



FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

Citizens Advisory Group Meeting

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

October 10th, 2025

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. David Woolley - CAG Chair
 - b. Mary Wilson - FCWD/CAG Secretary
 - c. Jessica Mills - CAG Ag. Representative
 - d. Lucy Rogers - FCWD
 - e. Alli Schuch - FCWD
 - f. David Burnham - Trout Unlimited
 - g. Susan Finzel - FCWD
 - h. Kathy Harris - Citizen at Large
 - i. Terry Hart - FCWD Board Chair
 - j. Jessica Miller - Fountain Creek Nature Center
 - k. Jeanette Lara - Colorado Parks and Wildlife
 - l. Melody Daugherty - Manitou Pollinators
 - m. Ashley Perry - Generation Wild Pikes Peak Region
 - n. Cory Sutela - Medicine Wheel Trail Advocates
 - o. Pattie Bengert - Colorado Springs Utilities
 - p. Rebecca Kerrigan - Colorado Springs Utilities
 - q. Mark Shea - Colorado Springs Utilities

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

2. Approve October Meeting Agenda

Chair Woolley made a motion to approve the October Meeting Agenda. The October Meeting Agenda was approved with no additions or deletions.

3. Approve Minutes of Prior Meetings – September 12, 2025

- a. Chair Woolley made a motion to approve September 12th CAG meeting minutes. September 12th CAG minutes were approved with no establishment of corrections or updates.

4. Committee Member Comments

- a. Jessica Mills mentioned re-vegetative legislation was submitted for legislative review and draft language to the Legislative Review Committee. This re-vegetative legislation would require buy and dry land to be re-vegetated with native grass and plants, so that the soil would not die. Chair Woolley mentioned that this, once it is further along, would make for an interesting future CAG presentation.
- b. Secretary Mary Wilson highlighted Aiken Audubon's upcoming monthly meeting on October 15, where Jessica Miller will be presenting about birding in Central California.
- c. Chair Woolley said the Manitou Seed Library will be having its first Seed Saturday of the fall/winter season at the Manitou Public Library. Seed Saturday's will continue on the second Saturday of every month October through April. On November 8, the Manitou Seed Library will also be co-sponsoring a large native seed share with the Wild Ones and the Colorado Native Plant Society.

5. Presentations

- a. Guest Speaker Cory Sutela: Medicine Wheel Trail Advocates (Med. Wheel)
 - i. Cory S. spoke about Med. Wheel and gave a brief rundown on what they do, what programs they have, and what trail projects they have and hope to be involved in. He also clarified that the Colorado Mountain Bike Association (COMBA) is a different organization from the Colorado Mountain Bike Coalition. Cory also mentioned an app in future development for live trail reporting.
 - ii. Contact: csutela@medwheel.org
 - iii. Presentation: [2025 MedWheel overview presentation for FCWD-compressed.pdf](#)
- b. Guest Speaker Pattie Benger: North Slope Recreation Area Study
 - i. Pattie B. spoke about the history of Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU) and their current policies. She then continued to detail the study overview, including goals/objectives, status updates, and high-level survey results. Pattie B. concluded with proposed trail concepts and next steps. Mark Shea jumped in

to clarify that some of the proposed trails are in the same location as some artificial beaver ponds, and that there will be a section of proposed trail crossing the Pikes Peak Highway but only near the Crystal Creek Reservoir Dam. Alli S. mentioned that a North Slope Recreation Area tour would be a great future event for a joint TAC/CAG in-person get-together.

- ii. Contact: pbenger@csu.org
- iii. Presentation: [NSRA FCWD 10102025.pdf](#)
- a. Guest Speaker Ashley Perry: Generation Wild of the Pikes Peak Region
 - i. Ashley P. started with a summary of Generation Wild background information before moving on to talk about the evolution of the coalition in the Pikes Peak Region (PPR). She detailed some PPR focus areas as well as some state-wide updates, including the introduction of a new GenWild Pueblo branch.
 - ii. Contact: director@generationwildppr.org
 - iii. Presentation: [FCWD Presentation.pptx](#)

6. Current Business/Discussion

- a. Alli S. shared that the Board meeting on September 19 featured a “Lessons Learned” presentation that introduced a more natural, hands-off approach to Fountain Creek management. This entails a continuation of the Bendway Weirs at the Masciantonio Trust at future projects (Frost Ranch). Southmoor Drive continues to see an erosion issue from runoff from a nearby storage facility. She discussed two projects for capital improvement recommendations next year (a total of \$1.1 million): Frost Ranch and woody debris removal projects. The District has seen success with grants to stretch limited dollars but will keep the budget flat for 2026.
- b. Alli S. shared updates on projects, starting with maintenance. \$100,000 has been budgeted for this activity in 2025, with \$50,000 coming from the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District. The Barr Farm project site has been identified as the priority area for these limited funds. The TAC will be identifying further maintenance dollar allotment. The in-lieu fee program with the Army Corps. of engineers is on standby until the end of the government shutdown. A new community raingarden was planted with over 80 native plants in front of a residential home in Colorado Springs, and there are plans to expand the community raingarden program.
- c. Alli S. stated that the MMF board met on September 9, 2025 and finalized the Capital Improvement Plan.
- d. No discussed TAC updates - Mark and Annie were not present at the time of request to speak.
- e. No discussed website updates - Vice Chair Mary Barber was not present.
- f. Secretary Wilson presented on COS FCWD outreach efforts from the end of September into the month of October. Susan F. presented an overview on Pueblo FCWD outreach efforts during the same timeframe. [CAG Outreach Update Oct. 2025.pptx](#)
- g. No discussed AFCURE updates - Andra and Annie were not present

7. New Business

- a. Creek Week reporting was postponed until the next CAG meeting on November 14, 2025.

8. 2025 Meeting Schedule

- a. Nov 14th
- b. Dec – no meeting

9. Public Comments

- a. none

10. Adjourn

Chair Woolley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was approved with a quorum present at 11:37 AM.