



## THE FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Meeting Memory

October 20, 2006

PPACG Lower Level Conference Room

## INTRODUCTIONS & WELCOME VISITORS

### Meeting Participants

Bill Alspach  
Heather Bergman  
Janesse Brewer  
David Buttery  
Paul Clarkson  
Scott Cowan  
Barbara Dallemand  
Danny Elsner  
Bob Hamilton  
Kevin Houck  
Greg Langer  
Dennis Maroney  
Rex Miller  
Bob Miner  
Mark Morland  
Rich Muzzy  
Gary Rapp  
Chip Rice  
Doug Stewart  
Graham Thompson

### Representing

AMEC Corporation  
The Keystone Center  
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City of Woodland Park  
Teller County  
Pueblo City/County Health Department  
El Paso County DOT  
URS Corporation  
SECWCD  
CWCB  
NRCS  
City of Pueblo  
Central Colorado Conservation District  
Town of Palmer Lake  
Manitou Springs  
Environmental Planning Manager/PPACG  
Recycling Coalition of Colorado Springs  
El Paso County Environmental Services  
URS Corporation  
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## REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2006 MEETING MEMORY

The Meeting Memory was accepted as written.

## ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS UPDATE

Graham Thompson of URS reported on the recent Corps Watershed efforts:

- The Geomorphology Report - The Geomorphology Sediment Transport Modeling has been revised and will be resubmitted to the Corps by January/February.
- URS is finishing work on the GIS database which will be completed by November 1<sup>st</sup> and sent to the Corps.

- The Corps does have enough money to go through the steps to complete the approval process of the Hydrology and Hydraulic Reports.

Rich Muzzy reported that Congress is in recess so there is no new news on the status of the \$449,000 that is being requested to complete the study. The study is in a holding pattern until it is determined if further funding is available. Some of the remaining funding is available for public outreach meetings but nothing had been decided on this yet. Project Formulation is projected to be completed by May 2007 and Project Evaluation by September 2007 if all of the requested funding comes through.

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 WORKSHOPS**

Rich Muzzy reported that the Fountain Creek Watershed Vision Workshops have included many people in this room as well as land owners, local governments and State agencies. The visioning process is taking a more holistic approach to the issues that face Fountain Creek Watershed. This process will look at conservation easements, water quality, erosion sedimentation and state parks and trails within the watershed. This afternoon there will be a steering committee meeting to develop the process for the vision. The steering committee is expected to meet twice before it will be opened up to the larger group to develop the complete vision. PPACG applied for a grant through the EPA to help fund this process and develop a master plan, which is one of the projects the visioning process hopes to complete. PPACG will be notified about the grant funding request by the end of 2006.

David Buttery stressed that those from this committee that are participating in the visioning process need to keep in mind the issues and the purpose of the FCWTAC group while going through the separate watershed visioning process.

### **OTHER TOPICS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Bob Hamilton announced that the SECWCD has applied for a \$50,000 grant from DOLA and is working with Bent County within the Arkansas Basin to eradicate the river of Tamarisk, a plant that can choke out native vegetation and the channel, and can end up dictating the course of the river. There is a Tamarisk Coalition which has done substantial mapping along the Arkansas Basin on the stands of Tamarisk. To assist in this project infrared photos along the Fountain Creek are needed.
- Rich Muzzy announced that the October Fountain Creek Watershed Newsletter is in the mail and also distributed copies to those members present.
- Rich Muzzy asked members if there were any presentations that this group would like presented at future meetings. Dennis Maroney mentioned that there were many good presentations at the Glenwood Springs Conference and asked Kevin Houck from CWCB if he would be willing to help coordinate this and or put this committee in contact with those presenters.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting will be November 17, 2006 at PPACG.

**ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.