



FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

Citizens Advisory Group Meeting

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

March 13, 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 9:31 AM. Those in attendance:

- a. David Woolley – CAG Chair
- b. Mary Barber – CAG Vice Chair
- c. Mary Wilson – CAG Secretary
- d. Alli Schuch – FCWD Staff
- e. Lucy Rogers – FCWD Staff
- f. Susan Finzel – FCWD Staff
- g. Macie Wagner – River Corps Member, FCWD Staff
- h. Eric Leonard – Citizen at Large
- i. Saúl Maravilla – Citizen at Large
- j. Debra Fortenberry – Citizen at Large
- k. Conner Brokowski – Pikes Peak Outdoor Conservation Alliance
- l. Abriana Cuvelier – El Paso County Parks Advisory Board, Interested CAG Member
- m. Carl Christian – City of Fountain, Presenter
- n. Kathy Harris – Citizen at Large
- o. Allen Beauchamp – Trails and Open Space Coalition
- p. Alicia Rose Martinez – Generation Wild of the Pikes Peak Region
- q. Bailey Parenteau – Pikes Peak State College Sustainability Coordinator
- r. Maddy Dewey – Colorado State University Graduate Student
- s. Jeanette Lara - Colorado Parks and Wildlife
- t. Karen George – Interested CAG Member, Citizen at Large
- u. Anne Carson – Citizen at Large
- v. William Vogl - El Paso County Conservation District, Landowner & Firefighter



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w. Harry Thomas – Citizen at Large

2. Approve March Meeting Agenda

a. Chair Woolley made a motion to approve the March 13, 2026, Meeting Agenda with no edits or changes. The agenda was approved by consensus.

3. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2026

a. Chair Woolley made a motion to approve the February 13, 2026, meeting minutes with the following edits:

i. Edit “Colorado River Impact” to “Colorado River Compact”

b. The minutes were approved by consensus.

4. Committee Member Comments

a. ED Alli Schuch gave a rundown of the process to be added as an official CAG member, and opened the floor to invite interested members to speak:

i. Abriana Cuvelier

ii. Karen George

iii. ED Schuch made a motion to nominate Abriana and Karen to the Board. Connor Borkowski seconded, and the motion was approved by consensus.

b. Secretary Wilson shared that the Aiken Audubon monthly meeting is Wednesday, March 18th, at the Colorado Parks and Wildlife office at 7pm.

c. Macie Wagner introduced herself. In her role with the FCWD, she will help support outreach and education events, and will join FCWD Operations Manager, Steve Rodriguez, in maintenance work and project management.

d. ED Schuch shared that there will be an upcoming Riparian Workshop, on Thursday, April 9th at Hanna Ranch.

e. Allen Beauchamp shared that Pueblo County is starting a regional partnership initiative (RPI). This will have direct implications for outdoor conservation and recreational access along Fountain Creek and the Arkansas River.

5. Presentations

a. Guest Speaker Carl Christian: Dr. Rogers Ditch Project carl@fountaincolorado.org

i. City of Fountain has the Dr. Rogers agricultural use water right on the Frost Ranch property, but the city is hoping to change the water right from an agricultural use to a municipal use. A plan for a headgate and new measuring device (previous one washed away in a flood), is in the works to be placed along the creek.

ii. This is a separate project from the Frost Ranch restoration project, but discussions with FCWD operations manager Steve Rodriguez and FCWD ED Alli Schuch have



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been had about if this will impact Frost Ranch project plans. No direct impacts were found.

- b. Guest Speaker Will Vogl: Forest History and Fire Mitigation voglhomestead@gmail.com
 - i. A historical overview of our regions' forests was provided, highlighting how the glacial presence and European settlers influenced forests.
 - ii. An overview of the diversity within arid forests, the indigenous stewardship/forest use, logging history, and fire/fire mitigation history was provided with an emphasis on how these impacted the forests we see today. The conversation then shifted to Vogl's agricultural methods and how he uses sheep to conserve and restore environments.
 - iii. Saúl shared a related resource: <https://newspack-coloradosun.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Southern-Ute-and-Ute-Mountain-Ute-Official-Statement-2019.pdf>

