



**THE FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Memory**

**March 19, 2007**

**PPACG Lower Level Conference Room**

**INTRODUCTIONS & WELCOME VISITORS**

**Meeting Participants**

Bill Alspach  
Carol Baker  
Patty Baxter  
Paul Clarkson  
Barbara Dallemand  
Duane Greenwood  
Kim Headley  
Greg Langer  
Matt Lewis  
Jeff Linn  
Dennis Maroney  
Bob Miner  
Rich Muzzy  
Gary Rapp  
Ken Sampley  
Graham Thompson

**Representing**

AMEC  
Colorado Springs Utilities  
El Paso County Sheriff's Office  
Teller County  
El Paso County DOT  
City of Fountain  
Pueblo County/PACOG  
NRCS  
USAFA  
Fort Carson  
City of Pueblo  
Town of Palmer Lake  
Environmental Planning Manager/PPACG  
Recycling Coalition of Colorado Springs  
City of Colorado Springs  
Matrix Design

**REVIEW OF JANUARY 19, 2007 MEETING MEMORY**

The Meeting Memory was accepted as written.

**ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS UPDATE**

Ken Sampley of the City of Colorado Springs gave an update on the recent Corps Watershed efforts. Ken said the Fountain Creek Watershed Study is still in an idling mode. The PPACG Board of Directors signed a resolution of support for FY-2008 appropriations of \$449,000 and PACOG is expected to sign a similar resolution. This project was not in the President's 2008 budget. Ken Sampley stated that the Corps is trying to internally reallocate some funding unused from other projects to get some funding into the project. The amount of FY 2007 appropriations has not been determined but is hoped that it will be between \$250,000 - 300,000.

Graham Thompson's replacement at URS as the interim project manager is John Griffith. URS is submitting the feasibility scoping and existing conditions proposal which will be about a five month effort.

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

## **FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED VISION TASK FORCE UPDATE**

Dennis Maroney gave an update on the Fountain creek watershed Vision Task force. There are three working groups - water quality, water quantity and the Land use and Environmental group that are discussing the issues and gathering most of the information that are in studies related to Fountain Creek.

There will be a meeting today at 1:00 p.m. at Fountain City Hall, of the Consensus Committee, which is the decision making group. This group is looking into how the facilitators will be paid after July 1. Many of the organizations involved have committed funding to continue this service. For a detailed list of meetings please go to the [www.fountain-crk.org](http://www.fountain-crk.org) website. All of these meetings are open to the public.

Ken Sampley commented that the results from studies for the Vision Task Force are going to take a lot longer to accomplish than what most people thought. The Consensus Committee really needs to provide more direction to the effort in setting the goals for this project.

Carol Baker commented that there is another group involved in the Fountain Creek Vision Task Force and it is called the Outreach Group. This group has met to decide how the information should be distributed and suggested that the issues be divided into the following 4 categories:

1. The issue has sufficient data and realistic economic actions have been identified and are already underway to fix the problem.
2. The issue has sufficient data and realistic economic actions have been identified but they are not underway.
3. The issue cannot be realistically/economically be addressed.
4. The issues need more data or evaluation.

This will help evaluate how to realistically approach issues. The group is putting together fact sheets on issues that are being presented. Carol said they are requesting presenters to put together more in depth information about their topics so that it can be made available to the public. The Water Quality group is putting together short term goals and trying to get more information on issues and presentations from experts to discuss these topics that have been raised as problem areas.

Rich Muzzy reminded those present that all of this information is available on the fountain-creek website. He also mentioned that there was an article in the El Paso County News regarding the Fountain Creek Watershed Vision Task Force.

## **OTHER TOPICS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Dennis Maroney announced that the CWCB (Colorado Water Conservation Board) and CASFM (The Colorado Association of Stormwater and Floodplain Managers) are preparing programs for four locations within the state regarding the Statewide Floodplain Stormwater Quality Criteria Manual that has been developed. There will be a meeting held on April 25<sup>th</sup> in Colorado Springs at the City Council Chambers. It will take place from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm and the cost is \$40.00. For more information go to: [www.casfm.org](http://www.casfm.org).
2. Rich Muzzy announced that on April 12- April 13, 2007 the Arkansas River Water Basin Forum will take place and will be held in Rocky Ford. For more information go to: [www.arbwf.org](http://www.arbwf.org)
3. Ken Sampley announced that there was a meeting held with FEMA, the City of Colorado Springs, Kevin Stilson at Pikes Peak Regional, PPACG and El Paso County to review the process to update the FIRM maps to a digital format for El Paso County. Dawn Gladwell of CWCB is now overseeing this project. This meeting went over the scope of work, process, streams and reaches that should be included within the project and the estimated costs for this whole process. Ken Sampley announced that changes have taken place at Pikes Peak Regional which is not good timing for this project. Kevin Stilson has been let go and the Regional Building Official is taking over the staffing needs for floodplain planning and other duties have been distributed among other staff members. The maps will get updated but to what extent we are not sure.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - April 20, 2007 at PPACG.

**ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.