



FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

Citizens Advisory Group Meeting

This meeting will be held online via Zoom. Meetings are open to the public.

February 13, 2026

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

[Citizens Advisory Group Meeting Zoom Link](#)

Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum

A quorum was established by CAG Chair David Woolley, and the CAG meeting started at 9:32 AM. Those in attendance:

- a. David Woolley – CAG Chair
- b. Mary Barber – CAG Vice Chair
- c. Mary Wilson – CAG Secretary
- d. Alli Schuch – FCWD Staff
- e. Lucy Rogers – FCWD Staff
- f. Susan Finzel – FCWD Staff
- g. Debra Fortenberry – Citizen at Large
- h. Anne Carson – Citizen at large
- i. Paul Fautes – Colorado Parks and Wildlife
- j. David Burnham – Trout Unlimited
- k. Alex Jouney – Colorado Parks and Wildlife
- l. Maddy Dewey – Citizen at large
- m. Alecia Rose Martinez – Pikes Peak GenWild
- n. Allen Beauchamp – Trails and Open Space Coalitoin
- o. Dave Vailencourt – Citizen at large
- p. Mark Shea – Colorado Springs Utilities
- q. Jeanette Lara - Colorado Parks and Wildlife
- r. Conner Brokowski – Pikes Peak Outdoor Conservation Alliance
- s. Saúl Maravilla – Citizen at large
- t. William Vogl - El Paso County Conservation District, landowner & firefighter



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- u. Kathy Harris – Citizen at large
 - v. Terry Hart – Citizen at large
2. Approve February Meeting Agenda
 - a. Chair Woolley made a motion to approve the February 13, 2026, Meeting Agenda with no edits or changes. The agenda was approved by consensus.
 3. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2026
 - a. Chair Woolley made a motion to approve the January 9, 2026 meeting minutes with no edits or changes. The agenda was approved by consensus.
 4. Committee Member Comments
 - a. Chair Woolley shared that Palmer Land Conservancy is holding an event on Feb 17th at Westfax Brewing Co. 5:30-7:30pm. He also shared that Feb 14th, 2026, is the deadline for the Colorado River Impact to be decided on.
 - b. Debra Fortenberry shared that she is involved in the discussions on the delayed Nixon Plant closure and is curious how the watershed may be impacted. The District is not involved in these decisions; Mark Shea provides some information regarding this matter.
 - c. Secretary Wilson shared that there is a Liquid Lecture tonight, Feb 13th at Gunslinger Brewing. She also shared that Aiken Audubon has their monthly meeting in two weeks.
 - d. David Burnham shared that the trout are still in Fountain Creek. Brown trout were recently caught in Fountain Creek between the confluence and Manitou Springs.
 5. Presentations
 - a. Guest Speakers - Alex Jouney and Paul Foutz from Colorado Parks and Wildlife: Native Fish in Fountain Creek, Conservation and Fish passage
 - i. Fish diversity was discussed, highlighting that there is an even mix of native and non-native fish species within Fountain Creek.
 - ii. Fountain Creek is a stronghold for Flathead Chub in the state of Colorado. This is important because creek diversions make it difficult for them to spawn and reach their full life history. This is part of the reason fish passages were installed throughout the watershed.
 - iii. The Owens-Hall diversion had a fish passage installed in 2015. The impacts of this fish passage were discussed in detail.
 - iv. The Chilcott Diversion Structure near Fountain was also discussed; this is the next site in need of a fish passage structure. A fish passage in this location will open at least 2 more miles of critical fish habitat that was previously inaccessible for most fish. The construction of the fish passage at this site will likely begin in 2027.



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Discussions around the processes for approval and installation of this new fish passage followed.

