SCCC Board meeting 4/21/26
Judy Frey's home

Board members Present: Martha Ferguson, Judy Frey, Michel Kinsley, Forrest Thomas, Ned Andrews, Jill Sabella, Jen Rupert

Guests: Jeffrey Woodruff, Molly Child, John Gunther

FIRE INFORMATION/ Woodruff, Commissioner

Jeffrey spoke at length on the current wildfire concerns and the County's approach and equipment resources to handle anticipated wildfires here this summer.
Given that it is acknowledged that we are in an "extreme" drought with above normal temperatures and below normal water, there are now air support of several aircraft that can use fire retardant and AI cameras set up strategically around the valley to monitor fire outbreaks, only missing is Independence Pass summit.
One can contact Brooke Stot of RF Rural Fire for a home's curbside assessment.
Martha mentioned a spray-on fire retardant for exteriors, and metal grating available to cover vents, which Michael added he has used.
There is now a mandatory 5' "defensible space" required by the County as a fire retardant.
Questioned whether private pond water can be used without owner's permission to fight a live fire, Jeffrey qualified that there is a "functioning right" an individual property owner has, but otherwise the State owns "private water".

There was a board consensus to organize a fire information session open to the public as soon as possible. Jeffrey suggested possible speakers would be Chris Breitbart, County wildfire adviser; Sheriff Buglione; Angie Devlin and Scott Thompson. Jeffrey was checking into two date options for the speakers.

Jen brought up her concern about camping fires she's seen this year at the parking lot site at Hay Park which have been allowed in the past but this year there should a posted a "no fires" sign. Also no shooting range activity up there. Jerry offered to check into which County department could post signs.

CONSENT AGENDA
Jen moved to accept the Minutes of February 17, 2026 and Forrest seconded. All in favor.
There was some confusion about the Treasurer's Report so that will be addressed. Ned moved that quarterly treasurer's reports be made rather than monthly. Michael seconded and all approved.

PITKIN COUNTY REFERRAL GOOGLE GROUP
Ned spoke on how the County is changing the way they contact us, mostly regarding development permits and special events. Sierra, Chris, David, Jen, Forrest and Ned offered to be in the Caucus notification group.

FEEVAG RANCH
Ned addressed the Feevag Ranch LLC/Alex Kelloff. His property's development is still in question as CDOT won't allow driveway access off #82 for development on the west side of the creek and on the east side of the creek, there would have to be driveway access off Snowmass Creek Road and that denied by P&Z because there's not the required 100' distance between road or creek and a residence. So the situation is still in dispute.

WILD SKY OLD SNOWMASS

Martha is encouraged by how exterior lighting in the caucus area has diminished. “It does work”, she said. Currently she is looking for a location in the caucus area to put a sign indicating we are an International Dark Skies designated community. One place being considered is at the Conoco Deli, and she would have to get a permit from the county. Three Constant Contact emails went out in the past few weeks with ongoing information about Dark Skies, what kind of lights are permitted, etc. There was a program Sunday, on April 19 on 60 Minutes on International Dark Skies.

TRASH PICKUP

Molly said the Saturday, May 9th at 9am volunteers will meet at the P&R, get vests and bags. Many have already been picking up roadside trash already, which is appreciated.

ANNUAL PICNIC ORGANIZING

There was discussion about possible locations for this summer’s annual picnic and the option of using tents if no buildings would be available. The search will continue for a location.

VISION 2050 COMMENTS

The Caucus has made several submissions of comments over the past few months. The County has extended the deadline into early May.

Michael moved to adjourn the meeting. Martha seconded. All in favor.