

**Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District
Citizens Advisory Group
Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2012**

The meeting was held at:
Pueblo District Attorney's Office
701 Court Street
Pueblo, CO

1. Call to Order, Establish Quorum and Introductions

The August 10, 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	Elaine Kleckner
Mary Barber	Dan Henrichs
Ross Vincent	Tom Ready

Members not present:

Vice Chairperson – Irene Kornelly	Carol Baker
Vance Clifton	Dieter Erdmann
Yvette Valdez-Trujillo	Jack Wallick

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

A quorum was not present.

2. Approve Agenda of August 10, 2012 Meeting

The August 10, 2012 agenda was accepted.

3. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting(s)

No action taken.

4. Reports

- a. Governing Board Meeting.** Mr Hart and Ms Kleckner reported the Governing Board:
- Discussed flood control, erosion and sedimentation implications of the Waldo Canyon Fire and how to deal with the new challenges presented. The CAG also discussed the following:
 - An advisory group consisting of the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") U.S. Forest Service ("USFS"), City of Colorado Springs, state, counties and others will address burn area impacts and options by Sep.
 - Private landowners can seek funds for flood prevention and damage from the Natural Resource Conservation Service ("NRCS").
 - State and federal grants are also available.

-The Technical Advisory Group (“TAC”) provided recommendations pertaining to education and data/modeling. No direction or decisions were given.

-The cause of the fire remains unannounced.

-The District course of action remains under discussion.

-FEMA and others are encouraging landowners get flood insurance which is available under the National Flood Insurance Program during a short window of opportunity.

-Precipitation caused by two year, five year and 100 year storms will range from six times past runoff amounts to unknown.

-Additional rain and flood gauges have been or are being installed in and downstream of the burn area.

-CAG discussion during and after the TAC report included:

-The results of the fire are actually beneficial to downstream water rights. In addition to water volume, sediment helps to line ditches and reduce seepage.

-Water quality from building-related contaminants in addition to ash and fire retardant concern some CAG members.

-Discussed the demise of Initiatives 3 and 45, which did not receive sufficient signatures to be on the Nov ballot.

-Received a report on Mr Small’s and Mr Skorman’s discussion with the Trust for Public Lands. There was some interest by the Trust to assist. The fire presents many challenges but also may present an opportunity for the District in terms of visibility and support of a ballot initiative. Entities along Fountain Creek continue to make acquisitions from willing sellers e.g. City of Fountain.

-Next Board meeting will be August 24, 2012.

b. TAC Meeting. Ms Kleckner reported in addition to normal business the Technical Advisory Committee (“TAC”):

-Discussed flood recovery efforts.

-Reviewed the results of the policy workshop with a goal to prioritize the final report and workshop recommendations.

-Discussed plans to develop a checklist of documents the District needs to review land use applications.

c. Outreach Group. The Group is paused pending Board guidance. Adopt-a-Creek is continuing. Members discussed watershed awareness, education and outreach approaches in advance of any potential ballot initiative with further discussion deferred to the September CAG meeting.

d. Oil and Gas Exploration Subcommittee. The City Oil and Gas Subcommittee report was made. The CAG subcommittee will continue to wait and watch developments. El Paso County adopted specific code changes with discussions on-going with the State concerning some aspects. The El Paso County local designee [to the Commission] is Ms Diana May. The CAG members clarified that the District is a referral agency on land use applications with potential impacts on the floodplain. Some time ago, the District sent a letter to other land use entities to clarify the types of projects for referral. It may be appropriate to clarify with other jurisdictions the District’s interest in reviewing projects related to oil and gas activity in the watershed. Further discussion was deferred to the September meeting.

e. Website Working Group. The CAG needs to actively look at and communicate with Mr Besse about what we would like to see on the website. Mr Vincent was asked to send a note to CAG members requesting their input.

5. Current Business

a. Waldo Canyon Burn Runoff Concerns: Also discussed under Item 4.b. The members developed a proposed list of priority actions for the CAG as follows:

- Get dialed in to the cooperator's [advisory] group
- Collect information being put together in order to understand what's going on
- Recommend District role(s)
- Identify opportunities for projects and leverage available funding e.g. FEMA or Department of Transportation ("DOT") funds
- Share what we learn with the public

b. Tour of Irrigation Systems Debrief: Mr Henrichs provided a tour of several irrigation ditches along the Arkansas River after the July meeting. It was educational for all involved.

c. Ballot Question: Discussed under Item 4.b. The CAG will be continuing dialog with the Board.

6. Other Business: None

7. Public Comment: None

8. Executive Session: None Required

9. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled CAG meeting will be September 14, 2012, 9:30am, currently planned at Clear Springs Ranch (Exit 123 off I-25).

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 am.