6. Current Business/Discussion

a. Governing Board – Alli Schuch

- i. The Board met on January 16th. The annual meeting was held where the Sunshine Act was reviewed.
- ii. The Board approved the TAC, CAG, and MMF rosters. The Board also appointed its own officers, with Bill Wysong as the Board Chair, Jeff Chostner as the Vice Chair, Tamara Estes as the Secretary, and Terry Hart as the Treasurer.
- iii. Alli provided updates on the district projects.
- iv. The bylaw committee met to review and potentially modify the district bylaws that need updates as populations grow.
- v. The operations manager and Pueblo outreach coordinator positions within the FCWD were converted from contract to employee positions.
- vi. The Board passed a resolution regarding the PTO policy and conducted a review on Alli and her position as Executive Director.

b. Projects – Alli Schuch

- i. State of the Watershed Summit was a success; panel recordings and resources from the event are on the website. Interviews of attendees were also conducted at the event for the FCWD's communications plan.
- ii. Maintenance for the Southmoor Drive and Eagleridge projects completed summer 2025 is built into the project costs. The establishment of vegetation is a priority for the future at these sites.
- iii. The District's first maintenance project was completed at the northern end of Barr Farm.
- iv. A RiverCorps member, Macie Wagner, will be joining the team this spring.
- v. The draft instrument for the In-Lieu Fee program is in review. Comments will be received soon, and the program will likely begin fall 2026. An In-Lieu Fee subcommittee is creating a list of projects for the In-Lieu Fee program. An In-Lieu Fee practitioners' workshop will be held on March 12th, RSVP's are open,
- vi. A landowner workshop will be held this spring at Maggie Hanna Ranch.

c. MMF – Alli Schuch

- i. The MMF did not meet in February.
- ii. A CWCB grant was received for the Frost Ranch project. The project will be designed this spring/summer, and construction will begin November/December 2026.
- iii. A CWCB Technical Assistance grant was received to support a study of bendway weirs across the watershed.



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- d. TAC – Mark Shea
 - i. The TAC met on February 4th. Alli reported on the governing board, projects, and the MMF. AFCURE reported updates. Mark reported on the state’s dredge and fill permit program. Summer Slama with CDOT provided an update on the project at US50 and I25 and about the stream channel restoration work CDOT will do following the completion of that project. A conversation around resources available for small water providers occurred, and Mark provided a report out on the ILF sub-committee. The next meeting is March 4th.
- e. Website – Mary Barber
 - i. No new updates.
- f. WOC – Susan/Mary
 - i. Secretary Wilson presented on FCWD outreach efforts for January and February. January focused on State of the Watershed, the GenWild Shared Learning Conference, and the Brewshed® Alliance kickoff meeting. February contained a guest speaking event with the Manitou Garden Club, further development of the Volunteer Program, the first Creek Week Steering Committee meeting, and Great American Cleanup planning and Rain Barrel sale work.
 - ii. Susan Finzel presented on FCWD outreach efforts in Pueblo for January and February. In January and February, she has focused on Great American Cleanup preparations, Pueblo Brewshed® Alliance events, she is also working to improve the bike trail communication systems in Pueblo and promotes the Ride the Watershed bike tour in May. She is also working on raingarden program planning with the new GenWild Pueblo coalition.
- g. AFCURE – Mark Shea
 - i. Discussions centered around the PowerBI data platform and how it is being used for data analysis and visualization.

7. New Business

- a. FCWD Website Walkthrough
 - i. Lucy Rogers gave a walkthrough of the FCWD website, highlighting the projects page, programs page, and event calendar.
- b. CAG Speakers and Survey Results
 - i. Chair Woolley gave a summary of the results of the CAG survey. Results can be found here: [☰ CAG Survey Results](#)

8. 2026 Meeting Schedule

- a. Mar 13
- b. Apr 10



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- c. May 8
- d. Jun/Jul - no meetings TAC/CAG Field Trip TBD
- e. Aug 14
- f. Sept 11
- g. Oct 9
- h. Nov 13
- i. Dec - no meeting

9. Public Comments

- a. None

10. Adjourn

- a. Chair Woolley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was approved by consensus, and the meeting was adjourned.