



FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

Citizens Advisory Group Meeting

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

Friday, May 8th 2026

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

[Citizens Advisory Group Meeting Zoom Link](#)

Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum

A quorum was established by CAG Chair David Woolley, and the CAG meeting started at 9:32 AM. Those in attendance:

- a. David Woolley – CAG Chair
- b. Mary Barber – CAG Vice Chair
- c. Mary Wilson – CAG Secretary, FCWD Staff
- d. Alli Schuch – FCWD Executive Director
- e. Lucy Rogers – FCWD Staff
- f. Susan Finzel – FCWD Staff
- g. Eric Leonard – Citizen at Large
- h. Saúl Maravilla – Citizen at Large
- i. Debra Fortenberry – Citizen at Large
- j. Kathy Harris – Citizen at Large
- k. Allen Beauchamp – Trails and Open Space Coalition
- l. Ally Richardson – Pikes Peak Permaculture
- m. Maddy Dewey – Citizen at Large
- n. Anne Carson – Citizen at Large
- o. Karen George – Citizen at Large



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- p. William Vogl - El Paso County Conservation District
 - q. Dillon O'hare - Palmer Land Conservancy
 - r. Jessica Mills - CAG Agricultural Representative, Lower Ark.
 - s. Yvonne Wetzig - Colorado Springs Utilities, TAC Secretary
 - t. Mark Shea - Colorado Springs Utilities, MMF, TAC
 - u. Kristin Cannon - Pikes Peak Outdoors
 - v. Terry Hart - CAG Representative to the Board
 - w. Macie Wagner - River Corps Member, FCWD Staff
2. Approve May Meeting Agenda
- Chair Woolley made a motion to approve the May Meeting Agenda with a prior edit to Ally Richardsons' presentation title from "Garden Culture" to "Pikes Peak Permaculture." The agenda was approved by consensus.
3. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting - April 10, 2026
- Chair Woolley made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by consensus.
4. Committee Member Comments
- a. ED Schuch shared that FCWD secured a small grant to support the Ride the Watershed event on May 29th.
 - b. Kathy H. mentioned that they picked up 30 bags of trash and larger items at the Confluence Park for an annual Earth Day event.
 - c. Chair Woolley promoted a webinar hosted on May 14th by the Colorado Water Center about the ongoing drought situation in Colorado.
 - d. Allen B. commented that RISE Southeast took seven youth advisory council members on their first fly fishing trip. He mentioned that given the success of the event it will happen again in October, 2026. Allen also promoted a Concrete Coyote event.
 - e. Mary W. promoted Aiken Audubon's last monthly meeting before the summer break and promoted the Pikes Peak Birding and Nature Festival.
 - f. Jessica M. commented that Revegetation legislation made it out of the



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Senate.

5. Presentations

- a. Guest speaker – Dillon O'Hare with Palmer Land Conservancy "Water Rights 101"
 - i. O'Hare conveyed the 2026 current water situation in the area and the function of water rights to help the CAG members understand the role and reasoning behind Palmer Land Conservancy decisions and involvement in the watershed.
- b. Guest speaker – Ally Richardson with Pikes Peak Permaculture "Hügelkultur."
 - i. Ally R. presented on some of the concerns with erosion and sedimentation along the creek and mentioned some objectives aiming at channel stability to enhance ecological health on the creek.
 - ii. Ally R.'s main focus was on Hügelkultur, a land management technique that supports capturing and storing water.

6. Current Business/Discussion

- a. Governing Board – Alli Schuch
 - i. The plan is to bring a contractor for Frost Ranch earlier to ensure a solid project.
 1. FCWD is doing research to see where is the most ideal place to do the next round of work on Fountain Creek with the MMF.
 2. Schuch mentioned that there will not be MMF meetings in April, May or June.
 - ii. The Board and the Water Activity Enterprise met on April 17th to discuss and send a survey to CAG and TAC members for feedback on the 2023 FCWD Strategic plan.
 - iii. The In-Lieu Fee program continues Board conversations and is waiting to hear comments from the Interagency Review team.
 - iv. ED Schuch clarified the details for the next Board of Directors



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meeting.

b. Projects – Alli Schuch

- i. FCWD continues monitoring Eagleridge and Southmoor Drive projects.
- ii. The Frost Ranch RFP kicked off in April.

c. TAG - Yvonne Wetzig

- i. Report out with positive updates from MMF regarding land use authority. Now, they are working on getting those report updates completed.
 1. AFCURE discussed possible collaboration and survey reports.
 2. Next AFCURE meeting is June 2nd.

d. Website

- i. Vice Chair Barber stated there are no updates

e. Outreach - Mary Wilson/Susan Finzel

- i. Mary W. reported that the summer season is full of exciting programs and gave some updates since the last CAG meeting.
- ii. Susan F. gave a couple of announcements as well for spring and summer outreach programming in Pueblo.

7. New Business

a. Outreach - Mary Wilson

- i. Volunteer opportunities:
 1. Mary W. shared the launch of the new Watershed Warriors (WW) program.
 2. Link for [WW program](#). Mary W. encouraged CAG Members to sign up and check the schedule.
- ii. Mary W. mentioned FCWD will be participating in beer Festivals to support the Brewshed® Alliance.
- iii. ED Schuch stepped in to recognize the hard work of the FCWD team for formalizing the volunteer program.
- iv. Mary W. shared preliminary data from the Great American Cleanup that happened in May.
 1. Chair Woolley asked about sites where more cleanup involvement is needed.



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2. Debra F. observed how smoothly things went for her cleanup site compared to previous years.
 - b. TAC-CAG field trip - Alli Schuch
 - i. ED Schuch and Yvonne W. announced the upcoming summer TAC-CAG field trip to Colorado Springs Utilities facilities on July 31st, 2026.
8. 2026 Meeting Schedule
 - a. Jun/Jul - no meetings (Field trip July 31st)
 - b. Aug 14th - regular meetings start (virtual)
 - c. Sept
 - d. Oct
 - e. Nov
 - f. Dec
9. Public Comments
 - a. No members of the public in attendance. Chair Woolley opened the meeting up to CAG member questions.
 - b. William V. expanded on his Hügerkultur project to mention that his project started in 2016 with wood from the Black Forest.
10. Adjourn
 - a. Chair Woolley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was approved by consensus, and the meeting adjourned.