

Fountain Creek ILF Program – Standing Meeting Notes



Date: 03/02/2026

Location: Microsoft Teams

Time: 3:00 PM

Agenda:

1. Introductions of those present (if needed)
 - a. *Steve Atencio, General Council to FCWD*
 - b. *Spencer Wells, stormwater program manager with Stormwater Enterprises*
2. IRT update on Draft ILF Instrument
 - a. Draft ILF Instrument submitted August 2025
 - b. Public Notice began in January 2026 and closed on February 28, 2026
 - i. USFWS, CDPHE and USACE meeting
 1. *CDPHE was unable to attend and a follow-up with IRT is scheduled for March 10th. USFWS is supportive and excited to be part of the ILF program development.*
 - c. Submit Final ILF Instrument by July 31, 2026.
 - i. Address comments received
 1. *Public comments are due back from the USACE by 4/29.*
 - ii. Easement template – USACE vs. Palmer
 1. *Members discussed the appropriate path forward for an easement template. Lucy conveyed the issues with the current USACE template and shared her experience working with land trust organizations, such as Palmer, to use and modify the USACE template for other restoration projects in Colorado. For the purposes of the Final ILF Program Instrument, Mark recommended using USACE's template if one is required to be submitted. GEI to follow up on requirements and report back to the group. If a confirmed template is required, a modified template that incorporates FCWD's needs will need to be prepared, which could require several months of review by USACE once it is submitted. Palmer also inquired about funds to support their efforts for developing an easement template to meet the FCWD's needs.*
3. Update on meetings held to date
 - a. Credit interest from clients – Consultants, CDOT
 - i. *Lucy provided an overview of clients interested in purchasing credits from the ILF Program.*
 - b. State of the Watershed meeting
 - i. *Alli provided a quick overview of the State of the Watershed meeting. Overall, the event was successful and positive feedback was received.*
 - c. HBA – Alli
 - i. *Overview of ILF Program with key focus that the program is not imposing a fee. The HBA was interested and excited at this news.*

- d. City of Pueblo – Alli/Bill
 - i. *Overview of ILF Program with key City of Pueblo members.*
- e. Green Mountain Falls – Alli
 - i. *Reviewed problem areas in the upper portion of Fountain Creek Watershed for potential restoration projects.*
- 4. Transition of ILF subcommittee to ILF Committee
 - a. *Steve A. recommended to the Board that there be an ILF Committee of the Board. This would be a transition from the existing ILF Sub-committee to one the Board directly oversees. In turn, the Board would appoint 3 board members (Terry, Tamara, and Steve A.) to be the “ILF Committee” and would report directly to the FCWD Board. This transition would occur once the final ILF Instrument is approved (est. Late Summer 2026).*
- 5. Scope of work for next phase of ILF Program
 - a. *Due to limited time, this agenda item was not discussed.*
- 6. ILF Program Dashboard
 - a. SIPA Grant
 - i. *Due to limited time, this agenda item was not discussed.*
- 7. Next steps - *Due to limited time, this agenda item was not discussed.*
 - a. Continuing project identification
 - i. Development of project selection criteria
 - ii. Identify willing landowners for initial projects
 - iii. Ongoing discussions regarding decreed ponds
 - b. Future meetings
 - i. Special Board Meeting on March 9,2026
 - ii. ILF for Practitioners meeting on March 12, 2026
 - iii. City of Fountain meeting, date TBD
 - iv. Future ILF Subcommittee meetings through July 2026
 - c. Outreach to landowners and partner groups.
 - i. Op Ed in newspaper?