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Fountain Creek Watershed District Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee (MMFAC) Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 10, 2026 – 10:00 AM

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum:

The meeting was held virtually. Chair Alli Schuch called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.

Attendees

Summer Slama, CDOT

Aaron Brice, Dominga Jimenez-Garcia and Katrina Purcell, Pueblo County

Mark Shea and Yvonne Wetzig, Colorado Springs Utilities

Jason Messemer, City of Colorado Springs

Chris Olson, Wright Water Engineers

2. Approve March Meeting Agenda:

The March 10, 2026 meeting agenda was approved by consensus.

3. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting:

The January 13, 2026 meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

4. Committee Member Comments:

Mark introduced Yvonne and recommended her as his alternate to the committee. The Board will receive this recommendation and Alli will report back.

5. Presentations / Current Business:

a. CWCB Technical Assistance Grant / Stantec Study

The committee discussed the \$71,300 Colorado Water Conservation Board Technical Assistance Grant awarded to support identification of priority project areas for expenditure of remaining Monetary Mitigation Funds. The study will evaluate up to 12 sites along the Fountain Creek mainstem south of Colorado Springs and is expected to narrow the opportunities to approximately eight priority projects, including consideration of potential bendway weir locations.

b. Monetary Mitigation Fund Match



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The committee discussed the required \$21,562 match for the Stantec study and recommended that the match be provided from Monetary Mitigation Funds. The recommendation will be carried forward to the Water Activity Enterprise Board for consideration at its March 27 meeting.

c. Project Updates

Bar Farm: Steven provided an update on maintenance activities, including willow harvesting and revegetation work. The total maintenance project cost was reported at approximately \$104,000, including \$4,000 from the current year's maintenance fund.

Eagleridge and Southmoor: Warranty and vegetation work is underway. Willow and cottonwood plant materials are expected to be delivered and installed. Steven and Summer will coordinate with the project team and Hydroturf regarding timing and logistics.

Frost Ranch: Design work with Stantec is ongoing, and landowner agreements are being reviewed by legal counsel. Drone footage and photo-point documentation are expected to be completed soon. The committee discussed long-term site protection and the potential use of an existing or expanded conservation easement to support access, maintenance, and project protection.

d. Frost Ranch / Long-Term Site Protection

The committee discussed the relationship between long-term site protection and the potential Frost Ranch project. Mark raised the possibility of including project protections within an existing conservation easement. The District will continue to evaluate conservation easement and access/maintenance considerations with the landowner and legal counsel.

e. In-Lieu Fee Program

Mark provided an overview of the District's developing In-Lieu Fee Program and asked Chris for feedback. The discussion included the concept of selling advance mitigation credits to generate funding for future mitigation projects within the Fountain Creek Watershed. Chris indicated that he would review the program documentation and consult with colleagues at Wright Water Engineers before providing feedback to the committee.

f. Workshops and Other Updates

The committee was informed of an upcoming practitioner workshop at Bear Creek Nature Center and a landowner workshop scheduled for April 9 at 7 Bar L Ranch focused on willow harvesting and riparian area management.

6. Public Comments:

No public comments were noted.



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7. 2026 Meeting Schedule:

The committee agreed to cancel the April MMFAC meeting. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2026. A special meeting may be scheduled in early July to review the Stantec study results, if they are available.

8. Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.