



FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED

Flood Control And Greenway District

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

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 5, 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 1:06 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
Jim Heckman	Fountain Sanitation District
Irene Kornelly	FCWFCGD Citizen's Advisory Group
Jason Meyer	El Paso County, Parks
Brian Muhlbachler	USAF Academy
Richard Mullydy	City of Colorado Springs, Stormwater
Mark Shea	Colorado Springs Utilities
Brandy Williams	City of Fountain, Engineering
Larry Small	FCWFCGD Executive Director

Others in Attendance:

Bill Banks	US Geological Survey
Shannon Ford	Colorado Department of Transportation
Tim Mitros	Copper Ridge Metropolitan District
Scott Stevens	Fountain Sanitation District
Joshua Watkins	Fountain Sanitation District

2. Approve Agenda: A motion was made by Mark Shea to approve the agenda as amended by adding a presentation by Copper Ridge Metropolitan District to the Presentations portion of the agenda. The approval of the amended agenda was seconded by Irene Kornelly and approved by unanimous vote.
3. Approve Minutes of the August 1, 2018 Meeting: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mark Shea, seconded by Jim Heckman and approved by unanimous vote.
4. TAC Member Comments:
 - Richard Mullydy noted that the court case between the US Department of Justice and the City of Colorado Springs began on September 5, 2018 with opening remarks and was expected to continue for the next two weeks.
5. Public Comments: None

6. Presentations:

- a. I-25 and Powers Interchange Project: Copper Ridge Metropolitan District Manager, Tim Mitros, and CDOT Project Manager, Shannon Ford, provided a presentation on the planned I-25 and Powers Boulevard Interchange project. The project includes impacts to both Smith Creek and Monument Branch, along with mitigation measures for both wetlands and Preble's Jumping Mouse on USAFA property. Mr. Mitros and Ms. Ford noted that the Project is exploring options for partnering to apply some of the mitigation funds towards stabilization efforts along Monument Branch on USAFA property. Brian Mihlbachler noted USAFA might be able to help participate in mitigation/restoration portion. Richard Mulledy noted that City of Colorado Springs does not have any excess funds at the moment and the current Monument Branch project only includes completing Phase 1 and 2, but not Phase 3 at this time.
- b. Floodplain Encroachment Enforcement Authority, Roles and Responsibilities Agency Panel: The panel discussion was postponed to a later date due to schedule conflicts for some of the panel participants. The committee with attempt to reschedule the panel discussion for either the October or November TAC meeting.

7. Reports:

- a. District Board/Water Activity Enterprise Board: Larry Small reported on the August 24, 2018 meeting, where no new business was discussed other than normal reports from the Board members. The next District Board/Water Activity Enterprise Board is scheduled for September 28, 2018, with two items being discussed including the 2019 Water Activity Enterprise budget and the Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee's recommended 2019 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) project list.
- b. Citizens Advisory Group: Irene Kornelly reported that the Citizens Advisory Committee met on August 10, which included a presentation from Christine Lowenburg on The Greenway Fund. The next meeting is scheduled for September 14 with a field trip to Rainbow Falls and then to Manitou Springs to observe provisions completed on flood control within the city. The 2019 Creek Week registration opened on September 3 and is scheduled to commence September 29th and continue through October 8th (contact Amy Brautigan at amy.brautigan@gmail.com for questions or more information).
- c. Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee: Irene Kornelly reported that the MMFAC met on August 21, 2018 and listened to presentations from Gary Barber related to a project along Fountain Creek in El Paso County, Belmont Stables related to loss of property located along Fountain Creek in Pueblo County, and from T-Cross Ranch related to properties along Fountain Creek near the south end of El Paso County and the north end of Pueblo County. The committee also finalized discussions on the 2019 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) recommended project list., which included three additional Barr Farm projects, Overton Road creek project, and a Floodplain Management Opportunity Study to be completed by the District Engineer. Continue to work to include water quality in future project planning.

- d. AFCURE: Mark Shea reported out on the most recent AFCURE events. Noted that the group met on September 4 and ran through current topics of interest, including upcoming rule-making hearings associated with Colorado discharge permits (Regulation 61), site approval registration coming up in 2019 (Regulation 22), nailing down budget and projects for 2019, and evaluation of the WQCD roadmap and *E-coli* study in review by the State. The group continues to look at a nitrogen and phosphorus nutrients study in the watershed, and a 208 Water Quality Management Plan update for the watershed through PPACG efforts were also discussed.
- e. Projects Updates: District Executive Director, Larry Small gave a brief update of District projects:
 - Hwy 47 projects nearing completion with revegetation efforts in the final stages. The last of the coir mat was to be installed by the end of the week, with planting to resume in October to complete the installation of willows. The final project restored approximately 3,000 feet of creek with high flow events performing well so far.
 - Pinon Bridge project – evaluating 4 alternatives; converted from channel project to full floodplain management project. Presentation to follow in the upcoming months.
 - Pueblo Channel projects kicked off first part of August with data collection, alternative analysis to start in the future.
 - Barr Farm project – moved away from restoration of just the two identified banks to a full floodplain management restoration project with focus on channel realignment with addition of more sinuosity in addition to restoration of the two banks. MMFAC is requesting the addition of the remaining 3 Barr Farm projects in 2019, which will make the project a restoration of approximately 8,000 feet.
 - Pinon Bridge and Barr Farm RFPs to be released in the next couple of months with start of construction hopefully yet this year.
 - Remaining projects projected to finish design by next May followed by construction.

8. New Business: None

9. Old Business

- a. City of Colorado Springs Streamside Overlay: No updates.

10. Future Business

- a. Floodplain Encroachment Enforcement Authority, Roles and Responsibilities – Agency Panel: The group discussed and recommended that the panel be scheduled for October or November.
- b. USGS Water Quality Update: The group discussed that an update could potentially be scheduled for the November meeting.
- c. Gold Hill Mesa Monitoring: Richard Muledy reported that monitoring of Fountain Creek upstream and downstream of the Gold Hill Mesa development area may begin soon along with areas above and below some known camping areas.

11. Set Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 1:00 pm at Fountain City Hall.
12. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 3:07 pm.