



FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED

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Technical Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 5, 2021 – 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.

Committee Members in Attendance

Annie Berlemann	Colorado Springs Utilities, Watershed Planning
Brian Mhlbachler	USAF Academy
Brandy Williams	City of Fountain
Bud O'Hare	Pueblo Conservancy District
Dominga Jimenez-Garcia	Pueblo County, Public Works
Doug Hollister	State of Colorado, Division of Water Resources
Jeff Hawkins	City of Pueblo, Stormwater
Jonathan Moore	Fountain Sanitation District
Laura Hempel	USGS
Mark Shea	Colorado Springs Utilities, Watershed Planning
Terry Hart	District Citizen's Advisory Group

Others in Attendance:

Allison Schuch	FCWFCGD Watershed Outreach Coordinator
Ian Patton	Wright Water Engineers
Irene Kornelly	FCWFCGD CAG
Jeff Rice	El Paso County, Engineering
Joe Marencik	El Paso County, Stormwater
Kevin Binkley	Colorado Springs Utilities, Water & WW
Lisa Miller	USGS
William Banks	FCWFCGD Executive Director

2. Approve Agenda: A motion was made by Terry Hart to approve the agenda as presented, which was seconded by Annie Berlemann and approved by unanimous vote.
3. Approve Minutes of the April 7, 2021 Meeting: A motion to approve the April 7, 2021 meeting minutes as presented was made by Terry Hart, seconded by Laura Hempel, and approved by unanimous vote.
4. TAC Member Comments:
 - a. None.
5. Public Comments:
 - a. None

6. Presentations:

- a. US Air Force Academy Preble's Mouse Conservation by Brian Mihlbachler, USAFA
Overview of the Conservation Agreement Plan: Infrastructure Repair and Maintenance - Does allow 12 acres of habitat disturbance annually, consultation required for new construction, requires mitigation monitoring and reporting. Conservation measures – maximize and extend quality and connectivity of habitat, research and monitoring of life history, eliminate or minimize threats, and encourage projection of adjacent land. Maps: 2 large recovery HUCs and 5 moderate recovery. There are 11 functional miles on Monument Creek of connected habitat with about 8 miles on USAFA. Preble's habitat is focused on Monument Creek, where there is critical habitat. Great tour of restoration projects through and pictures that had numerous partnerships on projects. There is current work to perform a Monument Creek corridor planning study to identify, quantify and prioritize projects that protect and restore the natural function of Monument Creek. Currently funding is through the city of Colorado Springs through grants.

7. Reports:

- a. District Board/Water Activity Enterprise Board/Project Updates: Bill Banks reported that last District Board meeting had a presentation of voter poll results. A robust poll was performed that measured knowledge and perception of the District. The poll used tax mood to determine a mill levee which will be a 2 million rate and planning on being on the 2022 ballot. Overall poll was favorable to what the value of the District. There is a need for midyear budget evaluation for administrative support and marketing for the ballot initiative.
Project Updates: 13th Street project is finished, final payment in April. Pueblo Levee is almost through the planning phase. Eagleridge project has begun with coordination with PWW on infrastructure needs. The next meeting is May 28th at 2:00 pm on Zoom.
- b. Citizens Advisory Group: Terry Heart reported that the CAG met on April 9, 2021. Annie Berlemann gave a virtual tour of water quality in the Arkansas Basin using a data dashboard. There will be a follow up presentation and discussion on regulations and permits and drivers (segment uses). The next meeting is May 14, 2021 at 9:30 on Zoom. Laura Hempel will be giving her Geomorphology presentation in June.
- c. Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee: MMFAC members reported that that the committee met on April 21, 2021. Discussion on projects and development of 2022 CIP. Everyone is bringing project preference and rationale to the next meeting. Continued discussion on permittee responsible mitigation banking. Continued discussion on Greenview Trust Property and the details around water rights. The next meeting, May 18, 2021 at 10:00 am on Zoom.
- d. AFCURE: Annie Berlemann reported that the group met on May 4, 2021. The group is working Regulation 31 and upcoming Regulation 93. The next meeting is June 1, 2021.

8. New Business:

- a. District Tour: Two preliminary dates - Friday, September 10th and backup Friday, October 8th. Alli and Annie will be coordinating between CAG and TAC. Give either project tour preferences.

9. Old Business:

- a. None.

10. Future Business

a. Update on Waters of the US and Nation-Wide Permits – Josh Carpenter, USACOE

11. Set Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting: The next District TAC meeting will be held via Zoom video call on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 1:00 pm.

12. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 2:19 pm.