

**Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District  
Citizens Advisory Group**

**Meeting Notes  
March 13, 2020**

The meeting was held at:  
City of Fountain, City Hall  
116 S. Main Street, 2nd Floor  
Fountain, CO

- 1. Call to Order, Establish Quorum and Introductions.** The March 13, 2020 meeting of the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District (FCWD) Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) was called to order by Ms. Irene Kornelly, Chair, at 9:36 a.m. A quorum was not achieved, with only the following CAG members in attendance:

Irene Kornelly – Chair and CAG Representative to the FCWD Governing Board  
Jack Wallick – CAG Secretary  
Mary Barber – Alternate Representative to the FCWD Governing Board and Web Manager  
Annie Berlemann – TAC Representative to the CAG  
David Woolley

**CAG Members Not Present:**

Nancy Bernard  
Ian Hartley – Vice Chair  
Velma Campbell  
Tom Ready  
Judith Rice-Jones  
Jamie Valdez

**Also in Attendance:**

Bill Banks, FCWD Executive Director  
Larry Small, FCWD Executive Director, Emeritus  
Samantha Bailey, Environmental Planner, Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments

- 2. Approve Agenda of Meeting.** The agenda could not be approved without a quorum.
- 3. Approve Minutes of the February 14, 2019 Meeting.** The minutes could not be approved without a quorum.

**4. Presentations**

**Water Quality Management Plan (208 Plan) Overview and Changes — Samantha Bailey PPACG.**

Section 208 of the Clean Water Act specifies the process for establishing and updating the Water Quality Management Plan, or 208 Plan for short. The Plan creates authority for regional planning agencies to plan and control wastewater treatment in the region. The PPACG (Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments) is the designated Water Quality Management Agency for this area.

- PPACG updated the Plan for El Paso, Teller, and Park counties, assisted by a 604(b) grant from the CDPHE. The last Plan was written in 2010.
- The Plan covers five watersheds:
  - The Upper South Platte,
  - The South Platte,

- The Upper Arkansas,
- Fountain Creek (note: the Pueblo Area Council of Governments is responsible for the 208 Plan covering Fountain Creek Watershed south of the El Paso County line), and
- Chico Creek
- Elements of the 500-page Plan are as follows, with each feeding into the next, in a continuous cycle.
  - Identification of treatment works, categorizing strengths, weaknesses, and future needs.
  - Construction priorities are set, with urgent upgrades or new plants advanced first.
  - Regulatory programs are worked into the designs and applied to all facilities.
  - Identification of agencies and entities with a stake in the process.
  - Carrying out the plan - following through with priorities identified earlier.
  - Consideration of non-point sources is a continuing focus.
- Changes to the Plan include:
  - Population projection updates
  - Updates to the major water quality issues for each watershed
  - A revised description of the point source dischargers and a point source summary sheet for each watershed
  - Updates to the nonpoint source assessment and
  - Revised recommendations for each watershed.
- Updates to the section on the Fountain Creek Watershed include:
  - Population and population projection updates
  - 303(d) (impairment) priorities are E. coli and sediment
  - Updated policies, permits and procedures
  - Colorado Springs Stormwater Enterprise
- Updated organizational information
  - FCWD Strategic Plan
  - Stormwater Advisory Committee
- New sources of data
  - Evaluation of Fecal Contamination by Human and Ruminant Sources in Upper Fountain Creek, Colorado, 2007-2008 By Using Multiple Lines of Evidence, USGS January 2012
  - Characterization of Water Quality and Suspended Sediment during Cold-Season Flows, Warm-Season Flows, and Storm flows in the Fountain and Monument Creek Watershed, Colorado, 2007-2015, USGS September 2017
- Miscellaneous activities toward improvement
  - AFCURE
  - The District's Watershed Plan(s)
- Recommendations for the Fountain Creek watershed include
  - Regulations for critical stream environment zones
  - Map resources
  - Develop an electronic tracking system for onsite wastewater treatment systems
  - Education on green infrastructure
- The Plan is in review and after incorporation from comments and recommendations from CDPHE, it will then be put in place. Updates will come at five year intervals.

## 5. Reports.

### a. Governing Board Meeting.

Larry Small reported on the February 28 Executive Board meeting.

