

**Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District**  
**Technical Advisory Committee**  
Meeting Minutes  
6 February 2013

The meeting was held at:  
City of Fountain, City Hall  
116 S. Main Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Fountain, CO 80817

**1. Call to Order and Introductions**

Rick Muzzy called the meeting to order at 1300.

A quorum was present for the meeting.

In attendance were the following designated members of the Fountain Creek Watershed Technical Advisory Committee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Carol Baker, P.E.	Colorado Springs Utilities, Water Supply
Dan Bare, P.E.	City of Colorado Springs, Engineering
John Chavez	El Paso County, Stormwater
Jessica Frank, P.E.	Fort Carson, Stormwater
Duane Greenwood	City of Fountain, Public Works
Nancy Keller	City of Pueblo, Water Quality
Elaine Kleckner	El Paso County, Comm. Services/Planning
Dennis Maroney	Stormwater, Consultant
Richard Mulledy, P.E.	City of Pueblo Drainage Engineer
Rich Muzzy	PPACG
Fred Williams	USAF Academy
Irene Kornelly	CAG

Public in Attendance

Larry Small	Executive Director
Dave Lethbridge	PPRBD

**2. Approve Agenda of 6 February 2013**

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the agenda for the February 6, 2013 meeting was approved.

**3. Elect officers for 2013 – carried forward from 9 January 2013 meeting**

Richard Mulledy was elected as Chair, John Chavez was elected as Vice-Chair, and Jessica Frank was elected as Secretary.

#### **4. Address the question of Chair to continue as Liaison to CAG**

The TAC Chair will continue to act as a liaison to the CAG.

#### **5. Approve Minutes of 9 January 2013 meeting**

Change on page 1: change counting to county. With that change, minutes were approved.

#### **6. Reports**

##### **a. Governing Board**

Larry Small summarized the Board's annual meeting.

- Gabriel Ortega is the Board Chair, Eva Montoya is the Vice- Chair, Jane Rhodes is Treasure, and Brandy Williams is Secretary. Certificates of merit were given to Dan Kogovsek and Jeff Chostner.

Larry Small summarized the Board's regular meeting.

- Board approved \$35,300 matching to the grant application, which is in addition to the already approved \$10,000. The other necessary funds will be provided by Arkansas Round Table that approved \$105,000 between basin funds and statewide funds. Also, \$7,500 in-kind was given. The application has been given to the State and topic will be on the state agenda in the month of March at the CWCB Board meeting.
- Approved land use application for Colorado Springs Utilities power line crossing on Fountain Creek.
- The mill levee was discussed. In February, the Trust for Public Land, a national land trust organization, will be at the Board meeting to present their assessment and recommendations on a path forward.

##### **b. Citizens Advisory Group**

An update was brought to the committee by Irene Kornelly.

- The CAG set up meeting schedule and elected new officers. Irene Kornelly is the Chair, Perry Cabot is the Vice-Chair, and Jack Wallac is the secretary. Four new members who include Parry Cabot, Jerry Cordova, Nancy Bernard, and Richard Mulledy (from the TAC).
- Land Use Application for the SDS power line was approved.
- The group discussed the progress of the Regional Stormwater Task Force.
- Years ago, Lafarge wanted to create a gravel pit near Ferris Frost's property, but it never came to fruition. Lafarge has since sold its assets to Martin Marietta Materials Inc. who wants to create a gravel pit. Martin Marietta approached the County Commissioners to receive an extension for 6 years. One issue to be resolved is the Exit 122

interstate redesign (near the Pike Peaks Race Track) to accommodate additional truck traffic to the proposed gravel pit. Martin Marietta seems prepared to mitigate environmental risks such as noise, dust, and storm water runoff. Larry Small estimates that two years are needed for Martin Marietta and CDOT to work through the resign process. John Chavez stated that the acceleration and de-acceleration lanes are not long enough to accommodate the trucks. Duane Greenwood summarized the issues and possible solutions of the traffic issue when Lafarge was planning on creating a gravel pit.

- Next CAG meeting is 7 February at 0900 in Fountain City Hall.

**c. Updates from Members Regarding Waldo Canyon Flood Prevention Efforts**

- CDOT is working on the embankment at the trailhead of Rainbow Falls. El Paso County will piggy back on this effort by adding a service road and tier one trail. El Paso County made its first application for the Emergency Watershed Grant for work at the Ute Pass Elementary School, which has been approved.
- Dan Bare explained that the CWCB Floodplain study a scope of work has been provided by the consultant. The funding sources are \$100,000 from the CWCB and \$10,000 from the local contribution. The notice to proceed will be given next week. The project is to determine the increased flood risk post -burn. El Paso County is managing the project and Matrix is the contractor. This project is not intended to remap the floodplain, but it will be used as a tool for emergency management.

