

**Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District  
Citizens Advisory Group**

**Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2016**

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

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

The January 8, 2016 meeting of the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District (FCWD) Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) was called to order by Irene Kornelly, Chair, at about 9:35 a.m. A quorum was noted, with the following CAG members in attendance:

Irene Kornelly – Chair  
Ross Vincent – Vice Chair  
Ferris Frost – Alternate CAG Representative to the FCWD Governing Board  
Jack Wallick – CAG Secretary  
Mary Barber – FCWD Web Manager  
Lisa Godwin  
Ian Hartley  
Lois Illick  
Dana Nordstrom  
Allison Plute  
Amber Shanklin

**CAG Members not present:**

Tom Ready  
Richard Skorman - CAG Representative to the FCWD Governing Board

**Also in attendance:**

Larry Small, Executive Director, – Fountain Creek Watershed District  
Terry Hart, Pueblo County Commissioner, Board Member – Fountain Creek Watershed District

**2. Approve Agenda of January 8, 2016 Meeting**

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the amended January 8, 2016 agenda was approved.**

**3. Approve Minutes of November 13, 2015 Meeting**

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the November 13, 2015 minutes were approved.**

**4. Presentations:**

**Clear Springs Ranch Sludgeline Bank Protection - Rich Mulledy, Matrix Design. Postponed.**

## 5. Reports.

### a. Governing Board Meeting.

- The Board approved the 2016 Budget, for both the District and the Water Activity Enterprise.
- The Board approved Brian Mihlbachler as a new TAC member, replacing Fred Williams, who is now the alternate representing the Air Force Academy.
- The Board approved the grant application for evaluation of flood control alternatives along Fountain Creek, with the next step being that Larry will take the application to the Arkansas Basin Round Table. After approval by the Round Table, it will be submitted to the Colorado Water Conservation Board. We are asking \$33,000 from the State, matching with \$8,800 from the Round Table and \$25,500 from the District, plus some in-kind support from Colorado Springs Utilities.
- The Board extended the Matrix Technical Services Contract until December 31, 2016.
- Larry received word from the State that we had been awarded the grant for a WARSS study. That work will likely begin April 1.
- Larry wished the CAG a happy New Year and added that he had assessed the work of the CAG at \$150,000 this last year. The TAC provided services valued at \$100,000 during 2016. Larry expressed his appreciation for our services to the District.

### b. TAC Meeting.

- The TAC went through the usual business for the first meeting of the year, as will the CAG later in the meeting.
- Irene made a push to get the TAC involved in outreach activities.
- The new chair of the TAC is Dennis Maroney of Pueblo, the vice chair is Mark Shea, and Pat Coffee is secretary. Dennis or an alternate will attend our meetings as the TAC representative.

### c. Outreach Group.

- Allison distributed a two-page handout with upcoming outreach events and urged CAG members to get involved. She specifically asked that members note the right hand column: Action.
- The third annual Boys and Girls Club Fishing Derby at Pikeview Reservoir is Saturday May 14.
- The Outreach Group is meeting February 17.
- The group is finalizing a high-level summary of District activities during 2015.

### d. Monetary Mitigation Committee.

- Irene reported on the last Monetary Mitigation Committee meeting.
- There was no December meeting because of snow.
- The Monetary Mitigation Committee will meet again January 21 at Pueblo County Water Works.

### e. Website and Facebook Page.

- Irene commented that the TAC was very happy with the acronym list that Mary assembled, edited, and posted. There were hints that TAC appreciation might be expressed via cookies.
- Mary reported that under the second tab at the top of the webpage is Land Use Application, which has links to the Acronym List and the Submittal Checklist for Projects within the Fountain Creek Corridor. She asked that if members think of other locations where a link to the Acronym List would be useful, she would implement it. Additions and corrections are also welcome.

- The Checklist is being used and is very effective in evaluating projects.
- Mary also commented she will be performing a back-up and security update.
- Mary also reported that rather than download the very large Upper Fountain Creek – Cheyenne Creek onto the website, she thinks linking to the District Dropbox location will be quicker and easier for all involved. She asked that someone without Dropbox try the link to ensure it works. It will invite the user to sign up for Dropbox, but has an option to just open the linked file.

