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FORMAL REPORT to Board of Directors: ADA Access Audit and Transition Plan

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Project Budget: $50,000
Expenses to date: $12,000

A draft ADA Evaluation Summary Report has been delivered by Skulski Consulting. Staff review of this 61 page document is ongoing. Here are some easy to digest findings regarding facility improvements at the 5 sites assessed (Ute, McNeil, Holly, CRC, FH):

Most Frequently Cited Recommendations	#
1. Adjust the opening force for interior doors	27
2. Raise/lower or relocate paper towel dispenser/hand dryer	23
3. Install/remount grab bars	17
4. Raise/lower or relocate soap dispenser	12
5. Install coat hook within reach range	11
6. Install/remount restroom identification signage with braille and raised characters	10
7. Lower mirror or provide a full-length mirror	9
Modify existing interior route/ramp	9
8. Adjust door opening force and/or evaluate for installation of automatic/power-assisted door system (exterior doors)	8
9. Modify clear floor space at fixtures	7
Provide integrated accessible seating at spectator viewing area	7
Modify existing pathway	7
10. Install/reconfigure for accessible toilet compartment	5
Add/replace existing drinking fountain with high-low unit	5

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#	Deficiencies & Recommended Corrective Actions	Estimate*
86	Priority 1 – Critical	$177,750
102	Priority 2 – Serious	$189,760
79	Priority 3 – Moderate	$ 44,885
7	Priority 4 – Minor	$ 1,030

As part of the Evaluation Summary, MRD's policies, practices, and procedures were also assessed for compliance, with recommendations provided. Polices we need to improve or create include those related to: Service animals, Power-driven mobility devices, Auxiliary aids and services, employee accommodations. Our registration questions and program eligibility criteria need to be updated to follow guidelines detailed in the report, primarily to eliminate unintentional screening and to promote better access, appropriate and beneficial information gathering, and inclusion support. Details and recommendations were provided to guide MRD's compliance with Colorado Senate Bill HB21-1110, towards which MRD will be making accessibility improvements to MANY components of our website. We'll also be making improvements to other non-regulated forms of communication such as social media and the newsletter.

Further review of the ADA Evaluation Summary will result in more informed discussion of the budget process, both within general operations and within Capital/Strategic Planning.