



# FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED

## Flood Control And Greenway District

Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District  
Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee (MMFAC)

Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, August 29, 2024 – 2:00 PM

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

The meeting was held in person at the Fountain Operations Center and electronically via a Zoom tele/video-conference call. A quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

#### Committee Members in Attendance:

Allison Schuch	FCWFCGD Interim Director
Mark Shea	Colorado Springs Utilities Vice Chair
Annie Berlemann	Colorado Springs Utilities (Alternate)
Kevin Binkley	Colorado Springs Utilities
Emma Strong	Pueblo County (Alternate for Greg George)

#### Others in Attendance:

Ian Paton	Wright Water Engineers (Consultants for Pueblo County)
Steven Rodriguez	FCWFCGD

### 2. Approve Agenda:

- No Change.
- The agenda was approved by consensus.

### 3. Approve Minutes of the August Committee Meeting:

- No Change.
- The minutes were approved by consensus.

### 4. Committee Member Comments:

- Mark Shae had a comment about the state dredge and fill program. A stakeholder meeting will be held, and mitigation program workshops are upcoming. The state is starting to identify different parts of its permit program.
- Next week, the TAC meeting will have a presentation of the in-lieu fee program.

### 5. Presentations:

There are no presentations.

6. New Business:

- MMF contributions to date. Had several reviews of finances. Alli will provide a full update and summary of MMF expenditures to date at the September meeting. This is not an audit.

7. Current Business/Discussion:

- Grant Updates:
  - \$291,000 in technical assistance from CWCB to support the Frost Ranch Project. This is an ARPA grant for which ABT will support the grant writing. Will cover up to 75% of the bank stabilization at Frost Ranch.
  - Bureau of Reclamation Water Smart Cooperative Water Management Phase 2 is progressing. This is a grant we had technical assistance to set up a Monument Creek Watershed Task Force in the northern part of the watershed. To form a group of stakeholders, meeting monthly and coordinating the development of concepts and 60% design for a fix on Jackson Creek west of I-25 to where it confluences with Fountain Creek. PPACG won a large award from DOD to continue work up there and will be working with us on a contract for \$24,999 they can sole source for us to do some pre-planning work.
  - Received funding for technical support for an EPA community change grant. To improve environmental and public health in underserved communities. This would be with the eastside of Pueblo at El Centro del Quinto Sol and the southeast side of Colorado Springs, Generation Wild of the Pikes Peak Region. One to three million dollars grant over three years.
  - Awarded a \$5,000 grant to support willow staking on private properties. Train landowners and giveaway willow stakes.
- 2025 CIP:
  - Frost Focus Area: how do we earmark funding for it? 25% match and if we don't get the grant we don't move forward with the frost Focus area.
  - Sandoval Focus Area: Project on hold due to northern landowner violations.
  - Woody Debris Management on Fountain Creek. Some money in the general fund for general maintenance. Does Pueblo County agree that MMF funds can be used for this project.
- Ian shared on behalf of Pueblo County the county would like to assess the lessons learned from previous projects. As part of this Ian shared the project effectiveness slides that were previously shared by Matrix at the February 2024 MMF meeting.
- Sandoval Focus area:
  - Discussion on starting a conversation on the problem and statutory authority.
- Southmoor Drive/Eagleridge Project Updates
  - Out to bid, had to amend the bid documents. Competing with a lot of projects due on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Moved it back out to the 23<sup>rd</sup> to give them more time.

8. Confirm Next Meeting Time and Location:

**2024 Meeting Schedule**

- a. Sept 18
- b. Oct 16
- c. Nov 20
- d. Dec – no meeting

9. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. by consensus.