

UPPER SNOWMASS CREEK CAUCUS

Minutes October 21, 2019

7 PM, Roaring Fork Fire Sub-substation

Lazy O Ranch

Snowmass, CO 81654

A meeting was convened after establishing a quorum comprised of David Hale, Lisanne Rogers, Bobbie Brazell, and Jan Martin. The September minutes were unanimously approved.

The Treasurer's report indicated sound financial health due to robust donations from the residents of the area. There are no restricted funds.

On behalf of the USCC, Art Martin, the Water Committee Chair, attended the Colorado River District's annual seminar entitled, "Uncertainty: Count on it.", held in Grand Junction on September 18. There were eight presentations by representatives of various institutes, universities, government agencies and other organizations. Key themes of the presentations included:

1. That while 2019 was a great water year, future years are uncertain due to climate change.
2. Climate change may mean that we will get less runoff for the same amount of precipitation.
3. Drought contingency planning and why current rules are problematic
4. The flawed assumptions when the 1922 Colorado River Compact was created.
5. Getting a "Grand Bargain" meaning re-negotiating the Compact with the lower basin states
6. Impacts of demand management.

The entire seminar and the slides of the presenters can be found at:

<https://www.coloradoriverdistrict.org/annual-seminars/>

The Fire Committee reported that the fire mitigation grant proffered by Colorado State Department of Forestry was completed and submitted to the State. Thanks were given to the Roaring Fork Fire Department as well as the Colorado Dept. of Forestry for providing the opportunity to participate in the matching grant process. Awards will be given in February. The grant request was \$45,000 to be used for fuel mitigation along Snowmass Creek Road. Western Vegetation Management will coordinate with Pitkin County Roads and Bridges to more effectively remove fuel from the road in next spring's effort. Mitigation will be conducted

regardless of the outcome of the grant. Road and Bridges also completed brush removal this month along the curve adjacent to Lazy O Ranch to provide better sightlines for bicycle and auto safety.

Robert's Rules of Order were reviewed by the Board and will be used in all future meetings.

Long term goals were discussed and established. Building community, and paving Watson Divide and constructing guardrail where needed, were identified as the two main efforts for the Caucus in the ensuing years. Ridding the area of noxious weeds also is a goal.

Victor Gerdin was unanimously selected to head the Board's Land Use Applications Review Committee.

It was agreed that barring any unforeseen issue no meeting would be held in November or December.

There being no additional business the meeting was adjourned.