



FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED

Flood Control And Greenway District

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Technical Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 2, 2018 – 1:00 PM

1. Call to Order, Introductions, and Establishment of a Quorum: The meeting was held at Fountain City Hall, 116 S. Main Street, Fountain, Colorado. A quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance

Andra Ahrens	City of Pueblo, Water Quality
Joan Armstrong	Pueblo County, Planning and Development
Kevin Binkley	Colorado Springs Utilities/City of Colorado Springs
John Chavez	El Paso County, Stormwater
Chip Hahn	Fort Carson, Stormwater
Jeff Hawkins	City of Pueblo, Stormwater
Jim Heckman	Fountain Sanitation District
Brian Mihlbachler	USAF Academy
Mark Shea	Colorado Springs Utilities
Brandy Williams	City of Fountain, Engineering

Others in Attendance:

Bill Banks	United States Geological Survey (USGS)
Scott Campbell	Innovative Conservation Solutions (ICS) Consulting
Jeff Farmer	Fort Carson, Stormwater
Matt Heimerich	Palmer Land Trust
Amber Shanklin	Palmer Land Trust
Allison Plute	Colorado Springs Utilities/ FCWFCGD Citizens Advisory Group (CAG)
Joshua Watkins	Fountain Sanitation District

2. Approve Agenda: A motion was made by Chip Hahn to accept the agenda, seconded by Jim Heckman and approved by unanimous vote.
3. Approved Minutes of the April 4, 2018 Meeting: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Brian Mihlbachler, seconded by Irene Andra Ahrens and approved by unanimous vote.
4. TAC Member Comments:
 - Chip Hahn announced that he has accepted a new assignment at Peterson Air Force Base and will be leaving his assignment on Fort Carson. Beginning in June, Jeff Farmer will serve as Fort Carson's interim TAC member until a permanent replacement is identified.
 - Brandy Williams noted the Greg Langer announced that he has accepted a new position with the NRCS in Canon City and would no longer be representing the El Paso County NRCS on the TAC. A replacement for Mr. Langer has not been identified.
 - Mark Shea announced that Kim Gortz has accepted a new role with Colorado Springs Utilities and will be replaced as an alternate on the TAC by Allison Plute.

5. Public Comments: Allison Plute reported on the recent 2018 Greening Award winners, where Creek Week won the Community Greenie Award.
6. Presentations: Conservation Easements for the Protection of Riparian Values – Amber Shanklin and Matt Heimerich, Palmer Land Trust
 - Palmer Land Trust (PLT) has been around since 1977.
 - Currently maintains 135,663 acres under management, including 135 protected properties with 130 properties preserved as conservation easements.
 - Areas preserved includes Red Rock Canyon and Bear Creek Park, Strawberry Hill, and BX Ranch to name a few.
 - PLT has historically invested in Lower Arkansas Valley because of the value of the regions agriculture and the local produce produced there.
 - PLT is well positioned to assist with conservation easements along the Fountain Creek corridor (in and adjacent to the floodplain) if elected to be pursued by the District.
7. Reports:
 - a. District Board/Water Activity Enterprise Board: Mark Shea reported on the April meeting, where the meeting was short and the District celebrated its 9th anniversary with cake. Next meeting is scheduled for May 18th due to the Memorial Day holiday.
 - b. Citizens Advisory Group: Allison Plute reported that the District website update request for proposal (RFP) response has been received and was reviewed. The group is in the process of finalizing the scope with the selected vendor. Next meeting is scheduled for May 11.
 - c. Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee: Kevin Binkley reported that the MMFAC met on April 17th and began the 2019 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) assessment process.
 - d. AFCURE: Mark Shea reported out on the most recent AFCURE events. The next rulemaking hearing is scheduled in June for all of the Arkansas River basin segments for water quality standards and use classifications. Related to Regulation 42, the CDPHE Hazardous Waste Division has proposed a limit of 70 parts-per-trillion for PFOA and PFOS in groundwater; which is proposed to be used to regulate permitted discharges to groundwater and may also effect surface waters hydraulically connected to groundwater aquifers.
 - e. Projects Updates:
 - Masciantonio project is complete with final walkthrough completed on April 10; Highway 47 project is moving along with Bend 1 and 2 complete, construction underway on Bend 3, and work under the bridge to follow Bend 3 completion (scheduled for completion end of June),
 - Field assessment on Barr Farm project commenced; planning to have three projects in design by late summer (both Barr Farm segments and Pinion Bridge).
8. New Business: None

9. Old Business

- a. City of Colorado Springs Streamside Overlay: Next meeting scheduled for May 11 from 9am to 11am at Fountain City Hall.
- b. Project Review Process: Committee moved to approve both design review process outlines (both the 2-step process and the 4-step process) in order to allow the Executive Director the ability to use the 2-step process on less complex projects and the 4-step process for more complex projects at the Executive Director's discretion. The motion was provided by Mark Shea, seconded by Jim Heckman and approved by unanimous vote.

10. Future Business

- a. Manitou Sensitive Lands Overlay District: Sara Hartley will provide a copy of the document to the TAC's Streamside Design subcommittee and will plan to present the final version to the TAC at the June TAC meeting.
 - b. Site Visit of Projects: Committee tentatively scheduled Friday, July 13, 2018 from 9:30am to 3:00pm. This is the same day and start time as the July CAG meeting. Plan to visit the Masciantonio project site, Highway 47 project site, and the confluence dredging project site. TAC and CAG members will work together to coordinate the logistics of the event.
 - c. Floodplain Encroachment Enforcement Authority, Roles and Responsibilities – Agency Panel: Mark Shea reported that he has initiated conversations with the Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and will pursue a meeting in the near future with appropriate regulatory stakeholders in the watershed.
11. Set Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 1:00 pm at Fountain City Hall.
12. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 3:03 pm.