

**Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District
Technical Advisory Committee**

**Draft Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 5, 2014 – 1:00 pm**

Meeting was held at Fountain City Hall
116 S. Main Street
Fountain, CO 80817

1. **Call to Order**, a quorum was established and meeting called to order at 1:03 p.m.

In attendance were the following designated members of the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District Technical Advisory Committee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Joan Armstrong	Pueblo County Planning and Development
Tasha Brackin	El Paso County Parks
John Chavez,	Chair-El Paso County, Stormwater
Pat Coffee	Pueblo County Public Works
Steve Gardner	City of Colorado Springs, Engineering
Duane Greenwood	City of Fountain
Jim Heckman	Fountain Sanitation District
Nancy Keller	City of Pueblo, Water Quality
Irene Kornelly	Pueblo Citizen/ member Citizen Advisory Group
Rich Muzzy	Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
Bud O’Hara	Pueblo Conservancy
Mark Shea	Colorado Springs Utilities
Fred Williams	USAFA

Additional members of Watershed District Board/Committees:

Larry Small Executive Director, Watershed Board of Directors

2. **Approve Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda by Jim Heckman, seconded by Nancy Keller, approved by unanimous vote.
3. **Approve Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes as amended (*to correct spelling of James Maroney’s last name*) made by Fred Williams, and seconded by Irene Kornelly, approved by unanimous vote.
4. **Presentations:**
- a. Scott Herman and Del Nemo presented a summary of their research regarding water quality, conducted at the Colorado State University at Pueblo. The two men authored several studies concerning Fountain Creek water quality and aquatic habitat. They presented information regarding microbial organisms currently present at Pueblo reservoir, and predicted the exotic species will be

introduced to the Williams Creek and Jimmy Camp reservoirs once the Southern Delivery System is operational. They addressed the issue of mercury and selenium levels in fish and plants. Future studies are anticipated, in which additional metals such as lead, cadmium, zinc, and copper could be evaluated.

5. Reports

- a. Governing Board - Larry Small presented a summary of the Board meeting held October 24th, addressing items that included the 2014 audit; a \$1,000 contract to update the website; the potential establishment of a “Monetary Mitigation Advisory Committee”; CDPHE grants; the second wave of federal flood recovery funds for Colorado to be released in November; and the next Board meeting to occur December 12 in Pueblo.
- b. Citizens Advisory Group – Irene Kornelly reported the following:
 - The September meeting of the Citizen’s Advisory Committee included a presentation by Allison Moser of CSU regarding the status of the Southern Delivery project;
 - Ms. Kornelly also provided a report on the results of Creek Week, including participation by over 625 volunteers, 40-miles of creek cleaned up, and seven tons of trash collected. She noted that the efforts resulted in a very successful event, including the raising of more than \$40,000. Ms. Kornelly noted that the planning for next year’s Creek Week activities will begin in February of 2015, and the goal will be to exceed the success of 2014 by raising more than \$50,000 in 2015. She encouraged TAC members to visit the website to view photos of the event.
 - The next meeting of the CAG will occur on November 15, 2014.
- c. Updates from Members’ Projects and Waldo Canyon Flood Prevention Efforts- John Chavez provided an update of projects underway by El Paso County, related to Waldo Canyon Flood Prevention, including:
 - Funding agreements expired in September of 2014; Final reporting of post-fire mitigation efforts is underway
 - The County received a letter from the State Water Commissioner regarding potential water rights infringement due to construction of flood control facilities that detain water; the problem results from the designation of certain facilities as “wells” due to a lack of regulatory category and designation for flood control structures
 - Mr. Chavez noted that the County has not yet formulated a response to the State on this issue.
- d. Update on progress of the Drainage Criteria Manual (DCM) review committee- Rich Muzzy explained that the committee will meet today, following the Technical Advisory Committee meeting. John Chavez reported that in the meantime, the County intends to adopt portions of the DCM.

6. New Business

- a. Assignment of alternate members – Mark Shea asked how the list of alternate members typically gets established. L. Small noted that the official list of alternate members should be formally assigned each year in January; that it is up to TAC members to select alternates; and that there is no specific limit on the number of members that belong to the TAC. R. Muzzy requested a chart that lists the interests being represented by TAC members, to assist in determining additional types of agencies that could be participants. M. Shea suggested reaching out to additional interests such as the Rocky Mountain Field Institute (RMFI), the Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP), and similar groups.

7. Other Business –

- a. Rich Muzzy discussed upcoming presentations to be provided for the TAC; Duane Greenwood stated that a beaver colony has established itself in Fountain Creek near the Jimmy Camp Creek bridge along Old Pueblo Road; Mark Shea noted a rain garden on-site detention demonstration project will be unveiled at the Millibo Art Theater off of 21st street on Saturday November 5.

7. Public Comment – none

8. Executive Session (If Required) – none required

9. Set Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting – December 3, 2014, 1:00 pm, Fountain City Hall.

10. Adjournment – There being no further business, a motion was made by Irene Kornelly to adjourn, with second provided by Jim Heckman; motion carried by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:54 p.m.