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WELD COUNTY DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION RECEIVES 34th CONSECUTIVE AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION

WELD COUNTY, CO – The Weld County Board of Commissioners is honored to announce Don Warden, Director of Finance and Administration, received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the 34th consecutive year. Warden received this award, which is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting, for the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2015. Weld County is one of only three government entities in the United States to receive the award for 34 consecutive years.



From left: Commissioner Sean Conway, Commissioner Julie Cozad, Director of Finance and Administration Don Warden, Controller Barb Connelly, Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer, Commissioner Mike Freeman and Commissioner Steve Moreno.

"Managing the budget is a rigorous task, but Don does a remarkable job at keeping Weld County fiscally responsible to county taxpayers," said Commissioner Chair Barbara Kirkmeyer. "Weld County's financial success – we have no debt and no county sales tax – is due in large part to Don's guidance and leadership."

To receive this award, Weld County had to meet national guidelines that assess how well the budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device.

"Receiving this award 34 years in a row is an impressive accomplishment," said Commissioner Pro-Tem Mike Freeman. "Weld County is fortunate to have Don overseeing the county's budget."

"This award is really a reflection of the great team we have at Weld County," said Warden. "Every department is dedicated to being fiscally responsible and managing tax payer money wisely."

The GFOA is a large professional association servicing the needs of more than 18,000 appointed and elected local, state, and provincial-level government official and other finance practitioners.

For more information about Weld County's budget visit the Accounting Department's webpage at www.weldgov.com.

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