**7. New Business**

**a. Front Range Trail Design through Clear Spring Ranch.**

- Carol Baker presented the proposed the Front Range trail design through Clear Springs Ranch. The project site starts at the north end of Clear Springs Ranch and will continue down to Old Pueblo Road. The proposed design allows for creek access. The project is due to GOCO in mid-March. GOCO funds as a part of the River Corridor Initiative will fund this project. Also, several other entities need to sign off on the design. A large cut bank exists on the south end, which will be graded down to a 4:1 slope as part of SDS. The trail itself is a stabilization measure and will also be considered as a match. The County will manage the trail when complete. The trail ends at the south edge at Fountain Creek Regional Park. A low river crossing is planned at Little Fountain Creek. The design includes small plain fish passage, which will be the first of its kind. The trailhead includes parking for vehicles and horse trailers.
- Fred Williams seems too tight and needs to be more carefully examined. Matrix and THK created the design, and based the design

on a current trailhead in Douglas County. However, Carol will bring up this concern to the contractor.

- Duane Greenwood stated that the South Powers Corridor Study shows that the future South Power connection is supposed to go right through the proposed trailhead.
- At one point a Prairie Dog community was at this location, but has since been removed.
- John Chavez questioned the necessity of the curb and gutter system. That feature increases costs and might not be necessary.
- Duane Greenwood and others stressed the importance of ADA compliance.
- Rich Muzzy questioned the necessity of the fence around the horse corral. Elaine Kleckner explained that the horse corral fence is often requested.
- John Chavez commented that a water quality BMP will very likely be required.
- Nancy Keller stated that mixing animal waste (that would come from horse waste) and contact (river access) are conflicting uses. Also, providing a load source might end up in a requirement waste load allocation to comply a TMDL.
- The facility is not in the floodplain, but parts of the trail will be. A floodplain permit might be required. The Board will need to approve the construction and the \$1,750 might be required. The City of Colorado Springs received the grant for this project, and would be the Land Use applicant. A fee waiver might be possible from the Board.
- The far south end has a railroad crossing. The first option is for the trail to go under the railroad and then onto Old Pueblo Road. However, this will cost extra money because of some design requirements. The second option is a crossing across the tracks further south. The consultant is working with the railroad on the second option.

## **5. Unfinished Business**

### **a. Update from Sub-Committee on review/discussion on chapters 1-5 of City of Colorado Springs Drainage Criteria Manual (DCM) and spin-off projects (to prepare recommendation to the Board regarding District adoption of DCM)**

- Dan Bare explained that the entire manual needs to be reviewed as a whole, not just chapters 1-5. The Sub-Committee's plan is to review the manual as a whole and create memo that identifies differences the District policy that would be adopted with the manual. Examples of some differences that would be in the memo are administrative procedures and floodplain management.
- The Regional Building Floodplain Administrator has jurisdiction over the whole County. The District only has jurisdiction over land use, which can be more strict policy than what Regional building adopts.

- The manual should have a clear policy that requires water quality BMPs. That language is located in Volume 1 Chapter 3 Section 2, and also Volume 2 Chapter 4.
- Currently, the lot size in which detention is required is greater than one acre to line up with water quality criteria. Some outstanding questions are whether or not the District wants to use the Gauge analysis for all designs, and prescribe design slopes for certain reaches.
- Wednesday at 2pm will be the next sub-committee.

**b. Update from Sub-Committee on the development of a checklist for District land use application reviews.**

- Elaine Kleckner provided several examples to use as a starting point. Wednesday at 1400 will be another meeting to follow up on these issues.

**6. Other Business**

All of DCM Volume I is available for review. Thursday is a meeting with the Colorado Springs Planning commission. A meeting with the HBA will be on 28 February. 7 March is the Drainage Board workshop at 1300. On 7 April the Drainage Board will likely make a recommendation to the City Council.

Regional Task Force is presenting to the City Council 11 February at 1300 to review capital and O&M needs compared to actual budget. 26 February the City Count is to vote on a resolution to this issue. Phase II of the Task Force will address the budget gap. The Summit Economic Group work will help with the Phase II solution.

**7. Public Comment**

No comment recorded.

**8. Executive Session (If Required)**

Not required.

**9. Setting Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting**

6 March 2013, 1300 hours, City of Fountain, 116 S. Main Street, Fountain CO 80817.

**10. Adjourn**

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