



Citizens Advisory Group Meeting

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

November 14th, 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 Barber - CAG Vice Chair
 - c. Mary Wilson - FCWD/CAG Secretary
 - d. Jessica Mills - CAG Ag. Representative
 - e. Lucy Rogers - FCWD
 - f. Alli Schuch - FCWD
 - g. David Burnham - Trout Unlimited
 - h. Susan Finzel - FCWD
 - i. Kathy Harris - Citizen at Large
 - j. Terry Hart - FCWD Board Chair
 - k. Jeanette Lara - Colorado Parks and Wildlife
 - l. Mark Shea - Colorado Springs Utilities
 - m. Allen Beauchamp - Trails and Open Space Coalition
 - n. Joe Cervi - Pueblo Water

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 November Meeting Agenda. The November Meeting Agenda was approved with no additions or deletions.

3. Approve Minutes of Prior Meetings – October 10, 2025

- a. Chair Woolley made a motion to approve October 10th CAG meeting minutes. October 10th CAG minutes were approved with no establishment of corrections or updates.


4. Committee Member Comments

- a. David Burnham mentioned a tour he attended in Palmer Lake north of Monument Creek, where attendees viewed fish and restorations efforts.
- b. Chair Woolley brought up the Southern CO Seed Share that took place last Saturday (9.8.25). There were approximately 75-80 attendees and tens of thousands of native seeds were distributed. The event took place at the same time as the Veteran's Day parade in downtown COS.
- c. Allen Beauchamp mentioned an upcoming bike ride with Councilwoman Kimberly Gold starting at City Hall for a Day of Remembrance event and heading down the Pikes Peak Greenway for a tour of urban bike trails and southeast infrastructure. Their travel along the Pikes Peak Greenway Trail and the Sand Creek Trail, as specified by Allen B., will highlight the corridor that urban creekways provide for urban trails. The outing will culminate up Platte to the Northern Gateway to emphasize the need for continued connectivity. Allen B. mentioned that this is in preparation for more of these kinds of connectivity-forward activities, especially in and around the southeast come spring time.
- d. Mark Shea detailed a topic of discussion from the TAC regarding a new state permit program that will oversee and regulate impacts to waters of the state. These are water features that are no longer covered by federal protection under the Army Corps of Engineers 404 Permit Program. The state of Colorado passed this legislation to step in and create a new state permit program that would oversee and protect waters that are no longer subject to federal permit requirements. This will provide good protection for a lot of ephemeral and intermittent stream channels and isolated wetlands that are no longer subject to federal protection. Mark S. also mentioned FCWD is working on implementing an in-lieu fee mitigation program to offset impacts of projects being permitted by the US Army Corps of Engineers and the state permit program.
- e. Mark S. mentioned that Annie Burlman will be stepping away from the TAC in January of 2026 to pursue a watershed-adjacent role in Water Resources Management on the Arkansas River. A new Fountain Creek Program Manager will be introduced at the beginning of 2026.

5. Presentations

- a. Guest Speaker Joe Cervi: The new Pueblo Waterworks Park
 - i. Joe C. spoke about his journey to being a Public Relations Specialist with Pueblo Water. He mentioned the Waterworks Park is unique in that a lot of people involved with the project got to see it from conception and design through breaking ground all the way to completion. The project totalled \$11 million to complete, \$9.75 million of which was covered by a grant from CWCB, who has also helped fund some FCWD projects. Joe showed a video with project drone footage, before and after videos, and clips of the planning process (the file is too large to group share or link - reach out to Joe

individually requesting video access). A 115th scale model of the project was built in Canada to test hydrology scenarios. Adjacent project work, like parking and bathrooms, will be pursued by an entity other than Pueblo Water, whose sole focus is the project itself. Joe C. promoted the Waterworks park as a point of community building, pride, and galvanization. There is limited user data, but security camera footage shows frequent summer use. The park is free, so hot summer days see busy traffic. The City of Pueblo PD is in charge of enforcing PFD requirements, and the Conservancy District - with support - organized stations of loaner life vests that can be used, borrowed, and then returned. Susan F. mentioned it would be a good idea to pursue interpretive signage to tie in education and conservation with recreation. Pueblo Water will be responsible for continued maintenance, and trees and native plants were supplied by Trees Please. There are feasibility plans underway to explore a similar recreation effort in Colorado Springs along Fountain Creek, but no solid projects have been approved or confirmed.

