



# FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED

## Flood Control And Greenway District

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Technical Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 4, 2022 – 1:00 PM

1. Call to Order, Introductions, and Establishment of a Quorum: The meeting was held in person at Fountain Creek Nature Center (320 Peppergrass Ln, Fountain CO) and virtually via a Zoom video conference call. A quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

#### Committee Members in Attendance

Andra Ahrens	City of Pueblo, Water Quality
Annie Berlemann	Colorado Springs Utilities, Watershed Planning
Doug Hollister	State of Colorado, Division of Water Resources
Dominga Jimenez-Garcia	Pueblo County, Public Works
Johnathan Moore	Fountain Sanitation District
Jason Meyer	El Paso County, Parks
Laura Hempel	USGS
Mark Shea	Colorado Springs Utilities, Watershed Planning
Terry Hart	District Citizen's Advisory Group
Tanis Manseau	Pueblo County, Public Works

#### Others in Attendance:

Allison Schuch	Interim FCWFCGD Watershed Executive Director
Ann Warner	PPACG
Erin Powers	City of Colorado Springs, Stormwater
Ian Patton	Wright Water Engineers
Jeff Rice	El Paso County, Engineering
Melinda Norris	Citizen
Tom Smrdel	SWCA
Lucy Harrington	GEI Consultants

2. Approve Agenda for the May 4, 2022, Meeting: A motion was made by Terry Hart to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mark Shea, and approved by unanimous vote.
3. Approve Minutes of the April 6, 2022, Meeting: A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Mark Shea, seconded by Terry Hart, and approved by unanimous vote.
4. TAC Member Comments:
  - a. DWR Update – Dough Hollister will be leaving DWR District and going to the State office. There will be personnel transitioning.
5. Public Comments:
  - a. None.

6. Presentations:

- a. None.

7. Reports:

- a. District Board/Water Activity Enterprise Board/Project Updates: Alli Schuck reported that the District Board and Water Activity Enterprise Board met on April 22, 2022. Presentation from Lucy Harrington regarding ILF and Mitigation Banking as funding tools. Good Q & A session. Will be following up with other stakeholders on the subject. Alli will be creating a preliminary land acquisition committee. Mark Shea volunteered. Land ownership will have to be part of the strategic planning. Board is discussing what kind of Executive Director the District would like to have. If anyone has staff or other support personnel, the District could use it. Phase I on Pueblo Levee is almost complete. Pueblo County will not purchase the land needed for Phase II but will contribute funding, looking at other potential buyers. Phase II cannot be done if the land parcel is not purchased due to environmental issues. E. coli pilot project is underway with CSU-Pueblo and investigating 319 Grant funding and EQIP funding through NRCS. EQIP funding is for ag producers, and it is unclear if horse stables would qualify. The Water Smart grant will be announced in June. The Great American Cleanup was held Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup>. Alli gave Education and Outreach activity report out on various activities. The next meeting is hybrid at Fountain City Hall or virtual on Zoom May 27, 2022.
- b. Citizens Advisory Group: Terry Hart reported that the CAG met April 8, 2022. Meeting was focused on who the CAG is, goals, objectives and how to support the Executive Director and District. This led to many discussions on outreach efforts to increase engagement and name recognition in communities. Further discussion on bylaws and understanding of District vision and mission. Charles Castle joined the GAC as a new member. Next meeting is Friday May 13, 2022.
- c. Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee: Alli Schuch reported that the MMFAC met on April 20, 2022. The MMFAC had an update presentation on the Eagleridge project and Matrix recommended option three which is the most economical. Discussion on E. coli pilot project and discussion on 2023 CIP. The next meeting is May 18, 2022.
- d. AFCURE: Andra Ahrens reported that AFCURE met on May 3, 2022. Most of the meeting was discussing the Nutrient Model and looking forward to regulatory support and guidance. There is a new PFAS biosolids workgroup forming. PPAC is looking to develop a 9-Element EPA Watershed Plan, and how the current EPA 9-Element Watershed Plan for E. coli could support and used. Regulations 93 and 83 are up for review. The next meeting is June 7, 2022.

8. New Business:

- a. Review proposed TAC meeting topics.
  - i. Reviewed list of topics. The most popular included geomorphic hazard mapping, how MMF selects projects, lessons learned from other flood control districts (mile High Flood Control), and remote sensing of water quality.
- b. Review TAC Fact Sheet.
- c. Identify recommendations regarding the District Land Use Application
  - i. How should small projects be accommodated – no recommendation at this time.
  - ii. Implement the early assistance meeting option – include in check list.

- iii. Could the TAC provide guidance on the type of project that meets the threshold for a Land Use Application, include cost and how that cost is distributed.
- iv. Streamline notifications (e-mail instead of written communication) – identify recommends allowing email and/or hard copy submission of materials. Discussion on using City/County partners to ensure that projects within the District jurisdiction are being brought to the District appropriately.
- d. Sub-committee for technical review on engineering projects (how to form and structure) – potentially include in MMF project selection presentation to better guide this topic. This would better integrate MMF and TAC.
- e. Follow-up on next steps related to April’s In Lieu Fee and Mitigation Banking discussion – TAC to review SOW from Lucy next meeting. Invite other SMEs in the watershed who are involved in this work.

9. Old Business:

- a. None

10. Future Business

- a. June presentation.
- b. In-person options.

11. Set Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting: The next District TAC meeting will be held via Zoom video call on or possibly in-person at the Fountain Creek Nature Center Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at 1:00 pm.

12. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 3:08 pm with a motion by Mark Shea, seconded by Laura Hempel, the motion passed unanimously.