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TO: Board of County Commissioners
Scott Vargo
Jeff Huntley
FROM: Sara R. Lopez
RE: Work Session Meeting of April 7, 2020
DATE: April 7, 2020

Attendees:

Elected Officials (via phone): Karn Stiegelmeier, Elisabeth Lawrence and Thomas C. Davidson – Commissioners

Staff (via phone): Scott Vargo, County Manager; Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Sarah Vaine, Assistant County Manager; Marty Ferris, Finance Director; Lindsay Hirsh, Community Development; Jim Curnutte, Community Development Director and Sara R Lopez, Administrative Assistant.

Guests (via phone): Kelly Flenniken, Kirk Scheitler, Jeff Berino, Peter Siegel, Eric Eastman, Rajeev Malik, Miranda Fisher, Steve Holcomb, Tom Koehler and Ted Pilling.

I. Xcel Energy Update – Wildfire Mitigation in the County

Kelly Flenniken and Kirk Scheitler discussed Xcel Energy's efforts to reduce the potential for wildfire at their Colorado facilities. She gave a brief overview of the following, including, but not limited to:

- Program Goals & Key Components
 - Minimize risks of equipment-caused ignitions causing a wildfire
 - Enhancing utility practices for inspecting and hardening assets
 - Increasing operational flexibility to manage elevated fire threat conditions
 - Engaging with communities & stakeholders
 - Incorporating emerging technologies
 - Filing an updated Wildfire Mitigation Plan with Colorado PUC
- 2019 Accomplishments
 - Appointed Wildfire Project Director, built out cross-functional team
 - Developed and received approval on first Wildfire Mitigation Plan
 - Inspections & System Hardening
 - Identify & evaluate assets in Wildfire Risk Zones
 - Pole and defect corrections
 - Equipment upgrades
 - Enhanced vegetation management practices
 - Infrared technology

- Wind strength review
 - Review of Colorado Wildfire Risk Map
 - Operations
 - New Wildfire Standards
 - Red Flag Warning Notifications
 - Wildfire Mitigation Training
 - Process Modifications
 - Community outreach, training, education, and support
- 2020 Plans
 - Continue work underway: hardening, enhanced operating procedures
 - Further develop and incorporate emerging technologies: drones, covered conductor, advanced monitoring
 - Enhance industry and community partnerships: stakeholder outreach and information sharing, gathering input, peer utility engagement, sharing best practices and lessons learned
 - Advancing Initiatives: explore Public Safety Power Shutoff options; file 2020 Wildfire Mitigation Plan with Colorado PUC

Commissioners offered feedback and thanked Kelly and Kirk for their work.

II. Various Planning Commissions Interviews

The Board interviewed the following applicants for vacancies on various Planning Commissions:

Rajeev Malik – Lower Blue Planning Commission (LBPC)
 Miranda Fisher – Snake River Planning Commission (SRPC)
 Steve Holcomb - Upper Blue Planning Commission (UBPC)
 Tom Koehler – Ten Mile Planning Commission (TMPC)
 Ted Pilling – Upper Blue Planning Commission (UBPC)

Commissioners and Lindsay Hirsh reviewed each applicant’s qualifications and interview answers.

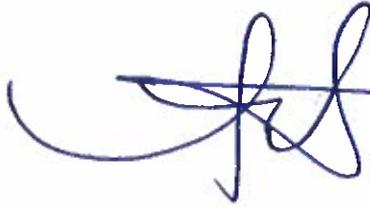
III. Managers’ and Commissioners’ Issues

Senior Management and the Commissioners gave various updates on topics including but not limited to:

Scott Vargo gave an overview of the Summit County Unincorporated Business Assistance Proposal and noted suggestions from the Board.

Commissioners also reviewed schedules and upcoming calendar events.

Respectfully submitted:



Sara R Lopez, Deputy Clerk



Approved by:



Karn Stiegelmeier, Chair