



FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED

Flood Control And Greenway District

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Technical Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 2, 2019 – 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 1:11 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance

Andra Ahrens	City of Pueblo, Water Quality
Kevin Binkley	Colorado Springs Utilities/City of Colorado Springs
Josh Carpenter	USACE, Albuquerque District
John Chavez	El Paso County, Stormwater
Jim Heckman	Fountain Sanitation District
Doug Hollister	State of Colorado, Division of Water Resources
Dominga Jimenez-Garcia	Pueblo County, Public Works
Irene Kornelly	FCWFCGD Citizen's Advisory Group
Dennis Maroney	Pueblo Conservancy District
Lisa Miller	US Geological Survey
Jason Meyer	El Paso County, Parks
Jacob Olson	State of Colorado, Division of Water Resources
Mark Shea	Colorado Springs Utilities, Watershed Planning
Larry Small	FCWFCGD Executive Director
Brandy Williams	City of Fountain

Others in Attendance:

Annie Berlemann	Colorado Springs Utilities, Watershed Planning
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2. Approve Agenda: A motion was made by John Chavez to approve the agenda, seconded by Andra Ahrens and approved by unanimous vote.
3. Approve Minutes of the August 7, 2019 Meeting and September 4, 2019 Informal Meeting: As a quorum of nine (9) members was not established during the September meeting, the approval of the August 7, 2019 meeting minutes was postponed until the October 2, 2019 meeting and the minutes for the September 4, 2019 meeting were considered informal meeting minutes. A motion to approve the August 7, 2019 minutes as presented was made by Andra Ahrens and seconded by John Chavez. A second motion to approve the informal September 4, 2019 minutes as presented was made by Jim Heckman and seconded by Andra Ahrens. Both motions were approved by unanimous vote.
4. TAC Member Comments: Lisa Miller requested that Laura Hempel be added to the TAC Membership List as the USGS Alternate TAC member; Mark Shea provided an update on his meeting with Lisa Bachman PR regarding the role of the District TAC; Brandy Williams noted that 2020 TAC Officer discussions will be added to the December TAC agenda with nominations for Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary in January; Josh Carpenter noted that the USACE Stream Quantification Tool (SQT) comment period closes October 11, 2019.

5. Public Comments: None.

6. Presentations:

- a. An overview of the Colorado Division of Water Resources: (DWR): Presented by: Doug Hollister, DWR District 10 Water Commissioner
Couple of highlights: The Colorado DWR began in 1879 with the introduction of District Superintendents of Irrigation, which are now referred to as District Water Commissioners. Mr. Hollister is the Water Commissioner for Colorado Districts 10, 14 and 15. One of primary duties of a Water Commissioner is to oversee District water rights and usage. Steams have three levels of prior appropriation water rights, 1) Earliest = 2 cfs, 2) Second = 2 cfs, and 3) Third = 1 cfs. Water District 10 includes the only stream in Colorado (Fountain Creek) that has a daily accounting of reusable waters on a near real time basis. Flows are accounted for on a 2-day lag.
- b. An Introduction to the SDS Integrated Adaptive Management Plan: Presented by: Mark Shea and Annie Berlemann, Colorado Springs Utilities
Mr. Shea and Ms. Berlemann provided an overview of Colorado Springs Utilities' Southern Delivery System (SDS) Integrated Adaptive Management Plan (IAMP), which was created from requirements outlined in the SDS NEPA Record of Decision (ROD), Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), and the SDS Pueblo County 1041 permit.

7. Reports:

- a. District Board/Water Activity Enterprise Board: Larry Small reported on the September 27, 2019 District Board/Water Activity Enterprise Board meeting where Mr. Small presented the proposed 2020 District budget to the Board. The Water Activity Enterprise to projected to spend \$16M in 2020 on project related work. As part of the business portions of the meeting, the Board approved the proposed 2020 District budget, the contract award of Barr Farm Phase 2 to Sun Construction at a contracted cost of \$4.5M, the contract award to THK for the Fountain Creek Corridor Greenway Master Plan, and officially approved the inclusion of USACE's Josh Carpenter as a member of the TAC. Due to time constraints, approval of 2020 District Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) was postponed until the October meeting.
- b. Citizens Advisory Group: Larry Small reported that the CAG met in August and discussed changing the meeting time to improve attendance. Creek Week is proceeding and is scheduled September 28 – October 6. Proclamation of support has been received from all 9 districts and Woodland Park. In addition, the Brewshed Alliance has been very active and spreading. Irene Kornelly reported that the CAG met on September 13, 2019 in Fountain where Mr. Small gave report out on District projects. The CAG is scheduled to meet again on October 11, 2019 to discuss an opportunity presented by an organization to form a collaboration group with the CAG. Ms. Kornelly also reported on Creek Week events actively happening, which began on September 28, 2019 and ends on October 6, 2019.
- c. Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee: MMFAC members reported that that the committee met in September and approved the recommended projects to be included in the 2020 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for consideration in the 2020 District budget. The

committee evaluated four projects and chose the Hanson Trail participation in El Paso County (\$750K) and a placeholder for the Hancock/Greenview Trust (\$3.85M) project in Pueblo County conditioned on reevaluating it again in February against the Fountain Creek Floodplain Management Opportunity Study report.

- d. AFCURE: Andra Ahrens reported that the group met on October 1, 2019 and discussed discharges on Monument Creek, Fountain Creek, and the Arkansas River. It was found by the group that Monument Creek is more sensitive to point source discharges with the Arkansas River less sensitive to point source discharges. The group additionally discussed current PFOS/PFOA impact issues and concerns. Annie Berlemann provided a quick update on the initial pre-tour of the watershed completed with CDPHE's Joanie Nettles at the end of September ahead of upcoming *E-coli* TMDL discussions and the 303d list hearing in December; a larger tour with other agency representatives is to be scheduled later next year.
- e. Projects Updates: Larry Small reported that the GOCO grant for the Fountain Creek Corridor Greenway Master Plan was officially awarded in September, with the District contract awarded to THK Enterprises to complete the Plan. Barr Farm Phase 1 project is complete; Barr Farm Phase 2 was awarded to Sun Construction at the end of September; the Pueblo Channel project is scheduled to be awarded for construction at the end of October to start by December 1; the Overton Road project is scheduled to potentially start construction by the end of the year.

8. New Business: None

9. Old Business: None

10. Future Business

- a. Colorado Springs Stormwater Projects Presentation – Mulledy/Copper (November)
- b. Fountain Creek Geomorphology Monitoring – Laura Hempel, USGS (November)

11. Set Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting: The next District TAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 1:00 pm at Fountain City Hall.

12. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 3:14 pm.