



Citizens Advisory Group Meeting

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

September 12th, 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. Mary Wilson - FCWD
 - b. Lucy Rogers - FCWD
 - c. Alli Schuch - FCWD
 - d. David Burnham - Trout Unlimited
 - e. Judith Rice-Jones - Citizen at Large
 - f. Lucy Hart - Citizen at Large
 - g. Glenn Carlson - Trails and Open Space Coalition
 - h. Allen Beauchamp - Trails and Open Space Coalition
 - i. Susan Finzel - FCWD
 - j. Kathy Harris - Citizen at Large
 - k. Terry Hart - CAG Chair
 - l. Jessica Mills - CAG Ag. Representative
 - m. Jessica Miller - Fountain Creek Nature Center
 - n. Jeanette Lara - CPW
 - o. Melody Daugherty - Manitou Pollinators
 - p. Mary Barber - CAG Vice Chair

A quorum was established by Vice Chair Mary Barber. Mary Wilson was introduced as the new Watershed Outreach Coordinator for FCWD.

2. Approve September Meeting Agenda

Vice Chair Barber made a motion to approve the September Meeting Agenda. The September Meeting Agenda was approved with no additions or deletions.

3. Approve Minutes of Prior Meetings – May 9th, 2025 and August 8th, 2025

- a. Due to lack of quorum at the August CAG meeting, May 9th CAG meeting minutes needed to be approved at this meeting. Vice Chair Barber made a motion to approve May 9th CAG minutes. May 9th CAG minutes were approved with no establishment of corrections or updates.
- b. Vice Chair Barber made a motion to approve August 8th CAG meeting minutes. August 8th CAG minutes were approved with no establishment of corrections or updates.

4. Committee Member Comments

- a. Alli Schuch mentioned she looked at CAG and TAC bylaws, which state that if a member of either TAC or CAG misses three consecutive meetings, the board chairperson can review the matter and recommend to the board that that member will be dismissed. Alli stated that she will discuss the matter with Chair David Woolley (not present) to make dismissal recommendations at the next meeting.

5. Presentations

- a. Guest Speaker Glenn Carlson: TOSC 101
 - i. Glenn C. spoke about TOSC and gave a brief rundown on what they do and what programs they have. He also mentioned some future projects in the works: a TOSC-run app and website with COS comprehensive trail and open space information and a COS city Botanic Garden. Glenn C. spoke without a presentation due to technical difficulties, but attached is his official TOSC 101 presentation with more information.  TOSC Overview 2025.pdf
- b. Outreach Updates
 - i. Mary W. presented on COS FCWD outreach efforts, both before her tenure as the Outreach Coordinator and after her assumption of the position. Susan F. presented an overview on Pueblo FCWD outreach efforts. Both gave a summary of forecasted outreach efforts and events for the month of September into October.  CAG Outreach Update Sept. 2025.pptx

6. Current Business/Discussion

- a. Alli S. shared that the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservation District has agreed to fund half of new maintenance on Fountain Creek Watershed. The board has decided the 2026 budget will stay flat due to instability across federal funding and government worlds. The next Board meeting will be Friday, September 19, and Stantec will be presenting on comparative river science using Fountain Creek data and global creek and river data.
- b. Alli S. shared updates on projects, starting with Southmoor Drive. The increase in rain has caused damage from runoff from a nearby concrete storage area. FCWD is looking into cost-effective solutions for this, as paving that part of the trail - Alli S. calculated - would cost around \$40,000 - \$120,000. The Eagle Ridge project is complete. The Frost Ranch project currently has a grant covering about 60% of the design for the wall installation; FCWD just applied for another grant that would

bring the total to 100% coverage.

- c. Alli S. discussed the possible implementation of Bendway Weirs. MMF funding might go towards funding a study of Bendway Weirs as a more cost-effective river management solution. Alli S. shared that Bar Farm and a woody debris removal project in Pueblo County will be receiving funding from the MMF.
- d. Alli S. mentioned that the State of the Watershed event will be postponed until January due to conflicting schedules.
- e. Alli S. stated that there are \$9 million dollars remaining in the fund. The MMF board that met on August 12, 2025 has moved forward with approval of putting remaining funds towards the Frost Ranch project and the woody debris removal project in Pueblo County.
- f. Alli S. mentioned the District Projects Tour coming up on October 3. The tour is open to the public.
- g. Allen B. mentioned that he will listen for information about the trail on the Southmoor Drive Project and that he had heard it come up at the El Paso County Parks Board Meeting earlier that week. David B. asked if runoff could be ameliorated up-front, and Alli S. stated that Steve R. (FCWD Operations) was told by the City of Fountain that this is a civil issue.
- h. Chair Terry H. shared TAC updates, as Mark and Annie were not present. Steve R. presented at TAC with project updates. The City of Colorado Springs announced they will be updating their drainage criteria manual and will be asking for support from FCWD. Chair Terry H. mentioned that we are an asset and a resource to our member governments, and he hopes that they will provide us with projects and needs that are higher on their priority lists.
- i. Vice Chair Barber reemphasized that the website is being updated to maintain accessibility.

7. New Business

- a. Mary W. gave a presentation with details about Creek Week, current Creek Week registration, and how to get involved.  CAG Creek Week 2025.pptx Jeanette L. asked about a trailhead closure at Pikeview Reservoir. Alli S. and Allen B. jumped in with some contact suggestions. Mary W. addressed a question from Judith R. J. about trash categorization, stating that kind of attention to detail is up to the Crew Leader in charge of the cleanup.

8. 2025 Meeting Schedule

- a. Oct 10th
- b. Nov 14th
- c. Dec – no meeting

9. Public Comments

- a. none

10. Adjourn

Vice Chair Barber made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was approved with a quorum present.