6. Current Business/Discussion

- a. Governing Board – Alli Schuch
 - i. The Board met on February 20th.
 - ii. There will be an In Lieu Fee advisory committee to support the Board.
 - iii. A letter requesting support for a new park in Palmer Lake along upper Monument Creek was approved unanimously.
 - iv. The Board passed a resolution formally supporting legislation being proposed by the town of Monument to have their own seat on the Board.
 - v. The Board voted to move meetings to the fourth Friday of each month at 9am.
- b. Projects – Alli Schuch
 - i. The District received a technical assistance grant from the CWCB (Colorado Water Conservation Board) to complete a study on Fountain Creek to help determine the remaining projects with the monetary mitigation fund (MMF).
 - ii. A grant to support maintenance on four completed projects (Barr Farm, Masciantonio, Pinon Bridge, and Overton Road) to Healthy Rivers was recently submitted.
 - iii. The Mile High Flood District provided a contractor to the FCWD to help develop a portfolio to submit projects to.
 - iv. Eagleridge and Southmoor Drive are in their 2-year vegetation management phase.
 - v. A grant for a public facing dashboard is in development; the backside of this dashboard will help support the In Lieu Fee program.
 - vi. The Riparian Workshop event will be held at Hanna Ranch on April 7th.
 - vii. A 319 small grant was submitted to support the Ride the Watershed event in May.
- c. MMF – Alli Schuch
 - i. \$1M is budgeted for the Frost Ranch project.



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- ii. \$800,000 MMF dollars are set aside for the continued maintenance and vegetation growth support for the Eagleridge and Southmoor Drive projects.
- iii. The first maintenance project was completed at Barr Farm and cost ~\$100,000.
- iv. The initial meetings and design are in progress for the Frost Ranch project.
- d. TAC – Alli Schuch
 - i. The presentation focused on the Dr. Rogers Ditch project due to the land use authority processes with the FCWD.
 - ii. Hanson Nature Trailhead design work is in progress. This trailhead has been previously washed away multiple times .
 - iii. In Lieu Fee subcommittee is waiting for approval on the instrument, expected to get feedback at the end of April. An In Lieu Fee workshop for practitioners was held recently and was a success.
- e. Website – Mary Barber
 - i. No new updates.
- f. WOC – Susan/Mary Wilson
 - i. Susan Finzel presented on FCWD outreach efforts in Pueblo. She has focused on the rain gardens and rain barrel giveaway that are part of the Generation Wild Pueblo Coalition. She has received an official FCWD email address. Susan attended the Landscaping with Colorado Native Plants conference. March Pueblo events include the Sun Soil Water Summit where there will be a FCWD info table and Susan will be hosting a tipsy trivia event. There is a Pueblo Liquid Lecture, and Susan will be present at the Western Landscape Symposium and will be hosting the Ride the Watershed Bike Tour. Other work is focused on recruiting for attendees at these events and for Great American Cleanup recruitment.
 - ii. Secretary Wilson presented on FCWD outreach efforts. She shared that she completed her 6-month review. There was a successful Liquid Lecture in February. There were multiple outreach and education events including attending a Colorado Parks and Wildlife volunteer night and teaching a birding class at Howbert Elementary. The FCWD will be painting a mural in collaboration with Concrete Couch. There will be an alternate spring break activity in collaboration with Richards Rubbish Roundup. The Watershed Warrior Volunteer Program will launch soon. March and April events consist of events at the Garden of the Gods Nature and Visitor Center, a noxious weeding event at Rockrimmon, lessons at the Nature Lab in Monument in Manitou. There is an upcoming Liquid Lecture on March 19th. There are also a few upcoming conferences that FCWD staff will attend.
- g. AFCURE
 - i. No one was present in the meeting to provide an AFCURE update.



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7. New Business

- a. Call for volunteers: GAC supply pickup and rain barrel sale Fri. 4/24 4-6pm and Sat. 4/25 9-11am.
- b. FCWD Land Use Authority process and review
- c. Meeting format update – hybrid alternating months
 - i. Details about meeting locations will be provided in advance of the meeting.
- d. Next guest speaker – Scott Abbott and E-Bike Legislation

8. 2026 Meeting Schedule

- a. Apr 10 hybrid
- b. May 8
- c. Jun/Jul - no meetings TAC/CAG Field Trip TBD
- d. Aug 14
- e. Sept 11 hybrid
- f. Oct 9
- g. Nov 13 hybrid
- h. Dec – no meeting

9. Public Comments

- a. Allen Beauchamp shared that TOSC will be hosting a cleanup with Keep It Clean COS from 9am-12pm at America the Beautiful park on March 14th and everyone is welcome to attend.

10. Adjourn

- a. Chair Woolley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was approved by consensus, and the meeting was adjourned.