



FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED

Flood Control And Greenway District

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Technical Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 5, 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 1:03 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
Michael Essam	City of Manitou Springs, Stormwater Manager
Jeff Hawkins	City of Pueblo, 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
Brian Mihlbachler	USAF Academy
Lisa Miller	US Geological Survey
Mark Shea	Colorado Springs Utilities, Watershed Planning
Larry Small	FCWFCGD Executive Director
Brandy Williams	City of Fountain

Others in Attendance:

Josh Augustenborg	El Paso County, Stormwater
Samantha Bailey	PPACG
Annie Berlemann	Colorado Springs Utilities, Watershed Planning
Dylan Finley	El Paso County, Stormwater
Molly Galloway	El Paso County, Stormwater
Benjamin Jones	El Paso County, Stormwater
Kenny Morris	Fort Carson
Jacob Olsen	State of Colorado, Division of Water Resources
Gabe Valdez	El Paso County, Stormwater
Lisa Walters	Colorado Springs Utilities, Watershed Planning
Ann Werner	PPACG

2. Approve Agenda: A motion was made by Mark Shea to approve the agenda, seconded by Jim Heckman and approved by unanimous vote.
3. Approve Minutes of the May 1, 2019 Meeting: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mark Shea, seconded by John Chavez and approved by unanimous vote.

4. TAC Member Comments:

- John Chavez introduced El Paso County's five new Stormwater Inspectors (Josh Augustenborg, Dylan Finley, Molly Galloway, Benjamin Jones, Gabe Valdez). The County's new stormwater inspection program is scheduled to be launched July 1, 2019. John additionally noted that the County's Development Services Department previously conducted all inspections; however, starting July 1, 2019 the inspections group will be separated with stormwater compliance being managed and overseen by the new stormwater inspection group.
- In a positive response to El Paso County's new stormwater inspection division, Josh Carpenter suggested setting up a future discussion with both El Paso County and the City of Colorado Springs on the relationship of 404 permitting criteria to new developments, with emphasis on determining if the purpose and need is related to the developer or ultimately to the municipality.

5. Public Comments: None

6. Presentations:

- a. Fountain Creek *E. coli* Watershed Plan – Annie Berlemann and Mark Shea, Colorado Springs Utilities:
Annie Berlemann and Mark Shea provided an overview of recently completed AFCURE *E-coli* Watershed Plan and the findings of the AFCURE *E-coli* study.

7. Reports:

- a. District Board/Water Activity Enterprise Board: Larry Small reported on the May 17, 2019 Board meeting where the Board approved a resolution to support the Fountain Creek Corridor Master Plan if awarded. The District is currently seeing a GOCO planning grant for the Corridor Master Plan. The District Projects Tour on May 31, 2019 was very successful and had good participation from various stakeholders. The June public outreach letter is scheduled to be released soon.
- b. Citizens Advisory Group: Larry Small reported that the CAG did not meet in May due to a lack of quorum; however, preparations and planning for Creek Week is progressing well.
- c. Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee: MMFAC members reported that the committee did not meet in May. The committee is scheduled to meet next on June 18, 2019.
- d. AFCURE: Andra Ahrens reported that the group met on June 4, 2019 and reviewed the Regional Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP). The group continues to work on data analysis throughout the watershed.
- e. Projects Updates: Larry Small reported that the Barr Farm Phase 1 project is near completion with all bends except one toe bend completed and is scheduled to be fully completed by the end of June; the Pinon Bridge project is complete with the final walkthrough occurring on June 5; the Overton Road project is wrapping up design with the final geotechnical surveys being completed now and the RFP scheduled to be released in September; and the Pueblo Channel project design has been completed with procurement of a construction contractor scheduled to occur later this year.

8. New Business:

- a. Samantha Bailey was introduced as a new PPACG representative. Mark Shea and John Chavez moved that the TAC recommend to the Board for approval Ms. Bailey's addition to the TAC. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Mr. Small will present the TAC's recommendation at the June District Board meeting on June 28, 2019.
- b. USACE "Pause" issuing Approved Jurisdictional Determinations of Waters of the United States (WOTUS) – Josh Carpenter, USACE
Mr. Carpenter reported that based on the recent withdrawal of Colorado from the 2015 WOTUS rule injunction, the USACE Albuquerque District has been instructed to not proceed forward with any final agency actions as they relate to Approved Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs) or permits based on AJDs until further notice. Consensus among other USACE Districts is that there is really no significant difference between 2008 and 2015 rule except maybe as it relates to agricultural areas. The discussion is currently ongoing in the courts.

9. Old Business

- a. District Floodplain Overlay Committee Recommendation: Kevin Binkley reported that the subcommittee met on April 25, 2019 and discussed next steps for the workplan implementation. Upon further evaluation, the subcommittee members made a recommendation at the May TAC meeting to consider forwarding the District Floodplain Overlay Subcommittee's DRAFT 2019 Work Plan Outline to the District Engineer for review and determination if any portion of the plan was:
 - a. appropriate for consideration to incorporate into the ongoing Fountain Creek Floodplain Management Opportunities Study currently being drafted by the District Engineer, and/or
 - b. appropriate for consideration to incorporate into revisions to Chapter 5 (Floodplains) of the District's Design Manual previously completed by the District Engineer.

The subcommittee recommendation was based on the subcommittee member's lack of time and resources to complete a standalone floodplain overlay document or associated revisions to the District's Design Manual in a timely manner. A motion was approved at the May TAC meeting to forward the TAC's Floodplain Overlay Subcommittee's recommendation to the District Executive Director for consideration. At the June 5, 2019 TAC meeting, Mr. Small reported that the subcommittee's recommendation was considered and it was decided to keep the work plan in its current state for now and to possibly have the District Engineer incorporate appropriate portions of the plan into Chapter 5 of the District's Design Manual in 2020, or have the District Engineer continue to develop the District Floodplain Overlay as a separate stand alone document.

10. Future Business

- a. District Public Outreach Campaign, Lisa Bachman, Bachman PR – August
- b. District Report from Larry - August
- c. The Feasibility of a Conservation Easement Program on Fountain Creek, Amber Shanklin, Palmer Land Trust – September
- d. Integrated Adaptive Management Plan, Mark Shea Colorado Springs Utilities - October

11. Set Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting: John Chavez made a motion to cancel the scheduled July 3, 2019 District TAC meeting due to the July 4th holiday. The motion was seconded by Jim Heckman and approved by unanimous vote. The next District TAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at 1:00 pm at Fountain City Hall.

12. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 3:02 pm.