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**PRESS RELEASE**

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RE: Mail Ballot

**COMMISSIONERS APPROVE MAIL BALLOTS  
FOR 2012 PRIMARY ELECTION**

WELD COUNTY, CO – During today’s Board meeting, the Weld County Commissioners unanimously approved a request from Weld County Clerk and Recorder Steve Moreno to conduct the 2012 primary election as a mail ballot election.

This will mark the first time Weld County has approved mail ballots for a primary election. The move, according to Moreno, will save the county approximately \$100,000 in expenses. Moreno’s office solicited public opinion and contacted both the Republican and Democratic party chairs regarding the change to mail ballots and learned that both the public and the party chairs favored this cost-saving measure. This will avoid the need to hire 300-400 judges to man vote centers and the need to hire additional IT staff.

Six service centers will be located throughout Weld County in the towns of Erie, Ft. Lupton (Southeast Weld County Office), Greeley, Windsor, Nunn, and at the Southwest Weld County Office.

If any Weld County voter does not wish to vote by mail ballot, touch screen voting machines will be available at the Weld County service centers.

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