



FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED

Flood Control And Greenway District

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Technical Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 2, 2022 – 1:00 PM

1. Call to Order, Introductions, and Establishment of a Quorum: The meeting was held via a Zoom video conference call. A quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. following the Annual Meeting.

Committee Members in Attendance

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| Andra Ahrens | City of Pueblo, Water Quality |
| Annie Berlemann | Colorado Springs Utilities, Watershed Planning |
| Brian Mihlbachler | USAF Academy |
| Doug Hollister | State of Colorado, Division of Water Resources |
| Dominga Jimenez-Garcia | Pueblo County, Public Works |
| Jeff Rice | El Paso County, Engineering |
| Johnathan Moore | Fountain Sanitation District |
| Joshua Carpenter | USACE, Albuquerque District |
| Kevin Binkley | Colorado Springs Utilities |
| Laura Hempel | USGS |
| Mark Shea | Colorado Springs Utilities, Watershed Planning |
| Terry Hart | District Citizen's Advisory Group |

Others in Attendance:

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| Abigail Ortega | Colorado Springs Utilities |
| Allison Schuch | Interim FCWFCGD Watershed Executive Director |
| Andrew Rippe | Pueblo County, Public Works/Stormwater |
| Anne Warner | PPACG |
| Ian Patton | Wright Water Engineers |
| Irene Kornelly | District Citizen's Advisory Group (Alternate) |
| Jed Chambers | Colorado Springs Utilities |
| Jim Heckman | Fountain Sanitation District (Alternate) |
| Katie Mazurowski | Colorado Springs Utilities |
| Lucy Harrington | GEI Consultants |
| Tanis Manseau | Pueblo County, Public Works |
| Tom Donahue | Colorado Springs Utilities |
| Jacobsen | CDOT |

2. Approve Agenda: A motion was made by Terry Hart to approve the agenda as presented, which was second by Johnathan Moore and approved by unanimous vote.
3. Approve Minutes of the Annual and Regular January 5, 2022, Meetings: A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Terry Hart, which was seconded by Mark Shea, and approved by unanimous vote.

4. TAC Member Comments:

- a. Laura Hempel updated the Committee on the Executive Director position. Bill Banks contract was not renewed for 2022, Alli Schuch is the interim Executive Director until the Board selects an Executive Director.

5. Public Comments:

- a. None.

6. Presentations:

- a. Clear Springs Ranch Wetlands Project Land Use Application – Colorado Springs Utilities Project Team (Katie Mazurowski, Tom Donahue, and Jason Messamer)
Project purpose is to improve the Clear Springs Wetlands from potentially detaining stormwater. Originally constructed in 2014 for SDS Project, was destroyed in 2015 floods and rebuilt in 2016. Presentation contained check list items, FEMA floodplain maps, parcel maps, with plan and profile designs. Project will cost around \$25,000 to \$50,000. An 18' concrete pipe with a check vale will be installed above the permanent pool to assist in draining large storm evens if needed.
 - i. A motion was made by Andra Ahrens for the TAC to recommend the CSR Wetlands Realignment project to the District Board. The motion was seconded by Johnathan Moore approved by unanimous vote. Colorado Springs Utilities recognized their role on District committees as well as representing the project.
 - ii. Discussion on Land Use Authority, checklist, policies, procedures.
 1. Feed back from applicants is that the checklist is designed to be more applicable for larger projects, not smaller projects. Overall, it was straight forward and not difficult.
 2. The Land Use Checklist is based on what is typically found on 1041 permits. Early assistance meetings are common for this kind of permit, and this might be something the District should consider. Early assistance meeting help determine scale and scope.
 3. Committee should review the technical documents such as the criteria manual. Kevin Binkley will give the documents to Annie Berlemann to distribute to the committee.
- b. Discussion on the history, role, and context of the TAC – Mark Shea, Terry Hart and Kevin Binkley have a historical account of the District. District by-laws are listed on the District Website. Functions of other committees were covered as well as their purpose. The committees are very collaborative and allow the entire watershed a common place to discuss and tackle issues. Will be looking to form a subcommittee to explore this topic further. Recommended to develop a 'Fact Sheet' with web links and documents that could be used at the Annual Meeting.

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 January 28, 2022 for the Annual and Regular Meetings. Wells Fargo gave an update on the District finances. Nancy Henjum is replacing Richard Skorman and Stephanie Fortune will be Nancy's alternate. Pueblo Levee project and Eagleridge project updates by Matrix. The District will have a work session to discuss funding and ballot measure. Alli gave updates on other District outreach efforts and the Greenway Trail. Matrix is developing a grant matrix that the District could leverage. The next meeting is February 25, 2022, at 2:00 pm on Zoom.
- b. Citizens Advisory Group: Terry Hart reported that the CAG met January 14, 2022, for the Annual and Regular meetings. Officers and members selected with recommendations to the Board.

Setting priorities was discussed and Matrix gave updates on Pueblo Levee and Eagleridge. The next meeting is February 11, 2022, at 9:30 on Zoom.

- c. Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee: Met on January 19, 2022, for the Annual and Regular meetings. Members and officer recommendations made to the Board. Matrix gave Eagleridge and Pueblo Levee projects. The next meeting is February 16, 2022, at 10:00 am on Zoom.
- d. AFCURE: Andra Ahrens reported that AFCURE met on February 1, 2022. Discussed the Nutrient Model, 2022 dues, and future projects and data collection such as habitat.

8. New Business:

- a. Nominate MMFAC TAC alternate – A motion to appoint Andrew Rippe to the MMFAC as an alternate made by Mark Shea, second by Laura Hempel. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Review 2022 TAC Member List – A motion to approve the list as presented made by Mark Shea and seconded by Doug Hollister. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Review 2022 TAC Email list – the list will be updates as needed.
- d. Review proposed TAC meeting topics – continued.

9. Old Business:

- a. TAC representative on the MMF

10. Future Business

- a. USACE Update and Refresher (SQT)- Josh Carpenter (March)

11. Set Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting: The next District TAC meeting will be held via Zoom video call on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 1:00 pm.

12. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 3:03 pm with a motion by Doug Hollister, seconded by Mark Shea, the motion passed unanimously.