



Citizens Advisory Group Meeting

This meeting was held online via Zoom. Meetings were open to the public.

Thursday, August 13th 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 9:30am-9:35am
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 Wilson – CAG Secretary, FCWD Staff
 - c. Mary Barber – CAG Vice Chair
 - d. Alli Schuch – FCWD Executive Director
 - e. Susan Finzel – FCWD Staff
 - f. Hadit Poveda Morales – FCWD Staff
 - g. Dave Burnham – Pikes Peak Trout Unlimited, Citizen at Large
 - h. Abbriana Cuvelier – El Paso County Parks Advisory Board, Citizen at Large
 - i. Macie Wagner – River Corps Member, FCWD Staff
 - j. Bailey Parenteau – Sustainability Coordinator at Pikes Peak State College
 - k. Jeannette Lara - Volunteer Coordinator for Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Citizen at Large
 - l. Eric Leonard – Citizen at Large
 - m. Debra Fortenberry – Citizen at Large
 - n. Kathy Harris – Citizen at Large
 - o. Rena Griggs - Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Guest Speaker
 - p. Anne Carson – Citizen at Large
 - q. Jessica Mills – CAG Agricultural Representative, Lower Ark.

- r. Yvonne Wetzig – Colorado Springs Utilities, TAC Secretary
- s. Terry Hart – CAG Representative to the Board
- t. Michael Rigney – Pikes Peak Outdoors
- u. Judith Rice-Jones - Citizen at Large

2. Approve August Meeting Agenda

Chair Woolley made a motion to approve the August Meeting Agenda. The agenda was approved by consensus.

3. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting – May 8, 2026

Chair Woolley made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by consensus.

4. Watershed Moments 9:35am - 9:45am

- a. Introduction: Hadit Poveda Morales introduced herself to the CAG. She is the new Colorado College PIFP fellow for the 2026-2027 year.
- b. Jessica Mills shared that the Arkansas River Basin is starting to plan the 2027 Arkansas River basin Water Forum and is seeking volunteers to join their planning committee.
- c. David Burnham shared Pikes Peak Chapter of Trout Unlimited involvement in the Colorado College New Student Orientation.
- d. Debra Fortenberry shared her thoughts about the Pikes Peak Waterways Creek Master Plan session.
- e. Mary Wilson shared that the Aiken Audubon Society chapter will host a charity event in September.
- f. Michael Rigney mentioned that the Pikes Peak Outdoors award ceremony and major meeting will be on September 13.

5. Presentations

- a. Guest Speaker Rena Griggs with Colorado Parks and Wildlife: Colorado Parks & Wildlife - Our Water Rights for Environment & Recreation.
 - i. Griggs discussed two main points:
 - 1. CPW owns and manages its own water rights to sustain and enhance Colorado's environment and recreation opportunities
 - 2. CPW has interest in all Colorado's waters to sustain and enhance the environment and recreational opportunities.

6. Current Business/Discussion

- a. Governing Board/Projects/MMF/ILF – Alli Schuch
 - i. The Board and Water Activity Enterprise met on July 13th to discuss the Aspen Acres fires and post-fire impacts.
 - ii. ILF subcommittee:
 - 1. GEI Consulting is providing deliverables for FCWD, including a users manual and an outreach plan.
 - 2. Another ILF workshop for interested parties will be held on Oct 29th.
 - 3. FCWD is taking an accelerated schedule for the ILF subcommittee meetings. The subcommittee is meeting once every other week to get things prepared to meet the Oct 15 deadline for the inter-agency review team.
 - 4. The next ILF meeting will be on the 28 of August.
 - iii. Projects:
 - 1. Mitigation and maintenance warranty work has started in Eagleridge and Southmoor Dr. Lack of moisture is impacting vegetation growth.
 - 2. Steve Rodriguez is developing a maintenance program. Maintenance has started at the Barr Farm project and Pinon Bridge will be next.
 - 3. FCWD is submitting a federal SmartWater grant for the construction at Frost Ranch. Due to delays, this project will happen in fall of 2027.
 - 4. Stantech is working on their resiliency study through the MMF. They are identifying 12 potential locations for restoration projects.
- b. TAC – Yvonne Wetzig
 - i. The TAC met on August 5. The main point of the meeting was to look at the land use authority process and work to develop the ILF and more project sites.
- c. AFCURE - Yvonne Wetzig
 - i. AFCURE met August 4. They met to discuss the updates on the regulations for water discharge reports and permits as well as water quality roadmaps.
- d. Website - Mary Barber
 - i. No updates on the website.
- e. WOC- Susan Finzel /Mary Wilson
 - i. Mary Wilson provided outreach and education updates from over the summer and the upcoming fall.
 - ii. Susan Finzel shared outreach and education updates from Pueblo for over the summer and the upcoming fall.
- 7. Old Business 11:00am - 11:10am
 - a. TAC/CAG field trip - Mary Wilson
 - i. Wilson debriefed the annual TACCAG field trip hosted by Colorado

Springs Utilities on July 31.

b. Watershed Warriors - Mary Wilson

- i. Mary W. promoted the Watershed Warrior volunteer program and listed upcoming opportunities.

8. New Business

a. New Office - Alli

- i. Move into a new office at the Independence Center, 711 South Tejon St. Office space is shared with Hey Neighbor.

b. Creek Week 2026 - Mary

- i. Creek Week is from September 26 to October 4. Creek Week Crew leader registration opens on August 17 and Creek Week Crew Member registration on August 28.

c. Strategic Planning - Alli

- i. Alli reviewed the proposed Five Pillars [document](#) and sought comments from CAG members before the Board meeting in November.
- ii. David Wooley shared his concerns regarding sustainable funding and direction of the district.
- iii. Kathy Harris commented on potentially having a giving or donating program (Watershed Legacy Giving Program).
- iv. Terry Hart supported the conversation by commenting on the evolution of the district.

9. 2026 Meeting Schedule

- a. September 11 - Hybrid
- b. October 9 - Virtual
- a. November 13 - Hybrid
- b. Dec - No meeting

11. Public Comments

No members of the public in attendance. Chair Woolley opened the meeting up to CAG member questions. No questions asked.

12. Adjourn

Chair Woolley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was approved by consensus, and the meeting adjourned at 11:32am.