## 6. Current Business.

- 2015 CAG Membership: Nomination of new or replacement members.
  - All current CAG members have indicated their desire to continue serving during 2016. The CAG secretary was instructed to change the membership list to show the TAC representative as Dennis Maroney.
  - If Dennis chooses to assign a representative, Irene will email that person's contact information to the secretary for inclusion in the CAG membership list.

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the CAG approved the 2016 CAG membership.**

- Election of Officers for 2016.
  - The current officers were re-nominated as follows:
    - Chair: Irene Kornelly
    - Vice Chair: Ross Vincent
    - Secretary: Jack Wallick
    - Alternate Representative to District Board: Ferris Frost
  - CAG representative to the District Board Richard Skorman and alternate Ferris Frost are serving in two-year positions and do not need to be re-affirmed this year.

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the CAG approved the nominees as 2016 CAG officers.**

- Approve Sunshine Law Compliance Provisions. The Sunshine Law Compliance Provisions were read aloud by Chair Irene Kornelly, and are provided as Attachment A to these minutes.

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, CAG members affirmed they had heard the Sunshine Law Provisions.**

## 7. Other Business.

- Ferris reported on the hearing at El Paso Commissioners regarding the proposed LaFarge/Martin-Marietta gravel pit.
  - This proposed 745 acre gravel operation is south of PPIR and has been working its way around the system since 2009. LaFarge originally owned the site, but sold to Martin-Marietta Materials. In 2012 Martin Marietta requested an extension on submittal of a development plan, a likely reason being CDOT's insistence on a redesign of the interchange at Exit 122.
  - An organization called Sundance LLC now owns the property and has asked the county for another extension on the development plan.
  - Regardless of the eventual operator, or owner, they will be required to go through the District, the planning commission, and the county commissioners before operations can begin. A development plan is the first step, but it seems unlikely that anyone will find favorable economics in re-building the interchange at I-25.

- Irene reported that the TAC had proposed a set of guidelines for public comment, which she read aloud and recommended the CAG implement a similar policy. Irene will draft a proposed CAG policy based on the TAC's, and will email it to CAG members for their consideration before the next meeting. Several suggestions were made for additional guidelines.
- Allison had several items.
  - She asked about the postponed trip to Rainbow Falls. Dana Nordstrom will check with Elaine Kleckner to find a suitable time for a visit. Another possible field trip would be the Spring Creek Trail re-alignment.
  - Allison will be giving a Creek Week wrap up to the Fountain City Council this coming Tuesday the 12th of January.
  - The District will be a part of the library's Water ECO-STEM program this summer. We will have a page in the booklet, of which 5,000 will be distributed.
  - Allison concluded by mentioning Creekside at America the Beautiful Park. There are interpretive signs, and although the area does not seem fully complete, there are many good features.

**8. Public Comment.** There was no public comment.

**9. Next Meeting.** The next scheduled CAG meeting will be Friday February 12, 2016, 9:30 a.m. at the Fountain City Hall, 116 W. Main.

**10. Adjourn:**

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.**

**Attachment A**  
**Colorado Sunshine Law Compliance Provisions**

**Citizens Advisory Committee of the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District**

**COLORADO SUNSHINE LAW COMPLIANCE**

**As affirmed in the January 8, 2016 meeting:**

- A. Meeting notices will be posted at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of a meeting at the same places as the El Paso County and Pueblo County Commissioners meeting notices are posted.
- B. The day and time of regular meetings shall be the 2nd Friday of each month, at 9:30 a.m.; however, the CAG may meet at a different time if properly noticed. The primary meeting place will be the City of Fountain City Hall, 116 S. Main Street, 2nd Floor, Fountain, Colorado 80817; however the CAG has the ability to meet in other locations from time to time.
- C. The Secretary of the CAG shall be the official custodian of records – the Executive Director will also keep records as appropriate.
- D. Official minutes and records will be maintained by the CAG Secretary, with copies to also be maintained by the Executive Director.
- E. The audio recording is hereby designated as the official record of meetings.
- F. The audio recording of executive sessions is hereby ordered, except for attorney/client communications.
- G. The Official Newspapers for publication of required notices shall be the same newspapers that are used by the Boards of Commissioners of El Paso and Pueblo Counties.