



FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED

Flood Control And Greenway District

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Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 6, 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 not initially established, and the meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was later established.

Committee Members in Attendance

Jason Meyer	El Paso County, Parks
Laura Hempel	USGS
Terry Hart	District Citizen's Advisory Group

Others in Attendance:

Allison Schuch	Interim FCWFCGD Watershed Executive Director
Ian Patton	Wright Water Engineers
Aaron Sutherlin	Matrix
Lucy Harrington	GEI Consultants

2. Approve Agenda for the July 6, 2022, Meeting: A motion was made by Terry Hart to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Jason Meyer and approved by unanimous vote.
3. Approve Minutes of the June 1, 2022, Meetings: A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Terry Hart, seconded by Jason Meyer and approved by unanimous vote.
4. TAC Member Comments:
 - a. No TAC member comments.
5. Public Comments:
 - a. No public comments.
6. Presentations:
 - a. Ian Patton presented regarding MMF process for evaluating and selecting projects, beginning with a reminder of the 1041 Permit for the SDS and the historical progression of site selection criteria. Current process includes 2019 Floodplain Management Opportunities Study (FMOS) which was implemented 2020. FMOS included 18 focus areas and 221 projects. Focus areas were ranked using 19 equally-weighted criteria. MMF weighted the criteria against Condition 6 requirements and re-ranked the focus areas. Additional criteria were used, such as need to complete a lower-ranked project prior to beginning a higher-ranked project.
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 June 24th, 2022. Regarding Pueblo Levee Phase II Project, Mayor Gradisar is working with Union Pacific RR to negotiate access.

Contractor is on stand-by to complete. Received \$10,000 grant from Xcel for Pueblo outreach, will hire part-time employee to execute the funding, to include increasing Creek Week clean-ups, school and community outreach, and to spearhead a Fountain Creek Festival. Alli and Board are working Board staffing concerns. GEI presented SOW to the Board, Board will approve Phase I pending attorney review of the contract. Next Board meeting will include presentation from NES on Colorado Springs Creek Plan. Southmoor Watersmart Grant was not approved, may reapply next year pending rationale for denial. The next meeting is July 22, 2022, at 2:00 pm via Zoom.

- b. Citizens Advisory Group: Terry Hart reported that the CAG met June 10th, 2022 via zoom. Meeting focus was regarding CAG inputs on strategic vision for the District. Irene Kornelly stepped down as Vice Chair, Mary Barber was unanimously elected as Vice Chair. The scheduled meeting for July 8, 2022, is canceled. The next CAG meeting will be August 12, 2022.
- c. Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee: Alli Schuch reported that Matrix presented their 30% design on the Eagle Ridge Project. The original budget was \$1.5 million, new budget is \$4.2 million. May reach out to Pueblo Board of Water Works for additional funding support. Matrix reviewed 10 potential projects for next two years. Annie Berlemann presented on 9-element *e. coli* plan. MMFAC met on June 15, 2022. The next meeting is July 20, 2022, at 10:00 am via Zoom.
- d. AFCURE: No AFCURE report.

8. New Business:

- a. None

9. Old Business:

- a. Update on changes to USACE dredge and fill permitting. Kevin Binkley taking lead, may form subcommittee, potentially bringing in El Paso County and City of Colorado Springs.

10. Future Business

- a. Upcoming presentations:
 - Chris Sturm (DWR), Laura Hempel (USGS) will speak on Geomorphic Hazard Mapping
 - Discussing best ways to exchange information between committees

11. Set Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting: The next District TAC meeting will be a hybrid meeting on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at 1:00 pm. The in-person meeting will be at Fountain Creek Nature Center pending availability.

12. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm with a motion by Terry Hart, seconded by Jason Meyer, the motion passed unanimously.