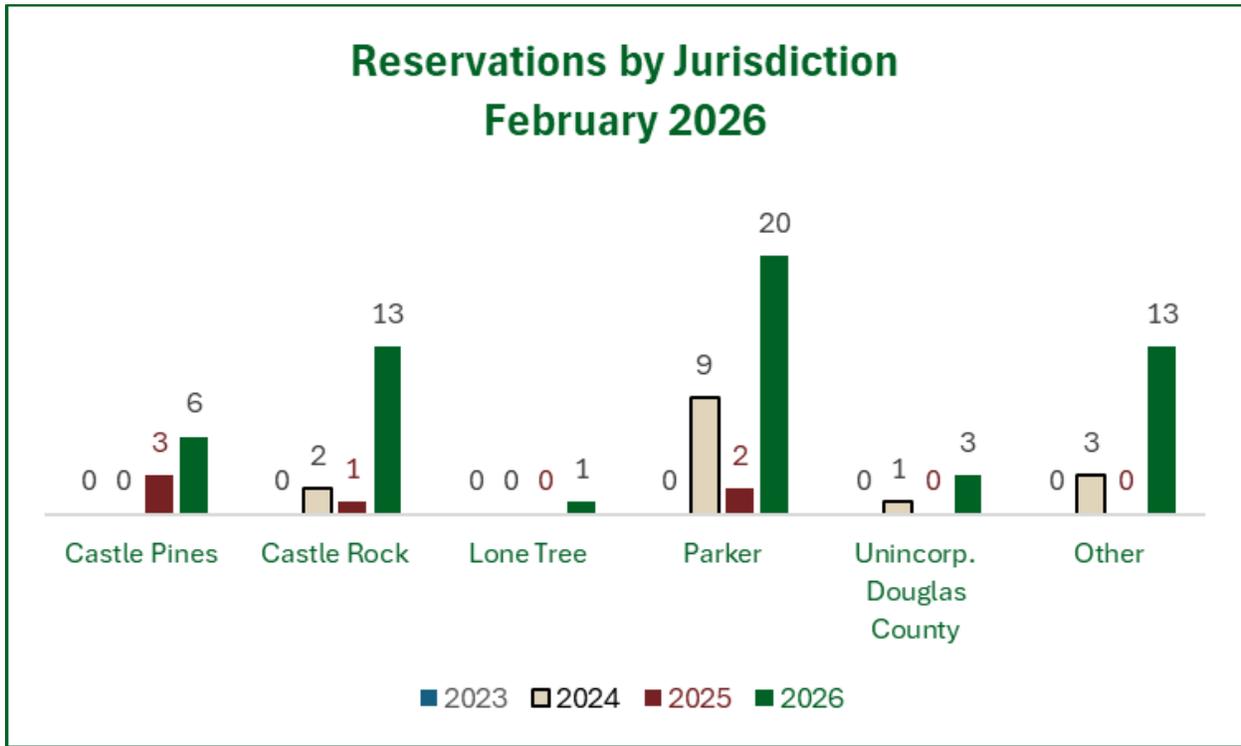
Technology updates include enhancements to Survey123 Patrol Log. The system now features incident reporting capabilities, expanded area location options, and detailed fishing rule information, improving data collection and reporting.

**SPECIAL USE CALENDAR**

<b>Calendar of Events 2026</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Special Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
6/6/2026	Colorado Gun Dog Association	Hess Rd. Access
6/1/2026 to 8/14/2026	Avid4 Adventure Summer Season Day Camp	Reservoir
6/26-29/2026	Amateur Radio Emergency Service	Pavilion
6/27/2026	Runuphill Racing	Incline
07/13-17/2026	Girl Scouts of Colorado Camp Days	Reservoir
8/21/2026	Douglas County Sheriff's Office	Reservoir
7/20/2026	South Metro Fire Department Dive Rescue Training	Reservoir
7/22/2026	South Metro Fire Department Dive Rescue Training	Reservoir
7/24/2026	South Metro Fire Department Dive Rescue Training	Reservoir
<b>RAB /Partner Days</b>		
7/18/2026	Lone Tree Partner Day	Reservoir
8/16/2026	Castle Rock Partner Day	Reservoir
TBD	PWSD Family Day 3-6 pm	Reservoir
8/9/2026	Castle Pines Partner Day	Reservoir
8/15/2026	Parker Partner Day	Reservoir
<b>Partner Programing</b>		
6/19-20/2026	Dash Across the Dam - Parker 5K	Reservoir

**RECREATION STATS (UPDATED 3/05/26)**

<b>Visitation</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>2026 Total</b>
Reservations Made	30	44	26	<b>100</b>
Total Visitors At Reservoir	66	102	49	<b>217</b>
Total Trails Visitors	5216	6227	0	<b>11443</b>
Total Visitors	5282	6329	49	<b>11660</b>
<b>Special Use</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>2026 Total</b>
Total Special Activities/Events	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Total People Attending Special Activities/Events	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Fishing</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>2026 Total</b>
Adult Anglers	27	18	18	<b>63</b>
Youth Anglers	3	6	5	<b>14</b>
Total Anglers	30	24	23	<b>77</b>
<b>Watercraft Inspections</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>2026 Total</b>
Total Watercraft Inspections	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>2026 Total</b>
Trail Assist	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Trail Rescue	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Trail Assist/Rescue Total	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Water Assist (Just Needed Some Help)	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Water Rescue (Dangerous Or Distressed Situations)	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Water Assist/Rescue Total	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Total Assists (Individuals)	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Total Rescues (Individuals)	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Total Number Of People Helped (Assists/Rescues)	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
EMS Requested	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Number Of People Helped By EMS	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Overdue Groups	1	1	3	<b>5</b>
Number Of People Overdue	2	2	9	<b>13</b>



