



COPPER MOUNTAIN FIRE STATION MILL LEVY ELECTION FACTUAL SUMMARY

- * The Metro District has worked with Intrawest and Copper Mountain, Inc. since 1999 to design and construct a new District fire station and administration facility to meet the needs of Copper Mountain.
- * Public Safety Consultants – an independent consulting firm recommended by Intrawest – prepared Fire Station Needs Assessment and Fire Department Consolidation Feasibility reports which conclude:
 1. The existing fire station has exceeded its useful life; it is not structurally sound and may collapse under heavy snow conditions; it is overcrowded and functionally obsolete; and it does not meet the current – much less the future – needs of the District.
 2. Due to the geographic isolation of the District, the staffing, equipment, and facility resources needed to provide the desired level of fire protection are the same whether or not there is a consolidation.
 3. The Lake Dillon Fire Protection District does not view consolidation as something they would entertain at this time.
 4. Public safety considerations require the construction of a new permanent, full-service fire station because the existing facility is inadequate to meet the current needs of the District.
- * The District contracted with Pahl–Pahl–Pahl, Architects/Planners, one of the most experienced fire station design firms in Colorado, to design a new fire station and administrative building.
- * At 26,755 square feet, the new facility will meet the needs of the District, including those at resort “build-out,” even with additional density that might reasonably be approved under any new PUD plan for the resort. The planned facility includes housing for an ambulance substation; a “police” or “security” substation; and a new cable television head end facility.
- * The District Board is referring a Ballot Issue to Copper Mountain voters at the November 7th Election to increase District debt by up to \$7.5 million to construct a new fire station and administrative facility. The projected interest rate is 4.4% for a 20 year loan with a Total Repayment Cost of \$11.58 million and a Tax Rate of 10.4 mills (approximately \$82.78 per \$100,000 in residential value).
- * With new development at Copper Mountain, the District’s Taxable Valuation should increase, which, in turn, will lower future tax rates from the projected estimate of 10.4 mills. The District is also actively seeking construction grants and other contributions to reduce project costs to be paid by the District taxpayer.
- * All Copper Mountain residents and/or property owners who are registered to vote in Colorado can vote in the November Election. To obtain an Absentee Ballot to vote on this Ballot Issue, electors must fill out an Absentee Ballot Application and submit the same by mail (P.O. Box 1538, Breckenridge, CO 80424) or fax (970.453.3540) to the Summit County Election Department on or before October 27, 2006. A copy of the Absentee Ballot Application can be downloaded and printed off the Summit County website at www.co.summit.co.us/Elections/2006/absentee_ballot.pdf.
- * Architectural building plans, site plans, the Fire Station Needs Assessment report, and the Fire Department Consolidation Feasibility report at www.coppermetrodistrict.com.
- * This is an important issue to the future of Copper Mountain. Interested persons can obtain additional information by contacting Dave Erickson at (970) 968-2537 (ext. 204); or e-mail to derickson@cmcmdi.com; or US mail to CMCMD, PO Box 3002, Copper Mountain 80443.