

UPPER SNOWMASS CREEK CAUCUS

MINUTES, OCTOBER 13, 2025

Board members present: Bob Helm, David Berkey, Amy Carr and Jan Martin. Water Committee chair, Art Martin also was present as well as Dave Hale.

A quorum was established.

WATER COMMITTEE: The Snowmass Creek streamflow as measured in August was 25 ½cfs according to the Snowmass Water and Sanitation District. This compared to a little over 58cfs last year. **Update:** After the October 15 District's meeting, the reading for September was @ 23 ½cfs as compared to 27cfs last year. Water Treatment plant production (WTP), a proxy for usage, is slightly up from last year and is projected to end at around 560 million gallons (MG) versus 513MG last year.

Since 1999 there has been a 33% increase in EQRs (a measure used to determine the average water usage of a typical residential unit) and a **22% decrease** in Water Treatment Plant Production.

The measuring period for determining the instream flow rights in Snowmass Creek of the Colorado Water Conservation Board commenced on October 11 and ends on October 15. The results should be known in a week or so. This will determine which one of the four regimes will be followed for the winter minimum instream flow right in the Creek. That determination impacts Skico's ability to make snow.

The district continues to look at programs and initiatives regarding water conservation.

TREASURER'S REPORT: There was no change to our financial position from last month.

Due to her appointment as Ambassador to Costa Rica, the Board accepted the resignation of Mindy Hildebrand. The Board thanked her for her steadfast service and wished her well in her new role.

Per the bylaws the Board then asked for nominations for her replacement. Dave Hale was nominated by Jan Martin and seconded by Bob Helm. He was elected by a unanimous vote to serve Mindy's remaining term.

FIRE COMMITTEE: The Fire committee reported meeting with a representative of Colorado State Department of Forestry in relation to the Caucus's contract with them regarding Potential Operational Delineation lines. The purpose of the meeting was information gathering prior to embarking on the report. A representative will return next Wednesday for a more comprehensive exploration of data in the Caucus area.

OTHER BUSINESS: A discussion ensued regarding possible solutions to Watson Divide to better make it safer to travel. Road and Bridge have a limited budget which inhibits their ability to keep the road smooth, especially at the tight turns.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.