- The Bachman pr contract was renewed for 2020.
- Bill Banks was named the new executive Director, replacing Larry Small.
- The Enterprise Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement with El Paso County regarding our

participation in the Hanson Creek Trail restoration. The Enterprise Board also authorized \$150,000 for the project.

- The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 27.

**b. TAC Meeting.** Irene reported on the TAC meeting.

- Details and planning for the tour of projects was the major consideration for the TAC.
- Irene asked that CAG members think about what purpose a joint meeting with the TAC would accomplish. The best suggestion was to have a joint meeting when there is an application to review. Irene commented that it would be instructional for each group to learn the concerns of the other.

**c. Outreach Group.** There was no report, but Larry Small reminded the CAG that there is a ticket available to the Arkansas River Basin Water Forum. [Note: The Water Forum was cancelled.] Allie's Outreach Coordinator Report for March-April is appended at the end of these Notes.

**d. Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee.** Irene reported there will be a meeting March 18 at Pueblo County Public Works. Meetings are now held on the third Wednesday at 10:00.

**e. Website.** There was no report.

**6. Current Business.** Christine Lowenberg resigned her position on the CAG and will be serving as Director of Planning with the city of Manitou Springs.

Larry reported on current projects.

- The Overton Road project is progressing. Larry expects the project to finish up in April.
- The 13th Street Channel project is still waiting on the Corps of Engineers permit.
- Barr Farms, Phase II is progressing. The high pressure gas line was found and presents no risks to the work. He expects the project to end in April.
- The MMF needs to complete its capital projects plan for the year before new projects can begin. Larry does not anticipate any new projects starting until later in the year.

**7. New Business.** Irene reported that the TAC suggested May 29 for the date of the tour of projects. Attendees concurred with the date, but approval was not formally recognized as there was not a quorum present.

- Discussion ensued concerning which projects would be included in the tour.
- Larry commented that there is no remaining access to some completed projects.
- The upcoming Willow Springs bank stabilization and Hanson Creek Trailhead sites, as well as the completed Highway 50 and upcoming 13th street sites in Pueblo were suggested.

**8. Public Comment.** There was no public comment.

**9. Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. April 10, 2020, at Fountain City Hall, 116 S. Main Street, Fountain, CO.

**10. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at about 11:00 a.m. without a quorum.

## Appendix

### MARCH-APRIL 2020 WATERSHED OUTREACH COORDINATOR REPORT

3/17 CW grants research and planning

3/18 CW Budget development, Save the Date cards, CC coordination

3/20 Great American Cleanup conference call

3/23 Call with Dana Nordstrom with El Paso County Parks, CW website updates

3/24 April Stools Month planning, call with UCCS students about *E. coli* project, Zoom call with Christine Thomas and Richard Strasbaugh from CONO about Creek Week

3/25 Call with Hannah from Environment Colorado about Creek Week, Zoom call about Generation Wild/GOCO grant

3/26 Zoom call with Beth and Alex from Catamount Institute about new CW partnership, CW agenda development, Zoom call practicing

3/27 CW meeting prep, student coordination

3/30 E. coli campaign work, Ocean Conservancy grant writing

3/31 Grant writing, Facebook post development

4/1 Fundraising webinar, grant work, event planning

4/2 Creek Week meeting prep, CC coordination, summer intern planning, Generation Wild planning

4/3 Pueblo meeting planning, Great American Cleanup call

4/6 PR meeting and newsletter article writing, document edits

4/7 Social media coordination, grants work, call with Alan from Trout Unlimited about Patagonia grant, Pueblo meeting coordination, Creek Week catch up

4/8 Newsletter article writing, Brewshed work

4/9 Tree Trading cards meeting with Jerry from City Stormwater, Dennis from City Forestry, Paul from CPW. Developing fact sheet on New Zealand Mudsnails

4/10 PR work, Liquid Lecture coordination with speakers and breweries, CW meeting prep.

4/13 Website updates, Fishing Derby calls, Liquid Lecture coordination, student check ins, call with Julie from Purgatoire Watershed Partners

4/14 CW meeting prep, Liquid Lecture coordination, social media posts, grant research

4/15 Ordered button maker, Greenway Master Plan meeting, Creek Week meeting prep, citizen science research, photo contest research

4/16 Liquid Lecture meeting with Sam from El Pomar, Creek Week steering committee meeting, photo contest research