- ii. Contact: jcervi@pueblowater.org
 - iii. Website: <https://pueblowater.org/waterworks-park/>
- b. Guest Speakers Mary Wilson and Susan Finzel: Creek Week 2025 Summary
- i. Mary W. introduced Creek Week 2025 summary details, including event scope, event promotion, and the total sponsors and donors who contributed to the event's success. Susan F. took over to walk CAG meeting attendees through a photo gallery showing the wide span of volunteers who gave their time to pick up trash in the Fountain Creek Watershed. This included anything from businesses to scout troops to schools across the watershed. Creek Week in Pueblo extended beyond the nine-day timeframe, and there was a massive cleanup effort that took place underneath Pinon Bridge in partnership with the Pueblo Health Department. Mary W. jumped back in to present the cleanup data and survey results. ~16.5 tons of trash was picked up by 1,500+ volunteers in 70 groups across 8 communities. Plastic bottles and caps were reported as the most littered item in the watershed. Every participant responded with interest in repeat volunteering, as a Crew Leader or Crew Member, in Creek Week again. Most Crew Leaders had participated before, but most Crew Members were new to Creek Week. There was an interest in FCWD programming, but a lack of awareness as to what programs were available. Susan F. concluded the presentation with Brewshed Alliance contributions, detailing the success of the Collab Brew that was released before Creek Week and advertising for upcoming Liquid Lectures. 2026 Creek Week planning will include stewardship projects and potential reexamination of cleanup sites.
 - ii. Contact: fountaincreekoutreach@gmail.com or sfinzel.211@gmail.com
 - iii. Presentation:  Creek Week 2025 Summary.pptx (1).pdf

6. Current Business/Discussion

- a. Alli S. shared that the Board meeting on October 19th featured guest speakers presenting on fire and flood response, prevention, and recovery. The Trust for Public Land also shared about the services that they offer for the Board's information. Two new TAC nominees were approved, Ashlynn from El Paso County Parks and Angie with the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments. The upcoming Board Meeting (11.21.25) will focus on the annual budget hearing and host a panel about the

unhoused.

- b. Alli S. shared updates on projects, starting Eagle Ridge and Southmoor Dr. Both projects have moved into the monitoring phase with future vegetative work scheduled. The erosion issue at Southmoor Dr. continues. The in-lieu fee program is starting again after being postponed by the government shutdown and is set to launch in early 2026.
- c. Alli S. stated that the MMF board met in October and finalized the Capital Improvement Plan, which was recommended to the Board for approval. Alli S. mentioned submitting a Technical Assistance Grant to support the identification of remaining MMF projects. Alli S. also detailed an upcoming collaborative effort to pursue a grant from CWCB with the Division II Water Engineer's Office, Ducks Unlimited, River Science, and, Palmer Land Conservancy to address the numerous undecreed ponds in the Arkansas Basin holding water that is committed to downstream entities, like Kansas. Lucy Harrington with GEI will be involved with machine learning to develop a template that can be used in both El Paso and Pueblo counties to do inventory.
- d. Mark S. spoke about the TAC meeting, mentioning that Ashlyn Matthey from El Paso County gave a project report about Will Springs. There were also discussions about in-lieu fee program progress. Mark S. gave a breakdown of what the in-lieu fee program entails.
- e. Vice Chair Mary Barber declared the FCWD website accessible, with the exception of some continually moving projects and documents. She proceeded to thank Streamline, the website platform, and the District team for their efforts and contributions. There will be a short meeting conducted in January for District Secretary Chairs to learn about accessibility.
- f. Secretary Wilson presented on COS FCWD outreach efforts from the end of September into the month of October, including presentations at UCCS and The Colorado Springs School. Susan F. presented an overview on Pueblo FCWD outreach efforts during the same timeframe, including the new Pueblo Bike Trail Signage plan with the City of Pueblo Parks and Recreation Department.
- g. Andra and Annie were not present for AFCURE updates, so Mark S. reported out on the AFCURE meeting that took place on 11.4.25. AFCURE members have a collaborative water monitoring project covering over 50 locations where sampling's being done for a significant number of parameters. Data is being managed by Brown and Caldwell, which is currently being converted over to Power BI to more easily view, manage, and work with that data. The Water Quality Control Division and Commission is wondering how much data is needed. Some stakeholders in the state don't have enough data to support proposals related to water quality standards or permit limits. The Fountain Creek watershed has lots of data, but there is the question of whether or not old data maintains usability.

7. New Business

- a. The next CAG meeting on 1.9.26 will be hybrid at Fountain Utility Operations Center 700 S Charter Oak Ranch Rd Fountain, CO. This will be the meeting where officers are elected and the Sunshine Act is addressed.
- b. CAG Member survey poll results will be shared out separately to be discussed later at the Jan. 9th meeting.
- c. Chair Woolley confirmed that second Fridays from 930am to 1130am will remain the CAG schedule timeframe moving into 2026.

8. 2026 Meeting Schedule

- a. 1.9 hybrid at Fountain Utility Operations Center 700 S Charter Oak Ranch Rd
Fountain, CO
- b. 2.13
- c. 3.13
- d. 4.10
- e. 5.8
- f. June-July no meetings. TAC/CAG Field Trip TBD
- g. 8.14
- h. 9.11
- i. 10.9
- j. 11.13
- k. 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 11:33 AM.