



CORDILLERA
Metro District

BOARD MEETING

June 13, 2025



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MEETING AGENDA

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE: June 13, 2025

TIME: 9:00 AM

LOCATION: 408 Carterville Road, Edwards, CO, and video conference

This board meeting is being held in person at the CMD Administration Building and via Zoom. To attend this meeting via Zoom, click [here](#) at the time of the meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ellen Alexander – May 2027 | Terence Boyle – May 2027 | Harry Jasper – May 2029

Hiren Patel – May 2029 | Richard Saxby – May 2029

CALL TO ORDER – 9:00 AM

- Call to Order
- Declaration of Quorum/Director Qualifications/Disclosure
- Approval of Agenda
- CMD Election of Board Officers –Alan Pogue, CMD Legal Counsel
- Approval of Consent Agenda
 - 04.11.25 and 04.16.25 Meeting Minutes

DISCUSSION ITEMS – 9:20 AM

- Financial Update – Richard Saxby, CMD Board Treasurer
- Consider Approval of 2024 Audit – Paula Kurtz, CMD HR and Finance Administrator
- Management Team Update – Traci M. McCoy, CMD Communications Manager

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 10:00 AM

- The Board welcomes public comment on discussion items.

ADJOURN – 10:30 AM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Cordillera Metropolitan District will hold a meeting. CMD is required to meet a 24-hour posting requirement unless in the event of an emergency. By Order of the District, Cheryl Foley.



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MANAGEMENT REPORT

June 13, 2025

ADMINISTRATION

SAFETY & TRAINING

- Departmental training continues for new hires.
- All staff completed First Aid, CPR, and AED training or refresher training with Dr. Harris Effron.
- Sexual harassment training for all staff will be completed in June.

HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE, AND ADMINISTRATION

- Financials are posted on the CordilleraLiving.com website; April financials will be posted after this Board meeting.
- Recruiting and hiring is taking place for positions in Public Safety and Community Operations.
- The 2024 financial audit is underway.

COMMUNICATIONS

- CMD, CPOA, and Eagle Valley Wildland have established a joint communications strategy for residential and community-wide wildfire mitigation taking place this summer. Communications outlets include sandwich boards with information about residential inspections placed in strategic locations, updates to the CordilleraLiving.com website's wildfire mitigation page, planned information sharing in the newsletters of both organizations, and special communications for wildfire mitigation operations involving a helicopter in Cordillera open space later this summer.

EQUESTRIAN CENTER

BARN UPDATES

- The barn was painted this spring and is now a stunning welcome sight for all to enjoy on their way into Cordillera.
- Additional handmade horseshoe hardware and new fixtures create beauty and functionality outside the stable.
- Jumps have been painted with help from the Eagle River Pony Club and are ready to jump.
- The Roaring Fork Equine educational event and the jump painting gathering were two community outreach events that were well attended this spring. More clinics will be scheduled for the fall.

OTHER CEC UPDATES:

- **Horse shows:** CEC Manager Annie Morris and her horse participated for the first time at the international (FEI) level with success. The staff and volunteers at CEC had an opportunity ride away from home for the first time and then participate in a small show in Grand Junction, also with great success. It was an excellent learning opportunity and helped them see the excitement that showing horses can bring back to our home facility.
- **Apprentice Program:** The CEC is designing an apprenticeship program to attract, retain, and incentivize excellent employees. The program will help employees expand their careers in the equine field. CEC Manager Annie Morris will take on a mentorship role in the program.

YEAR-ROUND LESSON & TRAINING PROGRAM

- Shannon Maloney and Chris Bate continue to teach many lessons to local students each week.
- The training program remains at capacity.
- Just in time for summer horse camp, the CEC has a new lesson horse, Annabelle, a retired trail horse who is ready to show the world her sweet personality in lessons and camps this summer.

HORSE CAMP UPDATE

- Horse Camp begins on June 10 and already has several full and waitlisted sessions. Final preparations are being made for this summer's 8 sessions, led by CEC Supervisor Chris Bate.
- See CordilleraLiving.com/Horse-Camp for more details and registration information.



COMMUNITY OPERATIONS

- **Divide Gatehouse Project:** The Divide entrance and gatehouse renovation project continues this month. Landscaping and irrigation will be installed in June to re-establish the planting area in front of the new neighborhood entrance sign and rock wall. Please continue to drive slowly in the area; traffic calming efforts are in place.
- **Roads Program:** Road resurfacing operations including milling and paving are scheduled to occur in August in Cordillera's Summit area.

FLEET

- **New Compact Loader:** The Cat 908 compact loader that was rented this winter worked well on one of our small truck plow routes, and CMD recently purchased a used 908 to take over that route in the upcoming winter.
- **Major Repairs:** The transmission in CMD's commercial water truck has been replaced. A scheduled major repair on one of the F-350s that had a leaking upper oil pan gasket is also complete; this repair required the transmission and transfer case to be removed.
- **Training:** Two Community Operations employees will attend a weeklong air brake class in July.

