



FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED

Flood Control And Greenway District

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Technical Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 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 1:14 p.m. following the Annual Meeting.

Committee Members in Attendance

Andra Ahrens	City of Pueblo, Water Quality
Annie Berlemann	Colorado Springs Utilities, Watershed Planning
Brandon Forbs	USGS (alternate)
Brian Mihlbachler	USAF Academy
Doug Hollister	State of Colorado, Division of Water Resources
Dominga Jimenez-Garcia	Pueblo County, Public Works
Jason Meyer	El Paso County, Parks
Jeff Rice	El Paso County, Engineering
Joe Marencik	El Paso County
Joshua Carpenter	USACE, Albuquerque District
Terry Hart	District Citizen's Advisory Group
Laura Hempel	USGS
Mark Shea	Colorado Springs Utilities, Watershed Planning

Others in Attendance:

Allison Schuch	FCWFCGD Watershed Outreach Coordinator
Andrew Rippe	Pueblo County, Public Works/Stormwater
Irene Kornelly	CAG
William Banks	FCWFCGD Executive Director
John Hottenstein	Matrix Design Group
Dan Bare	Matrix Design Group

2. Approve Agenda: A motion was made by Terry Hart to approve the agenda as presented, which was second by Andra Ahrens and approved by unanimous vote.
3. Approve Minutes of the December 1, 2021, Meeting: A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Terry Hart, which was seconded by Dominga Jimenez-Garcia, and approved by unanimous vote.
4. TAC Member Comments:
 - a. Josh Carpenter gave an update to recent USACOE changes. Tony Martinez has retired from USACOE, and alternate will be designated soon. The USACOE is operating under pre 2015 WOTUS (1987 Ruling). Due to covid the Core is operating 100% remote with no in-person meetings, plan accordingly. Josh Carpenter will give a refresher presentation on the pre 2015 WOTUS.

5. Public Comments:

- a. None.

6. Presentations:

- a. Pueblo Levee Floodplain Restoration Project – Dan Bare, Matrix

This project is located just above the confluence of the Arkansas River and Fountain Creek. The project goals include removal of a railroad abutments, reconnect the floodplain and restore and protect the trail system, and remove invasive species.

Discussion on TAC reviewing the project and discussion on the importance of the stream gauge located in the area.

- b. Eagleridge Project – John Hottenstein

Project is from the FMO with project goals including floodplain and terrace reconnect, wetland restoration, bank stabilization, grade control, and remove bollards near utility crossing. Phase 1 is engineering analysis (data collection, comparison and departure analysis, hydraulics, alternative analysis, property owner access and easements). Phase 2 is preliminary design and Phase 3 is final design, construction bidding and Phase 4 is implementation. Phase 1-3 is slated for 2021 and 2022 with phase 4 starting in September of 2022 and finishing in March 2023.

7. Reports:

- a. District Board/Water Activity Enterprise Board/Project Updates: Bill Banks reported that the District Board and Water Activity Enterprise Board met on December 10, 2021. Public hearing on the 2022 consolidated budget. Logan and Associates presented the 2021 audit results of unmodified decision, meaning the audit passed. The 2022 CIP was approved with three projects: Southmoor Drive (Venetucci Focus Area), Wetland enhancement in the Frost Focus Area, and a water quality BMP project on the north side of Pueblo (Sandoval Property Focus Area). Matrix has been approved for professional services contract. The Board discussed 2022 education and outreach efforts. The Board meet on December 29th to rectify the 2022 budget and Bill gave a summary of budget expenditures for the district and the enterprise. Bill is looking into a waterwise grant to assist in the Southmoor Drive project. The selected interim board chair to replace Richard Skorman is Chris Wisemen. The next meeting is January 28, 2022, at 2:00 pm on Zoom.
- b. Citizens Advisory Group: Terry Hart reported that the CAG did not meet in December. The next meeting is January 14, 2022, at 9:30 on Zoom.
- c. Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee: did not meet in November and December. The next meeting is January 19, 2022, at 10:30 am on Zoom.
- d. AFCURE: Andra Ahrens reported that AFCURE met on January 4, 2022. Discussed sites where Multi Metrix Index (MMI), flow and water quality data for nutrient model. Announced Nancy Keller's retirement.

8. New Business:

- a. Annual Priority and Content: How can the TAC support the Board and MMFAC and Executive Director. The committee discussed themes and topics to coordinated with board and Bill. The Committee will work to produce documentation on lessons learned from projects and

presentations as well as fact sheets, recommendation documents, rolodex of contacts, and website development. Further discussion and refinement at the next meeting.

- b. TAC representative to MMFAC – Laura Hempel

9. Old Business:

- a. None

10. Future Business

- a. Clear Springs Ranch Wetlands Project (January) – Colorado Springs Utilities
- b. Land Use Authority Checklist review
- c. State of the TAC and history

11. Set Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting: The next District TAC meeting will be held via Zoom video call on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 1:00 pm.

12. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 2:58 pm. With a motion by Mark Shea and seconded by Terry Hart.