



FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

Citizens Advisory Group Meeting

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

May 9, 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. Alli Schuch- FCWD
 - b. Susan Finzel- FCWD
 - c. Brianna Fett- FCWD
 - d. David Woolley- CAG Chair
 - e. Mary Barber- CAG Vice Chair
 - f. Terry Hart- Citizen at Large, Pueblo
 - g. Jeanette Lara- CPW
 - h. Annie Berlemann- Colorado Springs Utilities
 - i. Jessica Mills- CAG Ag. Representative
 - j. Kathy Harris- Citizen at Large
 - k. Lisa Pace- Colorado Springs Utilities
 - l. Allen Beauchamp- Trails and Open Space Coalition

2. Approve February Meeting Agenda

Chair Woolley made a motion to approve the “April” meeting agenda. ED Schuch noted a typo in the agenda and corrected it to be the May Meeting agenda. ED Schuch made a motion to make this change. The change was seconded by Board Chair Hart and the change was approved by consensus.

3. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting with noted change – April 11, 2025

Chair Woolley made a motion to make the amendments below. ED Schuch made a motion to approve the amendments which were seconded by Board Chair Hart and the amendments were approved by consensus.

Approved by consensus with noted change:

- Attendee list needs to be updated.



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- Change “E coli tm deal” to “E coli tm dl” during Current Business discussion section 6G.

4. Committee Member Comments

- a. Chairman Woolley mentioned the Pikes Peak Nature and Bird Festival for the coming weekend. A possible event where the district could present next year.

5. Presentations

a. What’s Going On In 2025?- Lisa Pace

- i. Lisa Pace discussed recent drought conditions and snowpack conditions in consideration with the monthly storage of water for Colorado Springs Utilities. An overview was given of the new Colorado Springs landscape code which went into effect in 2023, as well as an overview of the Colorado non-functional turfgrass legislation (SB 24-005), which goes into effect in 2026. This was followed by a discussion around water-wise landscapes, including their improvements towards economic, environmental, and human health topic. The importance of native grasses was also discussed.

b. 2025 Great American Cleanup: 10 Years of Success in Colorado- Brianna Fett

- i. Brianna Fett presented the data retrieved from site leader forms, which had a 50% response rate. The data shows 23 groups, 264 volunteers, 6,009 pounds of trash removed, and 55.75 total hours donated by groups. Crew leaders liked the new registration software (rating it a 3.8/5). 96% of Crew Leaders are interested in participating in the GAC again, or another event with the FCWD. 100% of crew leaders stated they were provided with enough guidance and support to effectively manage their crew, and overall Crew Leaders were satisfied with the event.
- ii. Susan Finzel stepped in to share her perspective of the event from Pueblo. She highlights that Volunteer Local was very impressed with our usage of their software and they wish to highlight our work in their corporate newsletter this year. She also shares how some cleanup groups went out on kayaks to clean fishing line and other litter from the shores.

6. Current Business/Discussion

- a. ED Schuch gave an update on the board. There is an ongoing search to find a replacement for a small municipality representative for the board now that Jim Romanello has passed. The board met on April 18th and Richard Skorman presented on the founding of the FCWD. Strategic planning was discussed, there will be a strategic planning workshop with Kearns and West in June or July. The next board meeting is May 16, 2025, and is virtual only.
- b. ED Schuch gave an update on current projects. A large storm this past week impacted our ongoing projects. Eagleridge is about 70% complete, with a slight set back due to a berm



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washing away caused by weather. The project is still on track to be completed by the end of the month. Southmoor Drive also sustained a bit of damage due to weather, but the project held up well thanks to the new mixture of wood and rock. A video was shared of the Southmoor Drive site in action. There will be a ribbon cutting event for Southmoor Drive in June.

- c. ED Schuch discussed current grant work. The FCWD grants team is looking into the Colorado Water Conservation Board Education and Innovation grant, which will be submitted July 1. This grant would support a collaborative GIS mapping project with Colorado College students, UCCS students, and other partners at the Sustainacenter.
- d. ED Schuch discussed strategic planning. A communication plan is being established which will look at our messaging systems for the rest of the year.
- e. Upcoming events: May 28th there will be a riparian workshop for landowners on Fountain Creek; Raingarden installation in the Stratton neighborhood will occur on June 1st and October 11th; on July 11th there will be a TACAG tour up Pikes Peak.
- f. Annie Berlemann recapped the TAC meeting from May 7th. Three different presentations: one was on wildfire ready watersheds implementation grant, second was an update on the Ute Pass and the Chipita Park bridge project, and the third was from IMEG about report findings from grant funding for the district.
- g. Mary Barber didn't have anything new to report.
- h. Outreach
 - i. Susan Finzel summarized the work in Pueblo: Updated on Generation Wild Pueblo Consortium Launch meetings which will culminate in a grant proposal to Great Outdoors Colorado; Worked on sponsorship program; completed many classes, programs, and tabling events; prep work for Ride the Watershed Bike Tour on May 30th; Brew at the Zoo at the end of April.
 - ii. Brianna Fett summarized the work in Colorado Springs: GAC prep work, final troubleshooting, getting supply pickups organized, and hosting a crew leader orientation; Clean n Crawl prep work; fishing derby prep work; summer program prep work; next Wednesday is COS Liquid Lecture, Birding on the Rooftop.
- i. Annie Berlemann summarized the AFCUR meetings about site specific standards and watershed-wide standards for various pollutants. There is a want for another 9-element plan to be put together for temperature like the current one for E Coli.

7. New Business

- a. Susan Finzel wants to remind the CAG to attend the Ride the Watershed event.
- b. Jeanette Lara wants to share the Get Outdoors Day event in Monument Park 6.7.25. Volunteers are needed.

8. 2025 Meeting Schedule



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- a. Jun/Jul - no meetings, TACAG Tour July 11th.
- b. Aug 8th
- c. Sept 12th
- d. Oct 10th
- e. Nov 14th
- f. Dec - no meeting

9. Public Comments

- a. None

10. Adjourn

Chair Woolley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. ED Schuch seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.