



# FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED

## Flood Control And Greenway District

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Technical Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 7, 2022 – 1:00 PM

1. Call to Order, Introductions, and Establishment of a Quorum: The meeting was held via a Zoom video conference call. A quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m.

Andra Ahrens	City of Pueblo, Water Quality
Annie Berlemann	Colorado Springs Utilities, Watershed Planning
Brian Mhlbachler	USAF Academy
Dominga Jimenez-Garcia	Pueblo County, Public Works
Jeff Rice	El Paso County, Engineering
Johnathan Moore	Fountain Sanitation District
Kevin Binkley	Colorado Springs Utilities
Laura Hempel	USGS
Mark Shea	Colorado Springs Utilities, Watershed Planning
Terry Hart	District Citizen's Advisory Group

Others in Attendance:

Allison Schuch	Interim FCWFCGD Watershed Executive Director
Bridgette Glass	Fountain Creek Wetlands
Tanis Manseau	Pueblo County, Public Works
Johnathan Griffen	Citizen
Gary Rapp	Citizen
Melinda Norris	Ft. Carson Stormwater
Lucy Harrington	GEI Consultants
Jacobsen	CDOT

Motion to remove brandy

2. Approve Agenda for the September 7, 2022, Meeting: A motion was made by Terry Hart to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Andra Ahrens, and approved by unanimous vote.
3. Approve Minutes of the August 03, 2022, Meeting: A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Andra Ahrens, seconded by Johnathan Moore, and approved with correction by unanimous vote.
4. TAC Member Comments:
  - a. Laura Hempel - Fountain Creek Nature Center sits on an old oxbow, in Australian and oxbow is called a billabong.
5. Public Comments:
  - a. Creek Week announcement by Alli Schuck

6. Presentations:

- i. Lava Flows – Brandon Forbs, USGS  
Presentation on studying lava flows with drones. Drones are safe and inexpensive, sensors in the air. Information on drone protocols and applications. Applications to areas like Fountain Creek and other remote sensing uses.
- ii. Discussion on best ways to communication information and ideas – Mark Shea and Terry Hart leading.  
Mark gave a history of the District and the structure and need for an entity like the District. The Board is comprised of four members from the south, four from the north of the watershed and citizens advisory group representative. Discussion of functions and similarities of TAC, CAG and MMFAC. The MMFAC does have a different structure to determine spending MMF under condition 6 of the Pueblo County 1041 Permit. It is structured to have two representatives from Pueblo, two from Colorado Springs, and the other three seats from the Executive Director and Chairs of the TAC and CAG. How to improve dialog and include all of the different aspects of the District, notably the MMF funds: coordinate presentations, current report outs are working well.
  - Discussion on email report outs.
  - Improve information sharing schedule – timelines and set up info check in points.
  - Website improvements.
  - Joint meeting.
  - Watershed tour.
  - PPACG overlap (208) – invite PACG and PPACG to meetings and presentations. Consider a member of the TAC be from those entities.

7. Reports:

- a. District Board/Water Activity Enterprise Board/Project Updates: Alli Schuck reported that the District Board and Water Activity Enterprise Board did not meet in August, which was make up meeting this Friday, September 9, 2022 via Zoom. Introduction of outreach coordinator to Pueblo. Chris Wiseman stepped down as chair of board, Jeff Cosnter from Pueblo will fill his role, Fall Tour is being discussed for the end of September, beginning of October. Presentation from Chris Lieber on Colorado Springs Envision project (Fountain Creek VIP). There has been strong discussion around the need for district staff. Palmer Land Trust has increased engagement on the Front Range Trail. The next meeting is September 23, 2022, at 2:00 pm on Zoom.
- b. Citizens Advisory Group: Terry Hart reported that the CAG did not meet in July. The next meeting is August 7, 2022, at 9:30 on Zoom. Friday August 12<sup>th</sup> did not have a quorum but did report outs and robust discussion on District and Watershed activities. Asked for future presentation on Geomorphology. The next meeting is September 9, 2022.
- c. Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee: The MMFAC met August 17, 2022, at 10:00 am on Zoom. There is 12 million left in the MMF, Matrix presented a list of projects to consider. Discussion on project back log and new projects.
- d. AFCURE: Andra Ahrens reported that AFCURE met on September 6, 2022. A presentation on the USGS monitoring efforts given by Brandon Forbs. Discussion on 2023 budget, Nutrients rule

making hearing parties have asked for stay to further review data. The next meeting is September 6, 2022, at 10:00 am on Teams.

8. New Business:

- a. None

9. Old Business:

- a. None

10. Future Business

- a. Work on presentation and outreach to other groups.
  - i. Historic river channel migration on Fountain Creek (Laura Hempel/Spencer Shaw)
  - ii. Revisit [proposed meeting topic list](#)

11. Set Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting: The next District TAC meeting will be held via Zoom video call on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at 1:00 pm.

12. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 2:57 pm with a motion by Terry Hart, seconded by Mark Shea, the motion passed unanimously.