Citizens Advisory Group Meeting

This meeting will be held online via Zoom. Meetings are open to the public.

October 9th, 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:

   A quorum was established by CAG Chair David Woolley. 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. Debra Fortenberry – Citizen at Large
   g. Allen Beauchamp – TOSC
   h. Abriana Cuvelier – El Paso County Parks Advisory Board, Citizen at Large
   i. Ann Carson – Citizen at Large
   j. Yvonne Wetzig – Colorado Springs Utilities, TAC Secretary
   k. Eric Leonard - Citizen at Large
   l. Jeannette Lara – Volunteer Coordinator for Colorado Parks and Wildlife
   m. Bailey Parateau – Pikes Peak State College Sustainability Coordinator
   n. Michael Rigney – Pikes Peak Outdoors
   o. Saúl Maravilla – Citizen at Large, Colorado College Farm Manager

p. Kathy Harris – Citizen at Large
q. Terry Hart – CAG Representative to the Board
r. Jessica Mills – CAG Agricultural Representative, Lower Ark.

2. Approve October Meeting Agenda:
   Mary W. edited the agenda, allocating longer time for new business. Chair Woolley made a motion to approve the October Meeting Agenda with the aforementioned edit. Abriana C. seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously

3. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting – September 11th, 2026

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

4. Watershed Moments (What are you seeing, hearing, doing in the watershed?)
   a. Allen B. shared that TOSC is teaming up with Colorado Springs Stormwater Enterprise and Colorado Springs Utilities to do an urban water cycle tour.
   b. Debra F. shared about the trash quantities along the Fountain Creek confluence. She and her husband are trying to negotiate with Walmart to reduce waste by the creek.
   c. Jeannette L. informed that the CPW has been surveying along creeks, bear and trash information sessions as well as planning a tour along FCWD for Creek Week.
   d. Terry H. commented on Debra's observation. He mentioned that outreach to business and large corporations can be beneficial to reduce trash quantities along the creeks.
   e. Jessica M. shared that the Lower Arkansas River Basin is hosting a summit on Nov 4.
   f. Alli S. highlighted Mary W. and Susan F. Creek Week coordination. She thanked the CAG, sponsors, and the team for making Creek Week such a special event. Alli S. also mentioned her participation in a two day water conference.

5. Presentations
    a. Mary W. and Susan F.:
        i. Mary W. and Susan F. gave an overview of Creek Week 2026. They included a preliminary data report, survey results and feedback, and a photo gallery.
6. Current Business/Discussion
    a. Governing Board/Projects/MMF/ILF – Alli S.
        i. Water Activity Enterprise and Matrix are monitoring maintenance projects at Eagleridge and Southmoor Drive. Alli S. included detailed progress on vegetation at the Southmoor Drive project. She also mentioned that FCWD is working in partnership with El Paso county to fix the trail along the Southmoor Drive.
        ii. The Frost Ranch project is at 60% design in partnership with Naranjo. FCWD applied for a WaterSmart grant for the construction of the project and development, which will start in fall 2027.
        iii. Stantec is doing a resilience report to maximize the remaining MMF dollars.
        iv. Alli S. is preparing for 2027 budget submission. FCWD is not requesting additional funding from the board due to budget reductions.
        v. The FCWD Board of Directors met in September and will meet again on October 23 for the budget hearing.
        vi. The In Lieu Fee Program is still in development with US Army Corps of Engineers and approval from the board. The next In Lieu Fee workshop is on 10.29 1-3 pm.
    b. TAC – Yvonne W
        i. The next TAC meeting is on October 14 to discuss the strategic planning framework.
        ii. In November, USDS will give a presentation on Geomorphology.
    c. AFCURE - Yvonne W
        i. AFCURE met on October 6 to plan for 2027.
        ii. Yvonne W. gave an explanation on selenium and E. Coli bacteria along the Fountain and Monument Creek.

iii. AFCURE continues to coordinate on monitoring and complying with Regulation 85, which targets total phosphorus and total inorganic nitrogen reductions in state surface waters

d. Website - Mary Barber
   i. No website updates.

e. WOC- Susan/Mary
   i. May W. and Susan F. gave a report on the FCWD outreach and education updates from September to October 2026.
   ii. The Colorado Water Conservation Board approved a grant to develop the Downstream Designs mural program.

7. Old Business - None
8. New Business
   a. FCWD Strategic Plan Development - Alli S.
      i. Alli S. discussed that FCWD is continuing to work on Strategic Planning. The document is evolving based on feedback from the board, staff, and community members.
      ii. Clarification of the purpose of the In Lieu Fee program as a source of sustainable funding.
      iii. Community engagement will be targeted to stewardship and action.
      iv. Alli S. is looking to strengthen the partnership with entities such as Pikes Peak Waterways.
      v. Members of the CAG gave feedback on the Strategic Plan pillars.
   b. 2027 CAG Officer Positions and member recruitment
      i. CAG Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary positions are open. Elections for these positions will happen in January.
      ii. Terms of the CAG will end in December.

9. 2026 Meeting Schedule
   a. Nov 13 – Hybrid meeting
   b. Dec – No meeting

11. Public Comments - None

12. Adjourn

Chair Woolley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was approved by consensus, and the meeting adjourned at 11:31am.