



RUETER-HESS ADVISORY BOARD

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2026

AGENDA

Friday, January 9, 2026 **9:00 AM** **11865 Heirloom Parkway**
Parker, CO 80134

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes

Attachments: Unofficial Minutes from December 12, 2025

3. Citizen Comment

4. Discussion and Action Items

- a. Rueter-Hess Debrief 2025
- b. Aqua Sierra Annual Report 2025
- c. Rueter-Hess Update for December 2025

Attachments: [Rueter-Hess Update for December 2025](#)

d. Rueter-Hess Budget Update December 2025

Attachments: [Rueter-Hess Budget Update December 2025](#)

5. Other Business and Discussion

a. Rueter-Hess Entrance Shed Update

b. 2027 Budget Prep

6. Adjournment

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

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MEETING DATE: January 9, 2026

ATTACHMENTS:

Unofficial Minutes from December 12
2025



RUETER-HESS ADVISORY BOARD

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025

MINUTES

Friday, December 12, 2025

9:00 AM

**13939 Ancestry Drive
Parker, CO 80134**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

a. Roll Call

PRESENT

Board Member Bill Wasserman.
Board Member Austin Good
Alternate Marne Hansen
Board Member Mary Colton
Alternate Amy Knopp
Board Member Marcus Graves

EXCUSED

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
Celeste Deal, County Liaison

b. Approval of the Agenda

Board Chair, Bill Wasserman asked for a motion from the Board to approve today's agenda.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Austin Good

SECONDER: Mary Colton

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

EXCUSED: Brauer, Shoultz, Lawson, Hoffman, Nimmo

2. Approval of Minutes

Board Chair, Bill Wasserman asked for a motion from the Board to approve the Minutes from November 14, 2025.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Marne Hansen

SECONDER: Mary Colton

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

EXCUSED: Brauer, Shoultz, Lawson, Hoffman, Nimmo

3. Citizen Comment

There were none.

4. Discussion and Action Items**a. Unofficial Partner Days for 2026**

The Town of Parker is scheduled for Saturday, August 15, 2026.

The City of Lone Tree is scheduled for Saturday, July 18, 2026.

Both the Town of Castle Rock and the City of Castle Pines will get back to the County with their requested date for 2026.

b. Rueter-Hess Update for November 2025

Amy Knopp, Manager, Rueter-Hess, shared the update with the RAB.

The fishing visitation numbers are increasing and we have had our first master anglers awards from the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW). One youth and one adult have shared their awards and pictures of their catch from Rueter-Hess. We also had a 48' grass carp that was caught but was not submitted to the CPW.

Avid4Adventure has already requested for their summer camps in 2026 and planning meetings with staff will begin in January. Other past Special Use event organizers are also inquiring for 2026.

The Incline Challenge continues its popularity. It is the third busiest trail in Douglas County.

c. Rueter-Hess Budget Update for November 2025

Amy Knopp, Manager, Rueter-Hess, noted the format was changed to the County financing department's actual report to lessen any confusion.

5. Other Business and Discussion

a. Finance Fee Update

Amy Knopp, Manager, Rueter-Hess, gave an update on the process the County is going through with MSB to request a waiver regarding the new processing fees.

RAB recommended fees from March 2025 were reviewed and discussed.

b. Dock Phase II Update

Amy Knopp, Manager, Rueter-Hess, informed RAB the 2nd phase of docks have been delivered and went over the storage plan for all docks for the winter.

In the spring, the phase II docks will be used to increase the size of the docks purchased in phase I.

c. Entrance Shed Update

Staff gave an update on the Entrance Shed. The permitting has been issued, and the first electrical inspection was passed.

The Mini-Split has been ordered.

The existing shed will be used to expand storage at the reservoir.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

The Next Regular Meeting Will be on Friday, January 9, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m.