TRAILS AND FISHING

- **Seasonal trail closures** remain in effect through June 30. Due to calving season, the following trails are closed: Trailhead Loop, Red Draw Loop, Timbers Trail Loop, and Saddle Ridge Trail.
- **Mountain biking in Cordillera:** Last summer, a new mountain bike trail was created and is now accessible from a trailhead across from the Cordillera Dog Park on Carterville Road. The completed section is a 2-mile loop that features an intermediate-level climb and banked turns for a fun descent. Riders will enjoy shady sections along the way and a beautiful view at the top. This trail will continue to expand over the next few months with the addition of an upper loop.
- **Fishing Cordillera's ponds:** Cordillera's stocked fishing ponds are open for the summer. Additional trout will be stocked in mid-June. CMD's ponds are located on Bearden Road, Red Draw, and

Granada Glen. Find out more about fishing Cordillera's ponds and river parcels at www.CordilleraLiving.com/Fishing.



OPEN SPACE MANAGEMENT: WILDFIRE MITIGATION AND WEED SPRAYING

- In the month of June, Cordillera Metro District be conducting its annual weed spraying operations. This year, CMD will be contracting with a local company that specializes in using drone technology to identify and treat weeds that need to be mitigated.
- A contract helicopter will be conducting wildfire mitigation operations in Cordillera this summer. The project will be centered in the Red Draw area and may include part of the Divide. This cost-sharing operation with Arrowhead and Copper Mountain will allow for efficient wildfire mitigation operations in strategic locations and on steep slopes surrounding Cordillera. A date has not yet been set.
- Be on the lookout for communications about what to expect during both of these projects and to find out more about how they work.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- **Training & Development:** Cordillera Public Safety's training focus for June is fire safety, including fire prevention, emergency response, and our role in supporting the fire department.
- **Schedule & Gate Traffic:** To better accommodate early arrivals, the Divide Gate staffing schedule has been updated. We continue to monitor after-hours traffic and will adjust as needed with increased summer activity.
- **Gate Access & Security:** Summer traffic continues to present challenges, particularly from individuals attempting unauthorized entry or being argumentative. In response, our team has done an excellent job maintaining access control—professionally handling those who attempt to run the gates and turning away several suspicious individuals.
- **Traffic Calming Measures:** To help reduce speeding, we've deployed cones and speed sign trailers and are evaluating their effectiveness in different locations. We're also fixing and calibrating our radar guns and updating procedures and training to best utilize them to help deter and detect speeding concerns.
- **Wildlife Update:** Bear activity has been low so far this season, with only a few reported sightings. Conditions remain noticeably calmer compared to this time last year.

GATE ACCESS STATISTICS:

April and May 2025

Cordillera Public Safety welcomed approximately **52,554** vehicles through the Divide and Ranch Gates during April and May.

- Vehicles with Transponders:
 - Divide Gate: 22,470
 - Ranch Gate: 25,341
- Temporary Passes Issued:
 - Divide Gate: 751
 - Ranch Gate: 2,010
- Bicycle Permits Issued: 10
- FRONTSTEPS Statistics
 - April 2025
 - Guests invited by residents: 310
 - Total invited guest entries: 893
 - May 2025
 - Guests invited by residents: 481
 - Total invited guest entries: 1,089

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHTS

CHRISTOPHER DURAN, PUBLIC SAFETY AGENT

Christopher Duran joined the CMD team as a Public Safety Agent in February 2025. He was born in Glenwood Springs and grew up in the Vail Valley with his family that has lived in Minturn for five generations. Since graduating from Battle Mountain High School, Christopher has worked at Vail Health Hospital and was also an optician for 10 years before coming to CMD. Being a long-time local, Christopher enjoys the opportunity to greet people he knows or recognizes as they come through Cordillera's gates. When he's not at work, Christopher stays active playing basketball, rec league softball, golfing, fishing, biking, and hiking. He's the father of a son named Ezakiah.



WILLIAM LOTT: COMMUNITY OPERATIONS WORKER

William Lott was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, but when he came to Vail for a winter season in 1999, he got hooked on the Colorado lifestyle and has been here mostly ever since. As a Community Operations Worker who joined the CMD team in February 2025, William started working at a time of year when his skills operating a snowplow were essential in keeping Cordillera's roads safe. Since then, he has done a lot of snow removal, but this summer, he shifts his focus to warm-weather projects including the Divide entrance and gatehouse remodel. Before coming to CMD, William worked in law enforcement and also worked for his family's residential lighting business. William lives in Eagle with his wife and a full household that includes one daughter, two sons, and two dogs.