



# **FOUNTAIN CREEK**

## WATERSHED DISTRICT

### **Citizens Advisory Group Meeting**

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

**January 9th, 2026**

**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 quorum was established by CAG Chair David Woolley, and the CAG meeting started at 9:30 AM. Those in attendance:

- a. David Woolley - CAG Chair
- b. Mary Barber - CAG Vice Chair
- c. Mary Wilson - FCWD Staff, CAG Secretary
- d. Jessica Mills - CAG Ag. Representative
- e. Lucy Rogers - FCWD Staff
- f. Alli Schuch - FCWD Staff
- g. David Burnham - Trout Unlimited
- h. Susan Finzel - FCWD Staff
- i. Kathy Harris - Citizen at large
- j. Terry Hart - Pueblo citizen
- k. Mark Shea - Colorado Springs Utilities
- l. Allen Beauchamp - Trails and Open Space Coalition
- m. Yvonne Wetzig - Colorado Springs Utilities
- n. Will Vogel - El Paso County Conservation District, landowner & firefighter
- o. Eric Leonard - Citizen at large
- p. David Vaillencourt - Citizen at large
- q. Bailey Parentau - Pikes Peak State College

- r. Michelan Wilson - Colorado College
- s. Connor Borkowski - Pikes Peak Outdoor Recreation Alliance
- t. Kate Brady - Citizen at large

2. Approve January Meeting Agenda

- a. Chair Woolley made a motion to approve the January Meeting Agenda. The Meeting Agenda was approved by consensus with the noted changes:
  - i. Add the Approval of November Meeting Minutes
  - ii. Add the Annual Meeting agenda item.

3. Adjourn Regular Meeting, Enter into Annual Meeting

- a. Sunshine Act Compliance Requirements were reviewed as a group.
- b. Recommendation of members to the CAG for 2026 to the District Board.
  - i. Chair Woolley requested a motion to bring the CAG Membership Recommendations to the Board. The motion was approved by consensus.
- c. Recommendation of nominations for the CAG and Alternate CAG Rep on the District Board. Send to EPC and PC for approval.
  - i. Terry Hart will remain as the CAG Representative on the District Board and Mary Barber will remain as the Alternative CAG Representative on the District Board.
  - ii. A motion to recommend Terry Hart and Mary Barber as the CAG Representative to the District Board and the Alternative CAG Representative to the District Board to the Board of Directors was approved by consensus.
- d. Election of 2026 Officers of the CAG
  - i. Chair Woolley made a motion to maintain the current CAG officers was requested and approved by consensus.
  - ii. David Woolley remains as the CAG Chair
  - iii. Mary Barber remains as the CAG Vice Chair
  - iv. Mary Wilson remains as the CAG Secretary
  - v. David Woolley remains as the primary CAG Representative to the TAC with Mary Barber as the alternate
  - vi. Terry Hart remains as the primary CAG Representative to the MMFAC with David Woolley as the alternate.
  - vii. Terry Hart remains as the primary CAG Representative to the Board with Mary Barber as the alternate
- e. Chair Woolley made a motion to adjourn the Annual Meeting and return to the regular meeting. This was approved by consensus.

4. Watershed Moments

- a. Jessica Mills shared the free, upcoming Arkansas Valley Ag Expo in Rocky Ford. Information is found on the Lower Arkansas Valley Conservancy Districts social media. More info [here](#).
- b. Allen Beauchamp mentioned the recent improvements on Sand Creek near the intersection of Barnes and Tutt Blvd. This improved water quality,

stormwater, added trails, and increased connectivity among the community. More info is found [here](#).

- c. Alli Schuch shared that she has two new cats in her family, Miggie and Rae.
- d. Mary Wilson shared that the Aiken Audubon first meeting of the year is January 21, 2026 and that Aiken Audubon grants are open until the end of February.
- e. Chair Woolley shared that the Garden of the Gods Visitor Center will be doing their spring Bug Day in March.
- f. Dave Vaillencourt shared that he is on the Board of the Organization of Westside Neighbors, and they have a small newsletter/listserve that they are trying to grow. He is happy to help promote our events and help increase awareness. He is also interested and excited in helping push the Midland Trail Masterplan forward if possible.