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MEETING DATE: January 9, 2026

ATTACHMENTS:

Rueter-Hess Update for December 2025

Memorandum

Date: January 5, 2026
To: Douglas County Advisory Boards
From: Amy Knopp, Manager of Rueter-Hess Recreation
CC: Steven Shoultz, CPRE, Assistant Director of Parks, Trails, Building Grounds, and Rueter-Hess Recreation
Subject: Rueter-Hess Recreation Update for December 2025

UPDATES

Phase II Docks

This past month, Rueter-Hess received the phase II shipment of EZDocks. This shipment will add one new dock and enlarge and enhance the three docks purchased in phase I. The new additions will extend the length and overall area of the docks, allowing easier launch in deeper water and will provide more space for users during busy days. Additional benches were purchased and will be installed to give park visitors a comfortable place to relax and enjoy the views, even if they don't plan to go on the water.



Docks

Winter Access

Following the first snowfall of the winter season, the Park Rangers began snow clearing operations at Rueter-Hess Reservoir. The storm left a light but consistent layer of snow along the main access road, parking areas, and trail entrances. Rangers utilized the reservoir's snowplow to open the roadway.

After the main road was cleared, staff used hand shovels to remove snow in tighter areas, including trailheads, pavilions, and pedestrian paths. Special attention was given to the parking area to ensure that visitors could safely load gear and access recreation points.

The combined effort allowed for clear access throughout the day and ensured visitors could enjoy early-season winter recreation at the reservoir.



Snow Removal at Rueter-Hess

Special Events 2025

Throughout the year, Rueter-Hess Reservoir and the Incline Challenge successfully hosted a wide range of Special Events. Highlights included a wedding at the Pavilion and Observation Deck, the Town of Parker's Father's Day 5K Dash Across the Dam, and a 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb. Staff also supported events for the Douglas County Sheriff's Office Beyond the Badge Foundation, Colorado Gun Dog Association, Amateur Radio Emergency Service of Douglas and Elbert Counties, dive rescue training, and various day camps. These activities reflect our commitment to serving diverse communities, recreational, and public safety needs. Events are welcome year-round and may be scheduled on any day of the week.



Dash Across the Dam

SPECIAL USE CALENDAR

Calendar of Events 2026		
Date	Special Event	Location
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
TBD	Girl Scouts of Colorado Camp Days	Reservoir
8/21/2026	Douglas County Sheriff's Office	Reservoir
RAB /Partner Days		
7/18/2026	Lone Tree Partner Day	Reservoir
TBD	Castle Rock Partner Day	Reservoir
TBD	PWSD Family Day 3-6 pm	Reservoir
TBD	Castle Pines Partner Day	Reservoir
8/15/2026	Parker Partner Day	Reservoir
Partner Programming		
6/20/2026	Dash Across the Dam - Parker 5K	Reservoir

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

With seasonal dock removal complete, staff have transitioned to cleaning, organizing, and inventorying all components to ensure smooth and efficient reinstallation in the spring. Phase II dock equipment has arrived and is scheduled for assembly during the spring season. All remaining buoys have been retrieved, cleaned, and organized for next year's deployment



Phase II Docks

In preparation for winter operations, staff have initiated shoreline throw bag training and organized winter equipment and gear. Upcoming training sessions will cover customer service and visitor contacts, rules and regulations, and scenario-based exercises. Administrative tasks are also underway, including updating operational guidance documents, reviewing vendor contracts, and planning for spring activities.



Fishing access trail



Throw Bag Training

Trail improvement efforts continue along the E Lot fishing access trail, focusing on refining the road base application. Rangers are addressing edge stabilization, low spots, and transition zones to enhance overall trail quality and accessibility. Additional trail projects include corridor clearing, rut filling, and harrowing as weather conditions allow.

