

**FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED PLAN  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Memory**

**January 16, 2004**

**PPACG Conference Room**

**INTRODUCTIONS & WELCOME VISITORS**

**Meeting Participants**

Bill Alspach  
Jayne Blewitt  
André Brackin  
Barbara Dellamand  
Jean Garren  
Kim Headley  
Matt Lewis  
Dennis Maroney  
Jim Mesite  
Rex Miller  
Rich Muzzy  
Ken Sampley  
Kevin Stilson  
Graham Thompson  
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PPACG Environmental Planning Program Manager  
City of Colorado Springs  
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**REVIEW OF NOVEMBER 21, 2003 MEETING MEMORY**

The Meeting Memory was accepted as written.

**ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS UPDATE**

Ken Sampley updated the Committee on the Corp of Engineer activities. The Corp of Engineers staff and current Colonel Hurst and incoming Colonel Wang visited Colorado Springs on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Members from the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado Springs Utilities and PPACG were also present. After lunch everyone drove around and visited some of the critical stream reaches in the Fountain Creek Watershed. These reaches included Cheyenne Creek at Ramona, Monument Creek at Cache La Poudre, Monument Creek at Mark Dabling, West Fork Sand Creek and East Fork Sand Creek, Chelton Road bridge over Sand Creek, and various sites on Fountain Creek from south of the city down to the KOA Campground.

Among the other issues discussed during the field trip were:

- importance of erosion and sediment control in the Watershed Study;
- what other Federal programs would be appropriate for Corps projects; and
- timing and appropriation of Federal funds.

Ken explained that for fiscal year 2004 that the Corps Project will be fully funded; \$350,000 of federal funding will be matched with \$350,000 of state/local funding for a total of \$700,000. For fiscal year 2005 a strategy will need to be developed on how much federal funding should be requested. Ken explained that it will be important to be in contact by our next meeting to see if we need to do any lobbying efforts for federal fiscal year 2005 funding.

Ken discussed in-kind time towards the Corps project and said that it should be submitted quarterly, but that up to this point we could use meeting minutes and roster sign-in sheets as documentation. Please submit totals in April.

Ken announced that URS was selected as the consulting company to work on the Corps project and that the first scope of work has already been negotiated. At this time there is only a draft of the scope of work available and it is dated December 28, 2003. Copies of this can be made available and it is limited in its content and scope of work descriptions. There is not a timeline at this time for the contracted work. Ken will email committee members requesting comments on the scope of work and those comments will need to be submitted back to Ken.

## **FUTURE ACTIVITIES AND TASKS**

Rich Muzzy and the committee discussed the activities and tasks that it will focus on in 2004 and presented ideas for presentations at future meetings. The focus for 2003 was to 1) develop the Fountain Creek Watershed Plan and 2) initiate the Army Corp of Engineers Watershed Study. Rich mentioned that both of these tasks were completed. Under the Fountain Creek Watershed Plan, there is a section titled *Conclusions, Recommendations and Implementation Strategies*. For 2004, in addition to the Army Corp of Engineers Watershed Study we will be focusing on implementing those recommendations within the Fountain Creek Watershed Plan. Some of those recommendations are:

- Look at the critical areas that were identified in Section IV of the Plan and see if we can get some historical aerial photography and additional information to identify regions that need immediate attention without duplicating what the Corp is doing.

- Develop a restoration committee to develop a list of restoration projects within the watershed. In June of last year, consultants working for CDOT gave a presentation on how some grants and funding might be available for restoration efforts.
- Expand the GIS Database.
- Look at impervious surface area and threshold levels for impervious surface in the sub-water sheds.
- Develop a mechanism to assist in the review of Corps 401 and 404 permits and evaluate how they are impacting specific critical areas in the watershed such as wetlands.
- Develop an annual newsletter

It was also suggested that in future meetings the committee should go out and look at some sites and projects throughout the watershed.

### **OTHER TOPICS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Bill Alspach of URS announced that they are excited to be involved in this project once again.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2004 at PPACG.