## 5. Presentations

- a. Guest Speaker Dr. Michelan Wilson: Colorado College Environmental Economics and Fountain Creek Watershed District
  - i. Dr. Michelan Wilson spoke about the collaboration with her Environmental Economics course at Colorado College and the Fountain Creek Watershed District. Infographics and storymaps about the funding needed for the Fountain Creek Watershed District were the main projects of focus within the class. Two storymaps and two infographics were produced by the students, one storymap was shown and two of the infographics were shown.
  - ii. Contact: [mwilson2023@coloradocollege.edu](mailto:mwilson2023@coloradocollege.edu)
  - iii. Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/michelanwilson/home>

## 6. Approve minutes of prior meeting - November 14, 2025

- a. November meeting minutes approved by consensus.

## 7. Current Business/Discussion

- a. ED Report - Alli Schuch
  - i. Governing Board
    - 1. There was an abbreviated meeting in November to discuss the Small Municipality Board seat and what the town of Monument's growth means for the District Board. The current Small Municipalities representative, Alternate Jay Kita, will stay in the position for the rest of the year.
  - ii. Projects
    - 1. The Barr Farm Maintenance Project will begin Monday, January 12, 2026. This is the District's first maintenance effort.
    - 2. The Frost Ranch Project will kick off in February. A grant was received to get to 100% design, and funding will be matched by the MMF. Due to permitting, construction may not begin until 2027.
    - 3. A Technical Assistance grant was submitted to find locations to put

bendway weirs along Fountain Creek, which have been very successful in previous projects.

iii. MMF

1. There was no MMF meeting in December. Professors at USAFA have students in the engineering division who have built bridges for the town of Palmer Lake, and future collaborations are in the works.

b. TAC – Mark Shea

- i. The TAC had their annual meeting on January 7, 2026. A new Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary were elected to the committee. Yvonne Wetzig and Dave Allgood were introduced to the committee. A report out on the In-Lieu Fee subcommittee shared that it is in the review process with the Army Corps of Engineers. There will be a workshop on the In-Lieu Fee program in February or March.

c. Website - Mary Barber

- i. Vice Chair Barber shared that the FCWD website is in compliance for meeting national and state accessibility requirements. She proceeded to thank Streamline, the website platform, and the District team for their efforts and contributions.

d. WOC - Susan Finzel/Mary Wilson

- i. Secretary Wilson presented on FCWD outreach efforts for December and January. December focused on working with the Colorado College economics class and a Crafts & Crafts event at Voodoo Brewing. The end of year Impact Report was produced in December with the help of Jordan Witteveen, the FCWD's Administrative Assistant. January's focus was Brewshed® Alliance 2026 planning, and planning for the Great American Cleanup and Creek Week.
- ii. Susan Finzel presented on FCWD outreach efforts in Pueblo for December and January. She discussed her involvement with the Pueblo River Trail System Sign Renovation project. She spent time working on the Xcel Energy Grant e-newsletter articles, historic photo research at the Pueblo Library, the Crafts & Crafts event in Colorado Springs, and working with Pueblo breweries for the Brewshed® Alliance.

e. AFCURE – Mark Shea

- i. Mark Shea gave a rundown of AFCURE and its role in the watershed for the new members of the CAG. AFCURE met for their annual meeting on January 6, 2026 when they elected 2026 officers and gave a financial update. He then discussed water quality testing conducted by AFCURE and how the data will be shared. He also shared that there was discussion about Regulation 93, Colorado's impaired waters list.

## 8. New Business

a. CAG Member Survey Results

- i. Secretary Wilson compiled the results from the CAG Member Survey and prepared key takeaways. The top themes were community, connection,

expert-led learning, and visibility. The list of CAG potential speakers was produced from this feedback. The conversation around the survey results and action steps will continue at the February meeting.

- b. 2026 Speakers
  - i. February - Paul Foutz, CPW

#### 9. Meeting Schedule

- a. Keep 2nd Fridays monthly from 9:30 AM-11:30 AM virtual only unless otherwise specified.
  - i. Feb 13 - Hybrid at Fountain Utility Operations Center, 700 S Charter Oak Ranch Rd, Fountain, CO 80817
  - ii. Mar 13
  - iii. Apr 10
  - iv. May 8
  - v. Jun-Jul - no meetings. TAC/CAG Tour TBD
  - vi. Aug 14
  - vii. Sept 11
  - viii. Oct 9
  - ix. Nov 13
  - x. Dec - no meeting

#### 10. Public Comments

- a. None

#### 11. Adjourn

- a. Chair Woolley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was approved with a quorum present at 11:33 AM.