


## Fee Waiver Staff Report

**DATE:** AUGUST 23, 2024  
**TO:** DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
**THROUGH:** DOUGLAS J. DEBORD, COUNTY MANAGER  
**FROM:** TERENCE T. QUINN, AICP, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT   
**CC:** AMY KNOPP, RECREATION MANAGER RUETER-HESS RESERVOIR  
STEVE SHOULTZ, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PARKS, TRAILS AND BUILDING  
GROUNDS  
**SUBJECT:** FEE WAIVER REQUEST FROM THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$525 FOR THE AMATEUR RADIO FIELD DAY 2024

**OWNER:**  
DOUGLAS COUNTY  
100 THIRD STREET  
CASTLE ROCK, CO 80104

**REPRESENTATIVE:**  
PERRY LUNDQUIST  
ARES OF DOUGLAS AND ELBERT COUNTIES  
P. O. Box 441  
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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 @ 1:30 p.m.**

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**I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) of Douglas and Elbert Counties requests a fee waiver of \$525 for their use fees for Rueter-Hess Reservoir to host the annual Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) Field Days for over 66 people on June 21-23, 2024.

**II. BACKGROUND**

The ARRL Field Day is the single most popular on-the-air radio event across the United States and Canada. This event helps to train and prepare for emergencies or disasters. During the field days, clubs or groups practice emergency response capabilities and how they might serve their communities in an emergency situation. Approximately 170,000 FCC-licensed Amateurs participate, ranging in age from youngsters to grandparents.

This is a public safety partnership among Parker Water and Sanitation District, Parks, Trails & Building Grounds, Rueter-Hess Recreation, the Douglas County Office of Emergency Management, and ARESDEC. This event helps to train and prepare for emergencies or disasters.

**III. REQUEST**

ARRL requests a fee waiver in the amount of \$525 for their use of Rueter-Hess Reservoir property to host the annual Amateur Radio Relay League Field Days on June 21-23, 2024.

**IV. STAFF ASSESSMENT**

The Board of County Commissioners has the sole authority to waive or reduce all park use fees and may choose to waive the event fee of \$525.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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**From:** Perry Lundquist <[w6aun@aresdec.org](mailto:w6aun@aresdec.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 13, 2024 2:36 PM  
**To:** BOCC <[BOCC@douglas.co.us](mailto:BOCC@douglas.co.us)>  
**Cc:** Bill Wasserman <[bwasserman@pwsd.org](mailto:bwasserman@pwsd.org)>; Richard Williams <[k8ztt@aresdec.org](mailto:k8ztt@aresdec.org)>  
**Subject:** BOCC - Recreation Reimbursement Request

Dear County Commissioners,

This past June on 6/21 to 6/23, the Amateur Radio Emergency Service of Douglas and Elbert Counties (ARESDEC) used to great effect a recreational site near Reuter-Hess Reservoir for our annual Field Day weekend event. You may be familiar with Field Day from past Amateur Radio Week proclamations by the Board. Our organization was also recognized by the Board for our emergency communications contributions in support of Douglas County's Office of Emergency Management during the Hayman Fire in 2002, and again after the Bomb Cyclone in 2019.

To use the Reuter-Hess Reservoir site for our Field Day event, the Douglas County Department of Community Development charged ARESDEC a recreation fee of \$525.00 (please see the attached invoice). It was recently brought to our attention that as a service organization on-call for Douglas County OEM, and because our Field Day event is a significant training exercise for our members, that we should request reimbursement for the recreation fee we were charged. When I contacted the Department of Community Development requesting reimbursement, they referred me to you, the BOCC.

We appreciate your time to consider our reimbursement request. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Perry



**Perry Lundquist, PMP | W6AUN**

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