



FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED

Flood Control And Greenway District

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Technical Advisory Committee

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 7, 2024 – 1:00 PM

1. Call to Order, Introductions, and Establishment of a Quorum: The meeting was held virtually via a Zoom video conference call and in-person at the City of Fountain Library. A quorum was established, the meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. Introduction of new members.

Committee Members in Attendance

Aaron Brice	Pueblo County
Andrew Callaghan	City of Pueblo
Annie Berlemann	Colorado Springs Utilities, Watershed Planning
Ben Sheets	City of Fountain
Beth Nosker	State of Colorado, Division of Water Resources
Christina Prete	El Paso County
Dominga Jimenez-Garcia	Pueblo County
Erin Powers	City of Colorado Springs, SWENT
Jeff Rice	El Paso County, Engineering
Jonathan Griffen	Pueblo County
Jonathan Moore	Fountain Sanitation District
Melissa Whittengslow	Fort Carson, Stormwater
Mark Shea	Colorado Springs Utilities, Watershed Planning
Terry Hart	CAG Chair

Others in Attendance:

Abha Dwivedy	City of Fountain
Alli Schuch	Fountain Creek Watershed District, Executive Director
Angie S	Fountain Creek Watershed District, Education and Outreach
Ann Werner	PPACG
Ian Paton	WWE
Jim Heckman	Fountain Sanitation District
Kevin Binkley	Colorado Springs Utilities
Steven Rodriguez	Fountain Creek Watershed District, Operations Manager

2. Approve Agenda for the August 7, 2024: Agenda reviewed and approved by consensus.
3. Approve Minutes of the May 1, 2024: Minutes approved by consensus with spelling correction.
4. TAC Member Comments:
 - a. Mark Shea notified the committee that CDPHE is setting up a Dredge and Fill program stakeholder outreach series of meetings. Alli introduced Angie Schirtzinger, the new Fountain Creek District Outreach Coordinator.
5. Public Comments:

- a. Beth Nosker DNR, notified the TAC that Lisa Unger will no longer be part of Division 10, but will remain at DNR, please remove her from the TAC mailing list.

6. Presentations:

- a. Military Stormwater Programs Part II – Melissa Whittingslow, Section 404 & Wetlands Manager, Fort Carson
Fort Carson is 137,000 ac and Pinyon Canon Maneuver Site (PCMS) is 236,000 acers. Discussed organizational chart in the Environmental Division. Reviewed goals of the natural resource program.
 - 404 Permits Program and Wetlands – any project is under USACE regulatory control which projects can be permitted under a nationwide general permit, regional general permit, or individual permits. Most projects are covered by nationwide general permits.
 - New WOTUS definition -see presentation for map.
 - Fort Carson Wetlands program – Fort Carson and PCMS are included in the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI). FC has 500 wetlands amounting to 985 acres and PCMS 720 wetlands amounting to 384 acres. Managed in accordance with Executive Order 11990 and the Clean Water Act. See presentations for maps.
 - Floodplains – Does fall under EO 11990 and where last mapped in 2012, next mapping is scheduled for 2026.
- b. NRCS Project on Fountain Creek – Jonathan Moore, Assistant District Manager, Fountain Sanitation District

The Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program through partnerships, providing technical assistance and financial assistance through conservation programs. Generally, NRCS can cover 75% with 25% match plus technical feeds. See presentation for maps of June 2023 flood and storm damage. Discussed ordinary high-water mark and defining 100-year floodplain. This project must meet NRCS requirements and then moved to design and construction. Final bids need to be less than the preliminary estimate because NRCS reserves funds. NRCS will review and provide engineering guidance. Overview of project design and engineering requirements. Construction began October 23rd and finished November 30th. See presentation for final project photos. Total project budget was \$1,374,000.

7. Reports:

- a. District Board/Water Activity Enterprise Board/Project Updates: Alli Schuch reported that the District Board and Water Activity Enterprise Board met on July 19, 2024. Reviewed rebranding effort. THE BOD heard a presentation on the Loop Project, reviewed the 2023 audit. Brief project, outreach, and grant update. The next meeting is August 16, 2024, at 9:00 am on Zoom and in-person at Fountain City Hall.
- b. Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee: The MMFAC met and discussed grants and the 2025 CIP. The next meeting on August 14, 2024, at 8:00 am on Zoom or in-person.
- c. Citizens Advisory Group: Terry Hart reported the CAG met June 14, 2024. Panel discussion on the unhoused in the Fountain Creek Watershed. The next meeting is August 9, 2024, held virtually.

- d. AFCURE: Annie Berlemann reported that AFCURE met on August 6, 2024. AFCURE had a meeting with CDPE WQCD to discuss water quality monitoring efforts. The meeting went well but no firm resolution on how site-specific standards or discharger specific variance or watershed standard could be applied using AFCURE's modeling efforts. There was a report out on the Colorado Water Quality Forum retreat. Andrew gave an overview of Pueblo's DSV. Notable work group includes updating Policy 10-1 Aquatic life. The next meeting is September 4, 2024.

8. New Business:

- a. None

9. Ongoing Business:

- a. Partnership Projects – discussion through the ILF.
- b. In-Lieu Fee –Steve Rodriguez gave an update on the progress of the ILF. Focus has been on a service area and species of concern. Steve will be working with coordination with USACE.
- c. Regional/Military Stormwater Subcommittee – presentations will continue for part II.

10. Future Business

- a. MHFCD discussion on project maintenance (September)
- b. Jimmy Camp Creek Drainage Basin Fee Setting (Jeff Rice, summer/fall)
- c. AF CURE nutrient white paper and/or PFAS
- d. USAFA Update – Ann Werner and Brian Mihlbachler (fall/winter)
- e. Dredge and Fill permitting
- f. Exit 104 Potential Creek Crossing Project – Pueblo Public Works (fall/winter)
- g. Tours

11. Set Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting: The next meeting is on September 4, 2024, at 1:00, on Zoom and in-person.

12. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m. by consensus.