



FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED

Flood Control And Greenway District

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Technical Advisory Committee

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 3, 2024 – 1:00 PM

1. Call to Order, Introductions, and Establishment of a Quorum: The meeting was held virtually via a Zoom video conference call. A quorum was established, the meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. Introduction of new members.

Committee Members in Attendance

Aaron Brice	Pueblo County
Aaron Sutherland	Citizen
Andrew Callaghan	City of Pueblo
Andrew Rippe	Fort Carson
Annie Berlemann	Colorado Springs Utilities, Watershed Planning
Ben Sheets	City of Fountain
Beth Nosker	State of Colorado, Division of Water Resources
Brian Muhlbachler	USAFA
Christina Prete	El Paso County
Dominga Jimenez-Garcia	Pueblo County
Jason Meyer	El Paso County, Parks
Jeff Rice	El Paso County, Engineering
Jonathan Griffen	Pueblo County
Jonathan Moore	Fountain Sanitation District
Melissa Whittengslow	Fort Carson, Stormwater
Mark Shea	Colorado Springs Utilities, Watershed Planning
Terry Hart	CAG

Others in Attendance:

Alli Schuch	Fountain Creek Watershed District, Executive Director
Amy Kelly	USAFA
Ann Werner	PPACG
Gary Rapp	Citizen
Ian Paton	WWE
Jerimiah Reichert	City of Monument
Jenny Bishop	Colorado Springs Utilities
Ann Werner	PPACG
Steven Rodriguez	Fountain Creek Watershed District, Operations Manager

2. Approve Agenda for the April 3, 2024: Agenda reviewed and approved by consensus.
3. Approve Minutes of the March 14, 2024: Minutes had the following corrections: item 5, add Dave Wolverton for Pine Creek issue, and a time typographical error. Approved by consensus with the noted edits.

4. TAC Member Comments:

- a. Dominga – update on i-25 project violation, stormwater inspector marty with total terrain issue with permits which they said referred to the District, avoided calls from pueblo county stormwater. Will be fined for stormwater permitting issues. District did not issue any permitting.
- b. Mark Shea Dredge and Fill update. The bill put forth by Kirkmeyer is currently not moving forward, there is a committee hearing April 11th on Speaker McCluskie version of the bill. Water Congress is engaging and providing edits.

5. Public Comments:

- a. None

6. Presentations:

- a. RV Park – Aaron Brice, Pueblo County
Review impact caused by the RV and Boat storage overflow. Drainage report and completed and reviewed. The site is located 3 miles from Hwy 47 project. Flows, ponding, and run off is contained by the berm. Onsite flows the area perimeter are 4.4-14.65 cfs for 10- and 100-year flows.
- b. Stormwater Related Impacts to Jackson Creek – Ann Werner, PPACG and Brian Mhlbachler, USAFA
PPACG obtained a series of grants to focus on planning and impacts on military installations, phase II grants focus on stormwater collaboration. All grants are for design and planning. Due to development, Jackson Creek has had negative impacts. Potential project area that will have design done is the last 1100 feet of the creek before the confluence with Monument Creek. Master Plan includes detention areas, stormwater, and habitat protection. This area has several parcel owners including railroad, utilities and commerce and many stakeholders. There is critical PPJM habitat in the area, which is some of the best outside of USAFA. The design will address the railroad crossing, culverts, bank erosion and mitigate stormwater flows.
- c. Direct and Indirect Potable Reuse – Jenny Bishop, Project Manager, Colorado Springs Utilities
Overview of water in the Pikes Peak region. Indirect Potable Reuse would allow for use and reuse of water. IPR project will be entirely in El Paso County. There are several options to pick up water and distribute but currently pick up water from Fountain Creek in the Chilcott Ditch over to Williams Creek Reservoir and then enter the Southern Delivery System. This project would provide a tool to deliver reusable water, collaboration, reducing Denver Basin pumping, closing municipal water gap. Regionally this will increase storage, leverage current infrastructure, drought mitigation and efficiency. This project does support the Colorado Water Plan and Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan Goals. Project is applying for grant funding feasibility and design.

7. Reports:

- a. District Board/Water Activity Enterprise Board/Project Updates: Alli Schuch reported that the District Board and Water Activity Enterprise Board met on March 15, 2024. Presentation from Gary Barber how the District was founded. The next meeting is April 19, 2024, at 9:00 am on

Zoom and in-person at Fountain City Hall. Richard Mulledy will be giving an update to the City IGA projects and presentation on Jackson Creek.

- b. Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee: The MMFAC met on March 20, 2024. Presentation from landowner on Fountain Creek who is losing land since last spring rain events. The next meeting on April 17, 2024, at 10:00 am on Zoom or in-person. CDOT will present on HWY 50 project.
 - c. Citizens Advisory Group: Terry Hart reported the CAG met March 8, 2024. The CAG had a panel of subject matter experts discussing water hot topics like pollinators and riparian vegetation and native plant information. The next meeting is April 13, 2024. Panel on the state of the unhoused in El Paso County.
 - d. AFCURE: Mark Shea reported that AF CURE met April 2, 2024. Update on dredge and fill, and presentations from the State on TMDLs and water quality efforts. The next meeting is May 7, 2024.
8. New Business:
- a. None
9. Ongoing Business:
- a. Partnership Projects – brief tour of the TAC Google Drive and the partnership lists.
 - b. In-Lieu Fee – Lucy Harrington, GEI – Mark Shea and Annie Berlemann gave an update on the progress of the ILF. Focus has been on a service area.
 - c. Regional/Military Stormwater Subcommittee - initial conversations have begun and developing contacts. Andrew Rippe gave a brief update. Military Stormwater will give introduction presentations to the TAC in May and August.
10. Future Business
- a. Military Stormwater – (May and August)
 - b. NRCS Project on Fountain Creek – Jonathan Moore (August)
 - c. Jimmy Camp Creek Drainage Basin Fee Setting (Jeff Rice, summer/fall)
 - d. AF CURE nutrient white paper and/or PFAS
 - e. Dredge and Fill permitting
 - f. Tours (TBD) – Adams Open Space in Fountain or Ft. Carson.
11. Set Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting: The next meeting is on May 1, 2024, at 1:00, on Zoom and in-person.
12. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. by consensus.