



**FOUNTAIN CREEK
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FCWD TAC Land Use Authority Subcommittee

Kickoff Meeting

Tuesday, March 17, 2-3pm via [Zoom](#)

Draft Minutes

Purpose: Ensure a clear, defensible, and efficient Land Use Authority (LUA) process for FCWD

1. Welcome and introductions

Alli Schuch	Fountain Creek Watershed District Executive Director
Angie Martell	PPACG
Ashlyn Mathy	El Paso County Parks
Dave Allgood	Security Water and Sanitation District
Saul Maravilla	CAG member
Steve Atencio	Fountain Creek Watershed District
Steven Rodriguez	Fountain Creek Watershed District
Yvonne Wetzig	Colorado Springs Utilities

2. Overview of Existing Authority + Process

- a. Alli Schuch reviewed a map of District authority areas, current Design Criteria Manual [DCM's](#), and application process <https://www.fountain-crk.org/land-use-checklist-application-fees>

3. Existing documentation for projects inside the corridor

4. Formal land use regulations outside of the corridor

- a. Steve Atencio noted the need to differentiate the difference in land use regulations inside and outside of the corridor. There is also a need to define what is and what is not a direct impact.
 - i. Suggested the use of an example from an existing regulation on how to set up.
 - ii. Establish the criteria for approval, denial, or approval with conditions.
- b. Dave Allgood will reach out to USGS for guidance, tools, datasets, or recommendations on floodplain impacts, sediment risk, considerations to creek proximity, and scale of disturbance.
- c. Ashlyn Mathy discussed EDARP and potential ways the FCWD would receive LUA notifications. FCWD would need to get in contact with all agencies so they know to inform us. Ashlyn Mathy will reach out to Jeff Rice.
- d. There was a discussion of legal vs advisory authority. [Colorado Revised Statutes](#)



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- e. Alli Schuch asked who will review all of the documents in the long run, a consultant or keep the LUA committee?
- f. Alli Schuch will reach out to SWENT about whether or not they have updated their DCM as an example.

Potential criteria:

- Proximity to creek
- Floodplain impact
- Sediment contribution risk
- Infrastructure risk
- Scale of disturbance

5. Process + Workflow Improvements

- a. Update application and checklist
 - Cost of services / fee structure
- b. Update website – clearer language on process
- c. Other process modifications

6. Next Steps

- a. Set next meeting
- b. Goal – Memo to the Board in May