



FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED

Flood Control And Greenway District

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Technical Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 1, 2022 – 1:00 PM

1. Call to Order, Introductions, and Establishment of a Quorum: The meeting was held via a Zoom video conference call. A quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order at 102 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance

Andra Ahrens	City of Pueblo, Water Quality
Annie Berlemann	Colorado Springs Utilities, Watershed Planning
Brian Mihlbachler	USAF Academy
Dominga Jimenez-Garcia	Pueblo County, Public Works
Johnathan Moore	Fountain Sanitation District
Jason Meyer	El Paso County, Parks
Kevin Binkley	Colorado Springs Utilities
Laura Hempel	USGS
Mark Shea	Colorado Springs Utilities, Watershed Planning
Terry Hart	District Citizen's Advisory Group

Others in Attendance:

Allison Schuch	Interim FCWFCGD Watershed Executive Director
Andrew Rippe	Pueblo County, Public Works/Stormwater
Ian Patton	Wright Water Engineers
Jeff Rice	El Paso County, Engineering
Melinda Norris	Fort Carson Stormwater
Bridgette Glass	Fort Carson Stormwater
Sara Skiegen-Caird	GEI Consultants
Jonathan Griffen	Pueblo County
Tom Smrdel	SWCA
Cedric	Citizen

2. Approve Agenda for the June 1, 2022, Meeting: A motion was made by Mark Shea to approve the agenda, seconded by Andra Ahrens, and approved by unanimous vote.
3. Approve Minutes of the May 4, 2022, Meeting: A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Terry Hart, seconded by Mark Shea, and approved by unanimous vote.
4. TAC Member Comments:
 - a. Mark Shea led a discussion on USACE nationwide permit issues. What was traditionally an Individual Permit now requires a Nationwide and SQT. This has caused project delays and cancelations. Discussion if anyone else is having 404 permit issues, and if there is interested in supporting a regional permit. This

could affect the District on some projects. Denver Flood Control has a regional general permit and it has worked well. Brian noted that AFA missed a permit and had to cancel a project. Kevin Binkley discussed two project changes due to this issue. Mark will be putting together a small group of stakeholders to discuss.

5. Public Comments:

- a. None.

6. Presentations:

- a. See New.

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 May 27, 2022. There was a discussion of District merchandise to advertise the District brand. There has been a contract change on bookkeeping. The 2021 audit is nearly complete. Matrix will be showing 30% design at the next MMFAC meeting. The Fountain Creek Vision Implementing Plan will be presenting at the next Board meeting. The Pueblo Levee has stalled due to the old railroad abutment. Frost Ranch site visit for the CIP, E. coli Demonstration Project has one potential interested property. Strategic planning and survey are out. The next meeting is June 24, 2022.
- b. Citizens Advisory Group: Terry Hart reported that the CAG met May 13, 2022. A presentation of AF CURE was given. Led to good discussion on water quality. CAG asked for AF CURE or report out at meetings. Discussion of water quality monitoring – Laura Hempel or Krystal Brown. Next meeting is this Friday June 10, 2022.
- c. Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee: Alli Schuch reported that the MMFAC met on May 18, 2022. The MMFAC is working on the 2023 CIP. Need for more project management support. The next meeting is June 15, 2022, in person at Fountain Creek Nature Center and virtual option.
- d. AFCURE: The next meeting is June 7, 2022

8. New Business:

- a. Review Scope of Work from the GEI Team on the feasibility of developing and implementing a successful In-Lieu Fee program (ILF) that would meet the goals of the Fountain Creek Watershed District – Sara Skiegen-Caird (GEI Consultants) and Tom Smrdel (SWCA)
 - i. SOW – Three Phases with feasibility and fatal flaw being key to provide return on investment and meeting watershed priorities. The SOW only is Phase I, but each Phase provides off ramps.
 - ii. Discussion on if there is enough interest to create a FIL/LIF. This would gauge if this were possible for the District.
 - iii. Recommendation to the District Board to more formally analyze mitigation banking/Fee In Lieu made by Mark Shea and seconded by Terry Hart. Noted that the City of Colorado Springs will not be supporting in channel mitigation with a program such as this.
 - iv. Channel in Colorado Springs limits are covered under another program, required by code.

9. Old Business:

- a. Removed members no longer participating in the TAC, motion made by Mark Shea, second by Andra

Ahrens which passed unanimously. The TAC recommend Melinda Norris as a member of the TAC in a motion made by Mark Shea, second by Terry Hart which carried unanimously.

10. Future Business

a. Upcoming presentation topics

- i. Geomorphic Hazard Mapping – Chris Sturm (DWR), Laura Hempel (USGS)
- ii. Review the MMF’s processes for developing the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and deciding upon projects. Discuss the best ways to exchange information among the committees– Led by TAC and MMF members Mark Shea and Terry Hart

11. Set Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting: The next District TAC meeting will be held via Zoom video call July 6, 2022, at 1:00 pm.

12. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm with a motion by Terry Hart, seconded by Mark Shea, the motion passed unanimously.