Usage By Jurisdiction February 2023 - 2026				
City	2023	2024	2025	2026
Castle Pines	0	0	3	6
Castle Rock	0	2	1	13
Lone Tree	0	0	0	1
Parker	0	9	2	20
Unincorporated Douglas County	0	1	0	3
Other	0	3	0	13

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**MEETING DATE:** March 13, 2026

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Rueter-Hess Budget Update February 2026

For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2026

Description	Prior Year Actual	Prior Year Budget	Current Year Actual	Current Year Encumbrance	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Current Year Available	% Remaining
47100 RUETER-HESS REC OPS & MAINT								
300000 REVENUES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
330000 INTERGOVERNMENTAL	(796,539.00)	(620,000.00)	(620,000.00)	.00	(620,000.00)	(620,000.00)	.00	.0
340000 CHARGES FOR SERVICES	(58,086.89)	(32,000.00)	(990.00)	.00	(46,000.00)	(46,000.00)	(45,010.00)	97.8
360000 INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	(108,700.02)	(50,000.00)	(7,399.39)	.00	(50,000.00)	(50,000.00)	(42,600.61)	85.2
390000 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	(250,000.00)	(250,000.00)	(20,833.33)	.00	(250,000.00)	(250,000.00)	(229,166.67)	91.7
300000 REVENUES	(1,213,325.91)	(952,000.00)	(649,222.72)	.00	(966,000.00)	(966,000.00)	(316,777.28)	32.8
400000 EXPENDITURES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
410000 PERSONNEL SERVICES	544,067.55	621,315.00	95,380.75	.00	601,911.00	601,911.00	506,530.25	84.2
433000 SUPPLIES	17,646.33	20,600.00	1,645.86	.00	33,100.00	33,100.00	31,454.14	95.0
438000 CONTROLLABLE ASSETS (C.A.)	6,796.87	5,000.00	.00	.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	100.0
439000 PURCHASED SERVICES	8,638.29	15,000.00	210.39	.00	28,000.00	28,000.00	27,789.61	99.2
448000 BUILDING MATERIALS	.00	.00	.00	.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	100.0
449000 FIXED CHARGES	27,743.13	44,020.00	855.17	.00	19,515.00	19,515.00	18,659.83	95.6
471000 CAPITAL OUTLAY	206,120.00	243,000.00	.00	.00	133,000.00	133,000.00	133,000.00	100.0
480000 CONTINGENCIES & RESERVES	.00	50,000.00	.00	.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	100.0
400000 EXPENDITURES	811,012.17	998,935.00	98,092.17	.00	870,526.00	870,526.00	772,433.83	88.7
47100 RUETER-HESS REC OPS & MAINT	(402,313.74)	46,935.00	(551,130.55)	.00	(95,474.00)	(95,474.00)	455,656.55	(477.3)

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Description	Prior Year Actual	Prior Year Budget	Current Year Actual	Current Year Encumbrance	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Current Year Available	% Remaining
850900 Fishery Management								
300000 REVENUES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
300000 REVENUES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
400000 EXPENDITURES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
439000 PURCHASED SERVICES	439.40	60,000.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
471000 CAPITAL OUTLAY	.00	.00	.00	.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	100.0
400000 EXPENDITURES	439.40	60,000.00	.00	.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	100.0
850900 Fishery Management	439.40	60,000.00	.00	.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	100.0

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Description	Prior Year Actual	Prior Year Budget	Current Year Actual	Current Year Encumbrance	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Current Year Available	% Remaining
850901 Docks								
300000 REVENUES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
300000 REVENUES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
400000 EXPENDITURES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
439000 PURCHASED SERVICES	3,685.00	227,969.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
471000 CAPITAL OUTLAY	218,865.88	222,031.00	.00	.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	100.0
478000 MAJOR MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	3,165.46	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
400000 EXPENDITURES	225,716.34	450,000.00	.00	.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	100.0
850901 Docks	225,716.34	450,000.00	.00	.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	100.0

For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2026

Description	Prior Year Actual	Prior Year Budget	Current Year Actual	Current Year Encumbrance	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Current Year Available	% Remaining
850902 Trailhead Plan & Construction								
300000 REVENUES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
300000 REVENUES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
400000 EXPENDITURES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
439000 PURCHASED SERVICES	11,000.00	11,000.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
471000 CAPITAL OUTLAY	.00	33,380.00	.00	.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100.0
400000 EXPENDITURES	11,000.00	44,380.00	.00	.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100.0
850902 Trailhead Plan & Construction	11,000.00	44,380.00	.00	.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100.0

For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2026

Description	Prior Year Actual	Prior Year Budget	Current Year Actual	Current Year Encumbrance	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Current Year Available	% Remaining
850903 Entrance Improvements								
300000 REVENUES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
330000 INTERGOVERNMENTAL	(50,000.00)	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
300000 REVENUES	(50,000.00)	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
400000 EXPENDITURES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
439000 PURCHASED SERVICES	3,750.00	3,750.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
471000 CAPITAL OUTLAY	107,332.62	136,870.00	17,500.00	30,877.04	.00	.00	(48,377.04)	(100.0)
478000 MAJOR MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
400000 EXPENDITURES	111,082.62	140,620.00	17,500.00	30,877.04	.00	.00	(48,377.04)	(100.0)
850903 Entrance Improvements	61,082.62	140,620.00	17,500.00	30,877.04	.00	.00	(48,377.04)	(100.0)