

**Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District  
Citizens Advisory Group  
Meeting Minutes  
November 9, 2012**

The meeting was held at:  
City of Fountain, City Hall  
116 S. Main Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Fountain, CO

**1. Call to Order, Establish Quorum and Introductions**

The November 9, 2012 meeting of the Fountain Creek Watershed Citizens Advisory Group (“CAG”) was called to order by Chairperson, Mr Terry Hart, at approximately 9:35am. In attendance were the following designated members of the CAG:

Terry Hart – Chairperson	Vice Chairperson – Irene Kornelly
Mary Barber	Dieter Erdmann
Jack Wallick	Tom Ready
Dan Henrichs	Ross Vincent
Elaine Kleckner	Carol Baker

Richard Skorman – CAG Representative to the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District (“FCWD”) Governing Board  
Ferris Frost – Alternate CAG Representative to the FCWD Governing Board

Members not present:  
Vance Clifton  
Yvette Valdez-Trujillo

Mr Larry Small, Executive Director, and Mr Mark Shea, Colorado Springs Utilities (“CSU”) also attended.

A quorum was noted.

**2. Approve Agenda of November 9, 2012 Meeting**

*Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the November 9, 2012 agenda was approved.*

**3. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting(s)**

*Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the October 12, 2012 minutes were approved.*

**4. Reports**

**a. Governing Board Meeting.** The Board’s only agenda topic was the potential ballot initiative and the extent of support to be made available by the Trust for Public Lands. The Trust will complete an assessment by the end of December, and then they will meet with the District with recommendations for moving forward. They are unable to provide any direct funding. The

Trust can help structure the polling, which would cost about \$25,000 depending on the extent of the effort. Mr Emmons provided draft ballot language so review of it is in progress. Mr Small distributed a spreadsheet with revenue projections and property owner costs for 0.5 to 5.0 mils for comparison. The amount eventually proposed will be based on the role and needs of the FCWD. Mr Hart noted that several tax initiatives in southern CO passed. Reasons why these initiatives succeeded, the District's desired operating model and other factors will need to be considered as the District moves forward with its ballot question.

-Ms Frost presented landowner concerns as had been discussed at the October CAG. Grant opportunities have been scanned and applications for various projects and studies, including private landowner needs, will be requested where possible. Mr Small will be looking to supplement the funding for the US Geological Survey ("USGS") flood control study and leverage the study as match. Generally, private landowners must implement repairs out of pocket and then seek reimbursement from the Natural Resources Conservation Service ("NRCS"). The NRCS will pay a certain percentage of the project. The CAG wants to continue discussions about what the District can do to support landowners in the short and medium term along the Creek.

**b. TAC Meeting.** Ms Kleckner reported:

-The TAC continues to maintain awareness of the Waldo Canyon Fire impacts and recovery. They received a report from CSU on post-fire impacts based on the Utility's initial assessment and the on-going Watershed Assessment of River Stability and Sediment Supply ("WARSSS") process. The TAC also discussed bridging the gap between the CSU assessment and the District's USGS flood control study. A subcommittee of the TAC has been meeting on the USGS report. A draft report will be available at the end of the year with the study concluding in 2013. The CAG will try to get a USGS presentation on the agenda early next year.

-The main agenda item was discussion of FCWD adoption of the Colorado Springs Drainage Criteria Manual. The TAC has been discussing what the role of the FCWD should be in storm water management. As the FCWD is basically modeled after the Urban Drainage District in Denver, the TAC will look at their role for future discussions. The TAC will also be looking at floodplain regulations and finalizing a checklist for District land use applications. Colorado Springs intends to adopt the manual early next year.

-A CSU Southern Delivery System ("SDS") Williams Creek pump station- power supply application will be on the December meeting agenda. The next meeting will be December 5<sup>th</sup>, Fountain City Hall.

-**ADDED:** EPA Watershed Assessment of River Stability and Sediment Supply  
<http://water.epa.gov/scitech/datait/tools/warsss/index.cfm>

**c. Outreach Group.**

-Mr Small distributed digital copies of the FCWD presentation for members to use in the community as had been requested.

-The next Outreach Group meeting will be on December 10<sup>th</sup>, Fountain City Hall at 1pm.

-Ms Carol Baker explained the role and purpose of the Fountain Creek Watershed Greenway Fund, a component program of the Pikes Peak Community Foundation. It was modeled after the Greenway Foundation in Denver. The first priority of the fund has been projects in the downtown Colorado Springs area. The Fountain Creek Foundation is an educational foundation. Good communication among all organizations involved with Fountain Creek will be important so that we are all aware of what we each are doing, facilitate coordination and perhaps leverage project opportunities. Mr Hart will add a Greenway Fund Update to the agenda.

**d. Oil and Gas Exploration Subcommittee.** Ms Kornelly reported that the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (“COGCC”) will be meeting in November to review the state regulations in light of local governmental concerns. The two major issues to be addressed are water quality sampling and setbacks. The Subcommittee will continue to follow what’s happening around oil and gas in the region/State.

**e. Website Working Group.** Members were asked to continue to send input and suggestions to Mr Jeff Besse in order to keep the site up-to-date and relevant. Mr Vincent will work with Mr Besse on updating the website.

## **5. Current Business**

**a. Waldo Canyon Burn Runoff Concerns Update.** Mr Mark Shea, CSU, Watershed Planning Supervisor, gave a very informative presentation on the impacts of the Waldo Canyon fire on specific drainages, CSU infrastructure and the watershed. While there are significant impacts in drainages in and close to the burn area, the current models project the impacts on the main stem of Fountain Creek diminishing the further downstream you go because of the limited size of the burn area in relation to the entire watershed. If an event were to set up over a larger portion of the watershed so that the Creek received high volumes of storm water over a larger area, the flows from the burn area could exacerbate the flooding situation. CSU is actively working with the Coalition for the Upper South Platte (“CUSP”), Rocky Mountain Field Institute, the US Forest Service (“USFS”) and others to assess, design treatments and repair damages at least in the short-term. The WARSSS assessment will be completed in the April timeframe. Additional discussion ensued as to the role and mission of the District and the status of other storm water issues after the fire.

-**ADDED:** Probability and Volume of Potential Postwildfire Debris Flows in the 2012 Waldo Canyon Burn Area near Colorado Springs, CO <http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2012/1158/>

-**ADDED:** Waldo Canyon BAER Assessment  
<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/article/2929/15218/>

**b. Regional Stormwater Task Force Status Report.** Mr Skorman reported that El Paso County and Colorado Springs are assessing storm water infrastructure needs and prioritizing projects as a follow up on the Summit Economics report. A business group and a citizens group also have formed to support this task force.

-Another group organized by CUSP and USFS with CSU and other stakeholders are addressing the Waldo Canyon burn only.

-El Paso County Sheriff is coordinating another group focused on emergency management planning.

**6. Other Business:** None

**7. Public Comment:** None

**8. Executive Session:** None Required

**9. Next Meeting:** The next scheduled CAG meeting will be December 7, 2012, 9:30am, Fountain City Hall. (Changed from December 14<sup>th</sup>.)

**10. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:50 am.