



# FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED

## Flood Control And Greenway District

Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District  
Technical Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 6, 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
Kevin Binkley	Colorado Springs Utilities/City of Colorado Springs
John Chavez	El Paso County, Stormwater
Sara Hartley	City of Manitou Springs
Jeff Hawkins	City of Pueblo, Stormwater
Jim Heckman	Fountain Sanitation District
Irene Kornelly	FCWFCGD Citizen's Advisory Group
Dennis Maroney	Pueblo Conservancy District
Jason Meyer	El Paso County, Parks
Mark Shea	Colorado Springs Utilities
Larry Small	FCWFCGD Executive Director
Brandy Williams	City of Fountain, Engineering

#### Others in Attendance:

Greg Lauer	City of Fountain and FCWSD
Miriam Lauer	City of Fountain Citizen
Jeff Rice	El Paso County, Engineering
Joshua Watkins	Fountain Sanitation District

2. Approve Agenda: A motion was made by John Chavez 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 Jim Heckman, seconded by Mark Shea and approved by unanimous vote.
4. TAC Member Comments:
  - John Chavez noted that El Paso County, Colorado Springs Utilities, City of Colorado Springs, City of Fountain, City of Manitou Springs, City of Pueblo, Pueblo County, and Town of Monument have come together in a regional partnership for stormwater education outreach. Campaign starts in approximately 2 weeks with rest of campaign in July to include radio ads, television ads, billboards, bus boards, and other outreach activities. Addressing nutrients this year.
  - Sara Hartley announced that she is leaving the City of Manitou Springs and that Shelley Cobau and Kenny Morris will be her interim replacement on the TAC. Sara also noted that the Manitou Sensitive Lands Overlay Plan effort has been put on hold.

- Brandy Williams noted that she is continuing to reach out to Pueblo County to identify a replacement for Pat Coffee on the TAC. Pat retired in February and no replacement has yet been announced.

5. Public Comments: None

6. Presentations: None

7. Reports:

- a. District Board/Water Activity Enterprise Board: Larry Small reported on the May 18, 2018 meeting, where the Board listened to a Creek Week Recognition presentation presented by Allison Plute from the District CAG, and approved Matrix Design Group's task order to commence on the Pinion Bridge project engineering phase.
- b. Citizens Advisory Group: Irene Kornelly reported that the Citizens Advisory Committee met on May 11 with presentation provided by Jason Meyer from El Paso County Parks Department. Next meeting is scheduled for June 8.
- c. Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee: Irene Kornelly and Mark Shea reported that the MMFAC met on May 15<sup>th</sup> and continued discussions on the 2019 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) assessment process. Working to include water quality in the project planning and the committee has identified a number of potential projects to include in the 2019 CIP to begin the planning and preliminary design engineering.
- d. AFCURE: Mark Shea reported out on the most recent AFCURE events. The next Regulation 32 rulemaking hearing is scheduled for June 11 and 12, 2018 for all of the Arkansas River basin segments for water quality standards and use classifications. E-coli Watershed Plan efforts continue with the planning group having met on Monday June 4, 2018. The E-coli Watershed Plan team is currently working to develop an education outreach plan for Plan implementation purposes.
- e. Projects Updates:
  - Larry Small reported out on current District project updates. The Masciantonio project is complete with final walkthrough completed in April; Highway 47 project is approximately 80% complete and is scheduled for completion by the end of June except for revegetation efforts including the need for more willow plantings.
  - Initial field assessment surveys on Barr Farm project completed and currently evaluating the project reach commenced; Pinon Bridge project data collection commenced at the end of May; continuing to explore CWCB planning grant contract from the State for the Pueblo projects.

8. New Business: Fountain Creek at Hanson Trailhead Channel Stabilization Project Discussion – John Chavez, El Paso County Stormwater

- Discussion on whether this project could be considered by the District Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee (MMFAC) as a possible MMF project.
- The project has secured a \$1.4M FEMA grant to restore/repair the impacted trail and pedestrian bridge over Fountain Creek. The funding does not include monies for necessary additional channel stabilization efforts, which is estimated at an additional \$4.5M to \$5M.
- It was determined that the project is identified in the current Fountain Creek WARSSS assessment and is within the area that the MMFAC can consider for MMF contributions. However, if the District uses MMF funds then the District must oversee and operate as the Project Manager for the portion of the project using the MMF contributions.
- Recommendation was made for the TAC to recommend the project to the MMFAC for review and consideration related to the bank stabilization portion of the project only.
- Jim Heckman moved that the TAC recommend that the Fountain Creek at Hanson Trailhead Channel Stabilization Project be forwarded to the MMFAC for review and consideration. Sara Hartley seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### 9. Old Business

- a. City of Colorado Springs Streamside Overlay: Meeting was held on May 11 at Fountain City Hall. Subcommittee is reviewing the current floodplain management section of the District DCM and looking at potentials for conservations easements and other protection mechanisms in consideration of floodplains versus floodways and including clear language and direction on the District values for protection of both floodplain and floodway areas. Sara Hartley recommended looking at state surveys for at risk habitat as well. Next meeting has not yet been scheduled.
- b. District Projects July 13<sup>th</sup> Site Visit Logistics: Subcommittee has looked at several options for buses versus vans, as well as potential lunch options. Initial thought was to have a single charter bus beginning at Fountain City Hall, traveling down to the Fountain Creek confluence with the Arkansas River and observing the various District projects starting at the confluence and ending at the Masciantonio project. Upon further discussion, it was recommended that due to access restrictions the tour potentially use passenger vans available from Colorado Springs Utilities and El Paso County for transportation. It was also discussed that the tour start at the Masciantonio project and end at the confluence, which the committee agreed. The subcommittee will continue to work on the logistics and send out another RSVP evite and agenda.

#### 10. Future Business

- a. Floodplain Encroachment Enforcement Authority, Roles and Responsibilities – Agency Panel: Mark Shea reported that he had previously initiated conversations with the Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and recommended pursuit of a meeting in the near future with appropriate regulatory stakeholders in the watershed, including the county floodplain managers. Mark also noted that a Watershed Health event is scheduled for June 21 from 5-7pm at the Ivywild School in Colorado Springs. The group discussed and recommended that the panel potentially be scheduled for August and include a review of Fort Collins practices as a potential example.

11. Set Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 13, 2018 at 1:00 pm at Fountain City Hall.

12. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 2:41 pm.