RUETER-HESS VOLUNTEER HOURS

RUETER-HESS VOLUNTEER HOURS 2025									
Month	Number of Hosted Events	Number of Volunteers	Hours of Service	Hours of Check-Ins & Inspections	Bags of Trash Collected	Feet of Shoreline Maintained	Bags of Weeds Pulled	Miles of Trail Maintained	
March	8	8	24	24	0	0	0	0.00	
April	11	11	33	33	0	0	0	0.00	
May	19	19	57	50	3	20	1	0.25	
June	10	10	30	26	3	0	1	0.00	
July	8	8	24	10	3	200	0	0.25	
August	2	2	6	6	0	0	0	0.00	
September	1	1	3	3	0	0	0	0.00	
October	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	
November	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	
December	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	
Totals	58	58	174	149	9	220	2	0.50	

RUETER-HESS RECREATION STATS (UPDATED 1/02/26)

Visitation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2025 Total
Reservations Made	2	3	130	140	312	819	1080	868	419	186	111	60	4,130
Total Visitors At Reservoir	9	14	223	224	544	1719	2292	1826	723	295	203	122	8,194
Total Trails Visitors	2894	4338	7571	7626	10216	10395	9194	9236	8369	7335	6363	5272	88,809
Total Visitors	2903	4352	7794	7850	10760	12114	11486	11062	9092	7630	6568	5394	97,005
Special Use	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2025 Total
Total Special Activities/Events	0	0	0	0	4	34	41	23	4	0	0	0	106
Total People Attending Special Activities/Events	0	0	0	0	95	1398	965	798	51	0	0	0	3307
Facility Closure	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2025 Total
Facility Closure For Water Quality	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impacted Reservation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Facility Closure For Weather	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Number Of Impacted People	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fishing	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2025 Total
Adult Anglers	0	0	94	114	189	266	363	457	148	147	90	55	1,923
Youth Anglers	0	0	37	26	48	133	147	176	51	41	30	19	708
Total Anglers	0	0	131	140	237	399	510	633	199	188	120	74	2,631

Watercraft Inspections	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2025 Total
Total Watercraft Inspections	0	0	0	0	202	830	1242	987	315	105	38	0	3,719
Public Safety	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2025 Total
Trail Assist	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Trail Rescue	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Water Assist (Just Needed Some Help)	0	0	0	0	1	16	6	3	6	1	0	0	33
Water Rescue (Dangerous Or Distressed Situations)	0	0	0	0	8	6	1	2	0	1	0	0	18
EMS Requested	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number Of People Helped By EMS	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Overdue Groups	0	0	1	1	0	1	4	2	0	1	0	0	10
Number Of People Overdue	0	0	2	2	0	4	10	4	0	2	0	0	24
Number Of People Helped During Assists	0	0	0	0	1	16	7	3	6	2	0	0	35
People Helped During Rescue	0	0	0	0	8	7	1	2	0	1	0	0	19
Number Of People Helped To Recreate Safely	0	0	0	0	9	23	8	5	6	3	0	0	54
Rules and Regulations	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2025 Total
PFD Violations	0	0	0	0	9	22	188	60	32	2	0	0	313
Swim/Wade	0	0	0	0	5	12	44	17	13	1	0	0	92
Dogs On Shore	0	0	0	3	2	4	6	2	2	0	0	0	19
Dogs In Water	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	4
Dogs Off Leash	2	3	1	1	3	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	16
Alcohol On Property	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Vehicles Undesignated Areas	2	1	4	0	3	18	51	2	1	1	0	0	83
Off Trail Use	0	0	0	1	4	2	3	7	6	2	0	0	25
Bait Violations	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	1	1	0	0	7
Hook Violations	0	0	0	2	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Poles Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	4
Fishing In Restricted Areas	0	0	0	1	3	9	15	5	1	0	0	2	36
Fishing License Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No Fishing Permit Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Rule Violations	4	4	5	8	34	80	310	96	60	10	0	2	613

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MEETING DATE: January 9, 2026

ATTACHMENTS:

Rueter-Hess Budget Update December 2025

For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2025

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	(620,000.00)	(620,000.00)	(796,539.00)	.00	(620,000.00)	(620,000.00)	176,539.00	(28.5)
340000 CHARGES FOR SERVICES	(52,686.76)	(30,000.00)	(57,836.89)	.00	(32,000.00)	(32,000.00)	25,836.89	(80.7)
360000 INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	(96,843.28)	(15,000.00)	(99,325.71)	.00	(50,000.00)	(50,000.00)	49,325.71	(98.7)
390000 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	(250,000.00)	(250,000.00)	(250,000.00)	.00	(250,000.00)	(250,000.00)	.00	.0
300000 REVENUES	(1,019,530.04)	(915,000.00)	(1,203,701.60)	.00	(952,000.00)	(952,000.00)	251,701.60	(26.4)
400000 EXPENDITURES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
410000 PERSONNEL SERVICES	623,984.54	667,585.00	494,472.29	.00	656,315.00	621,315.00	126,842.71	20.4
433000 SUPPLIES	35,575.35	41,600.00	17,442.39	.00	5,600.00	20,600.00	3,157.61	15.3
438000 CONTROLLABLE ASSETS (C.A.)	3,761.87	.00	4,796.87	.00	.00	5,000.00	203.13	4.1
439000 PURCHASED SERVICES	14,656.01	28,000.00	5,452.37	.00	.00	15,000.00	9,547.63	63.7
449000 FIXED CHARGES	37,216.86	38,500.00	20,179.13	.00	44,020.00	44,020.00	23,840.87	54.2
471000 CAPITAL OUTLAY	18,800.00	175,000.00	208,305.92	.00	93,000.00	243,000.00	34,694.08	14.3
480000 CONTINGENCIES & RESERVES	.00	50,000.00	.00	.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	100.0
400000 EXPENDITURES	733,994.63	1,000,685.00	750,648.97	.00	848,935.00	998,935.00	248,286.03	24.9
47100 RUETER-HESS REC OPS & MAINT	(285,535.41)	85,685.00	(453,052.63)	.00	(103,065.00)	46,935.00	499,987.63	1,065.3

DOUGLAS COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Budget vs Actual Rpt(CONDENSED)

For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2025

Description	Prior Year	Prior Year	Current Year	Current Year	Adopted	Amended	Current Year	%
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Encumbrance	Budget	Budget	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	31,890.36	16,310.00	439.40	.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	59,560.60	99.3
471000 CAPITAL OUTLAY	.00	15,581.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
400000 EXPENDITURES	31,890.36	31,891.00	439.40	.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	59,560.60	99.3
850900 Fishery Management	31,890.36	31,891.00	439.40	.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	59,560.60	99.3

For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2025

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	.00	.00	3,685.00	.00	.00	227,969.00	224,284.00	98.4
471000 CAPITAL OUTLAY	.00	250,000.00	222,031.34	.00	200,000.00	222,031.00	(.34)	.0
400000 EXPENDITURES	.00	250,000.00	225,716.34	.00	200,000.00	450,000.00	224,283.66	49.8
850901 Docks	.00	250,000.00	225,716.34	.00	200,000.00	450,000.00	224,283.66	49.8

For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2025

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	.00	.00	11,000.00	.00	.00	11,000.00	.00	.0
471000 CAPITAL OUTLAY	.00	.00	.00	.00	75,000.00	33,380.00	33,380.00	100.0
400000 EXPENDITURES	.00	.00	11,000.00	.00	75,000.00	44,380.00	33,380.00	75.2
850902 Trailhead Plan & Construction	.00	.00	11,000.00	.00	75,000.00	44,380.00	33,380.00	75.2

For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2025

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	.00	.00	(50,000.00)	.00	.00	.00	50,000.00	(100.0)
300000 REVENUES	.00	.00	(50,000.00)	.00	.00	.00	50,000.00	(100.0)
400000 EXPENDITURES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
439000 PURCHASED SERVICES	.00	.00	3,750.00	.00	.00	3,750.00	.00	.0
471000 CAPITAL OUTLAY	.00	110,000.00	107,332.62	29,537.04	.00	136,870.00	.34	.0
400000 EXPENDITURES	.00	110,000.00	111,082.62	29,537.04	.00	140,620.00	.34	.0
850903 Entrance Improvements	.00	110,000.00	61,082.62	29,537.04	.00	140,620.00	50,000.34	35.6