



FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

This meeting will be held online via Zoom. Meetings are open to the public.

January 2, 2025

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

[Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Zoom Link](#)

Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum: The meeting was held virtually via a Zoom video conference. A quorum was established, the meeting was called to order at 1:18 p.m. Introduction of new members.

Committee Members in Attendance

Andrew Rippe	Ft. Carson
Annie Berlemann	Colorado Springs Utilities
Ben Sheets	City of Fountain
Beth Nosker	DNR
Christina Prete	El Paso County, Stormwater
Dominga Jimenez-Garcia	Pueblo County
Jeff Rice	El Paso County
Jessica Clayton	City of Colorado Springs, SWENT
Jonathan Moore	Fountain Sanitation
Mark Shea	Colorado Springs Utilities
Ryan Bouton	USAFA
Terry Hart	CAG Chair

Others in Attendance:

Abha Dwivedy	City of Fountain
Alli Schuch	Fountain Creek Watershed District, Executive Director
Ian Paton	WWE
Kurt Thurmann	Holson
Steven Rodriguez	Fountain Creek Watershed District
Walt Wright	Holson
William Sandoval	MS4, City of Pueblo



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2. Approve February Meeting Agenda: Added discussion on Maintenance Program or to item 8. Agenda modified and approved by consensus.
3. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting – January 2, 2025: Minutes reviewed and approved by consensus.
4. Public Comments
 - a. None
5. Committee Member Comments
 - a. Mark Shea gave a reminder that the State of Colorado is developing a program to permit waters of the State. Currently there are monthly stakeholder meetings which will lead to a rulemaking hearing in late 2025.
6. Presentations
 - a. None
7. Current Business/Discussion
 - a. Annual Priorities – moderated by Mark Shea
 - i. In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Program – Lucy Harrinton with GEI gave an update on the program. The public notice through the USACE went out on December 23, 2024 which will be posted for 30 days. The prospectus is being circulated through inter agency partners such as but not limited to Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), Division of Water Resources (DWR), and others. Subcommittee will be reconvened monthly starting in February as the prospectus moves to instrument phase. A marketing plan will also be developed.
 - ii. Regional Partnership Lists – continue to develop list of projects where partnerships can be utilized, and/or the need for mitigation credits. Also, explore arrangements for mitigation project locations.
 - iii. Military/Regional Stormwater – will continue to coordinate with regional military installations, and work within sentinel landscapes.
8. Reports:
 - a. District Board/Water Activity Enterprise Board/Project Updates: Alli Schuch reported that the District Board and Water Activity Enterprise Board met on November 15, 2024. Annual budgets passed as presented and will be submitted to the State. This does include funds for a grant writer. Project maintenance line item has been added and Lower Arkansas Water Conservancy District will provide half the funding at \$50,000. The District is



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developing a State of the Watershed event. Eagleridge project is having issues with the unhoued due to safety threats. Public meeting of Southmoor Drive project was moved online due to weather. This project is also having issues of illegal dumping of material into the creek. Colorado College students added more storyboards. Britney Fett is the new Outreach Coordinator. Rain barrel sale will begin in March. The District is doing a tour for the Arkansas River Basin Water Forum. The next meeting is January 17, 2025, at 9:00 am on Zoom and in-person at Fountain City Hall.

- b. Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee: The MMFAC met November 20, 2024. A large woody debris project will be underway in 2025 and alternative assessment for Frost Ranch. The next meeting on January 2025, at 10:00 am on Zoom.
- c. Citizens Advisory Group: Terry Hart reported the CAG met is November 8, 2024. Presentation by Annie Berlemann on the Permit Compliance Annual Report (PCAR) and discussion with author of "Big Lessons from a little River." The next meeting is January 10, 2025.
- d. AFCURE: Annie Berlemann reported that AFCURE met December 3, 2024. AF CURE discussed the possible updating of Policy 20-1 PFAS and the regulatory schedule. Elected officer positions for 2025. The next meeting is January 7, 2025.

9. New Business

- a. Maintenance Program – Allie Schuch discussed the new line item in the District budget and funding, which is \$50,000 from LAWCD and \$50,000 from FCWD. Allie reviewed project list and period of warranties. Estimated budget needed is around \$400,000 but current budget is \$100,000. Discussion on priorities of project maintenance.

10. 2025 Meeting Schedule

- a. March -
- b. April -
- c. May -
- d. June/July - no meetings
- e. August -
- f. September -
- g. October -
- h. November -
- i. December – no meeting

11. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m. by consensus.