

Fountain Creek ILF Program – Standing Meeting Notes



Date: 08/04/2026

Location: Microsoft Teams

Time: 11:00 AM

Attendees:

- Alli Scurich, FCWD
- Steve Rodriguez, FCWD
- Lucy Harrington, GEI Consultants
- Christine Gutierrez, GEI Consultants
- Cole Russel, GEI Consultants
- Mark Shea, Colorado Springs Utilities
- Wendy Pettit, Pueblo County
- Stephane Atencio, FCWD Counsel
- Terry Hart, FCWD Board
- Jeff Rice, El Paso County
- Summer Slama, CDOT
- Yvonne Wetzig, Colorado Springs Utilities
- Dana Moses, Pueblo County

Agenda:

1. Introductions of those present (if needed) and review and acceptance of previous meeting notes (Mark) (2 min)
 - a. *Cole Russel with GEI Consultants joined to present on the site selection prioritization.*
2. District Dashboard (Alli) (3 min)
 - a. *A partial grant of \$165,000 was received with no required cost match to develop a dashboard to support the ILF Program.*
3. 2026 remaining deliverables and schedule and budget (Lucy) (5 min)
 - a. IRT response schedule update.
 - i. *FCWD and GEI met with IRT Chairs last week (8/06) to further discuss IRT Chair transition for the USACE representative from Daniel to Kara. During the meeting, Kara emphasized the importance of adhering to a stick schedule to meet the 540 day approval deadline and that there is likely to be an additional, third round of revisions following our October resubmittal of the Draft ILF Instrument.*
 - ii. *Lucy will provide an updated schedule to include the modified timeline for the additional round of revisions and final administrative approval date provided by USACE.*
 - iii. *Terry Hart emphasized the importance of continuing to update the FCWD Board prior to final Board approval of the ILF Instrument. Alli will keep the ILF Program as a standing agenda item and work with GEI to develop documentation to present to the FCWD Board prior to final approval to provide an overview of the ILF Program.*
 - b. Marketing Plan

- i. *GEI will work with FCWD staff on the finalization of the marketing plan. This will allow ILF Subcommittee meetings to focus on the ILF Instrument revisions and other key important deliverables.*
 - c. *User Manual outline and associated Gantt Chart*
 - i. *GEI will work with FCWD staff on the finalization of the User Manual outline and associated Gantt Chart. This will allow ILF Subcommittee meetings to focus on the ILF Instrument revisions and other key important deliverables.*
- 4. *Site selection prioritization input (Lucy/Cole) (15 min)*
 - a. *Lucy and Cole (GEI) presented an updated site selection spreadsheet that will be utilized to selected projects for the ILF Program. GEI sourced existing sites from existing planning documents for initial evaluation. Cole presented an overview of A comprehensive GIS model accompanies the spreadsheet and includes layers to assess and evaluate each site against a set of variables to identify projects in terms of the priorities of the ILF Program. Comments from the previous ILF Subcommittee meeting have been incorporated to account for land rankings*
 - b. *Steve R. requested the addition of “existing conservation easements” as part of the evaluation since it can add complexity to the construction process. Lucy added a new column to the spreadsheet to account for these existing easements and expressed that is will be assigned a ranking score that is less favorable but doesn’t eliminate the property based on the existing conservation easement.*
 - c. *Steve A. requested information on the process for identifying and analyzing easements, including conservation easements. Lucy expressed this will be part of the Project Development Process and will be coordinated with a surveyor and land title company.*
 - d. *For Column S – Costs of the spreadsheet, Mark recommended looking at vehicle access (e.g., remote locations cost more). Steve R. concurred, and added that level of disturbance to access the site should also be considered.*
 - e. *Dana Moses recommended using the El Paso Assessors Property Search page that can be helpful to find out property owner names for properties in El Paso County. Link: [El Paso County - Colorado](#)*
- 5. *Review Draft Instrument comment matrix (60 min) (Lucy/Christine)*
 - a. *Lucy provided an overview of the Draft Instrument comment matrix which includes comments received to date from USACE, USEPA, and the FCWD Board/ILF Subcommittee. The purpose of the comment matrix is to track both comments received and associated responses with our proposed revisions to the ILF Instrument. Alli, Mark, and the GEI Team will be meeting with the IRT on Friday (8/07) to discuss comments received, our proposed revisions, and clarify any comments of concern.*
 - b. *The comment matrix has been circulated to the ILF Subcommittee members for review.*
 - c. *Main issues addressed:*
 - i. *Advance credits and credit release table to help fund projects*
 - ii. *Long-term management responsible parties*

**due to limited time, the rest of the comments will be reviewed at the next subcommittee meeting on 8/18.*
- 6. *Consolidated construction costing spreadsheet (Lucy) (30 min)*
 - a. *Due to limited time, this agenda item was not discussed.*

7. Next steps (5 min)

- a. ILF Subcommittee meeting on 9/01
 - i. Review ILF Instrument redline document (Agency and FCWD)
 - ii. Report on site visit progress of potential project sites
 - iii. Pro forma update with updated construction costs for small, medium, and large projects
- b. Outreach to landowners and partner groups.
 - i. ILF Practitioners meeting – tentatively scheduled for October 2026

8. Close

