



**THE FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Memory

March 17, 2006

PPACG Conference Room

INTRODUCTIONS & WELCOME VISITORS

Meeting Participants

Bill Alspach
Carol Baker
Dan Bare
Jayne Blewitt
David Buttery
Barbara Dallemund
Kim Headley
Kevin Houck
Carolyn Hughes Bluhm
Matt Lewis
Heather Maio
Pat Mangan
Dennis Maroney
David Mau
Mike McCarthy
Rex Miller
Bob Miner
Rich Muzzy
Gary Rapp
Kathleen Reilly
Keith Riley
Ken Sampley
Steve Smith
Scott Stevens
Bill Van Derveer
Ross Vincent
Chris Woodka
Daryl Wood

Representing

URS Corporation
Colorado Springs Utilities
El Paso County DOT
PPACG
City of Woodland Park
El Paso County - DOT
Pueblo County/PACOG
CWCB
EPSO/ESD
US Air Force Academy
City of Pueblo/County Health
Bureau of Reclamation
City of Pueblo
USGS
El Paso County Dept. of Health & Environment
Central Colorado Conservation District
Town of Palmer Lake
Environmental Planning Manager/PPACG
Recycling Coalition of Colorado Springs
CDPHE/WQCD
Colorado Springs Utilities
City of Colorado Springs
MWH
City of Fountain
MWH
Sierra Club
Pueblo Chieftain
City of Pueblo

REVIEW OF FEBRUARY 17, 2006 MEETING MEMORY

The Meeting Memory was accepted as written.

FOUNTAIN CREEK CONFLICT ASSESSMENT

Kathleen Reilly of CDPHE/WQCD was present to inform the Fountain Creek TAC members of the Fountain Creek Conflict Assessment and Process Design that is being spearheaded by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Water Quality Control Division. The goal for this study is to identify groups that are not currently a part of the process along the Fountain Creek Watershed and assess how well the current process is working and if there is a need to do something different. Pending the outcome of the assessment, the Contractor will make recommendations regarding how a process might be designed to create an effective stakeholder group that can conduct a long-term dialogue to resolve conflict and positively affect the current situation.

Rich Muzzy stated that he thought that the possible formulation of a new group of stakeholders would be duplication of the Fountain Creek Watershed Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The ideas that are proposed through this project should be incorporated into what the TAC is already doing. Rich Muzzy stated that it was not apparent in the proposal that was handed out that the TAC would be involved at all and be able to help address some of the issues and concerns. Before this project begins better coordination needs to take place. Another concern that was raised is that if a new group is formed it would be competing for the same funding sources as the TAC and would duplicate the dialogue that is currently taking place.

Ken Sampley agreed with the comments that Rich Muzzy made and voiced his frustration that this was never brought to the TAC to discuss this before it went forward and reached this point. There are many issues and concerns that already exist along this corridor that are being addressed together through the group and this will only complicate what we are trying to accomplish. Is there an option to combine this with our group as an already established forum to see how best to address these issues and concerns rather than assuming that another process is needed.

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS UPDATE

Ken Sampley provided an update and the following items were discussed:

Federal funding - Bob Stovall has been to Washington DC several times and has met with the congressional delegation and they are aware of how critical it for us to get funding not only for 2007 but through a possible supplemental appropriation in 2006. All efforts are being made to proceed in getting the federal funding we need. Ken stated that he has received \$300,000 from CWCB and invoiced DOLA for the remaining \$300,000 of funding. The project is out of balance by \$300,000 - \$400,000. The appropriations request for 2007 should get us back in balance. Ken stated that he will send out the summary of what has been spent year by year regarding Federal

funding versus local funding. Water quality issues will most likely need to be funded through other sources and not included into the ACOE Watershed Study.

Bill Alspach Project Manager from URS provided an update on the Army Corps of Engineers Watershed Study work products and reports.

- The environmental workshops took place earlier in the month with the Corps, and the environmental team for the final part of the report which is identification of potential environmental restoration projects. All of the chapters with the exception of this last section are completed. The final report should be available within the 30 days.
- The Hydrology and Hydraulics Final Reports are just about complete with a few modifications.
- The Geomorphology Study should be completed by the end of April or first part of May.

The Fountain Creek Reports completed by URS are posted on the Fountain Creek Website.
<http://www.fountain-crk.org/ACE%20Watershed%20Study/ace.htm>.

GEOMORPHOLOGY METHODOLOGY PRESENTATION

Bill Alspach, Project Manager from URS, gave a presentation on the methodology that was used to develop the Geomorphology Study for the Fountain Creek Watershed Project.

Items covered within this presentation were:

- The Geomorphology Scope
- The Objectives
- The Methodology
- Data Collected
- Field Investigations
- Aerial Photo Analysis
- Bankfull Analysis and Bankfull Calibration
- Sediment Analysis
- The Next Steps

OTHER TOPICS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dennis Maroney of the City of Pueblo recommended to all members present to view the webcast of the EPA's best management practices and low impact development (LID). This will be available for downloading beginning March 22 on the EPA website. This would make for a good presentation to this group in the future.
- Ken Sampley recommended that we bring in someone from the State Engineers office to speak about the LID and water right issues and LID Techniques.
- Rich Muzzy announced that the Arkansas River Basin Water Forum that will be held in Poncha Springs on April 20 & 21. www.ARBWF.org. Kathleen Reilly announced that some of the topics being discussed will be Past, Present and Future. There will be a discussion on the Latest in Mining in Leadville.

- Rich Muzzy announced that the regularly scheduled Fountain Creek TAC meeting for April 21st has been rescheduled for April 28th due to the Arkansas River Basin Water Forum.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be April 28, 2006 at PPACG.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.