

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

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 1, 2015 – 1:00 PM

1. Call to Order: The meeting was held at Fountain City Hall, 116 S. Main Street, Fountain, Colorado. A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

Joan Armstrong	Pueblo County Planning & Development
Jeff Bailey	City of Pueblo Stormwater
Jeff Besse	City of Colorado Springs Engineering
John Chavez	El Paso County Stormwater
Pat Coffee	Pueblo County Engineering & Public Works
Duane Greenwood	City of Fountain Public Works
Jim Heckman	Fountain Sanitation District, Wastewater
Nancy Keller	City of Pueblo Water Quality
Irene Kornelly	Citizens' Advisory Committee
Greg Langer	Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
Rich Muzzy	Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG)
Bud O'Hare	Pueblo Conservancy District
Mark Shea	Colorado Springs Utility
Fred Williams	US Air Force Academy

Others in Attendance:

- Larry Small, Executive Director, Watershed Board of Directors
- Suzanne Rohrs, Fort Carson Stormwater
- Shelly Cobau, City of Manitou Springs
- Kevin Niles, A.G.U.A.
- Mark Morley, Excelsior Ditch

2. Approve Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda by Bud O'Hare, seconded by John Chavez, approved by unanimous vote.

3. Approved Minutes: Three corrections to the minutes were requested. Nancy Keller stated that in the minutes her nomination to the Chair of the TAC was seconded by Bud O'Hare; however he was not present at that meeting. The tapes from that meeting need to be listened to and the minutes corrected. Larry Small requested that the report on the Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee section of the minutes be changed from "...oversight of the anticipated \$50MM..." to "...advisory of the anticipated \$50M..." A motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2015 minutes with all corrections was made by John Chavez, seconded by Bud O'Hare, approved by unanimous vote.

4. Presentations:

a. Rich Muzzy (PPACG) gave two presentations. The first was an overview of issues on Fountain Creek Water Quality. The Strategic Plan (2009) for Water Quality and Sedimentation Map of Water Quality Monitoring can be found on the Arkansas Fountain Coalition for Urban River Evaluation (AFCURE)

website. This covers the area on the Arkansas from the Pueblo Dam to John Martin Reservoir and on the Fountain Creek from Monument Creek to its confluence with the Arkansas River.

The second presentation was a preliminary review of the effects of the Waldo Canyon and Black Forest Fires on Water Quality. Additional data will be forthcoming.

b. Jeff Bailey, City of Pueblo Stormwater, gave an update on the Pueblo Springs Ranch development proposal. This development has been in the works for several years but recently (January 27, 2014) was renewed. Matrix will be reviewing the Pueblo Springs Ranch development for the City. Larry Small emphasized that the impacts to Fountain Creek would need to be addressed in the annexation agreement and that the Fountain Creek Watershed District needs to be kept in the loop. Irene Kornelly requested that Bailey make a presentation to the Citizen's Advisory Committee at their April 9 meeting.

c. Abigail Ortega, Colorado Springs Utility (CSU) gave a presentation on Water Rights Protection TASK. This is mainly a Fountain Creek Watershed District project that was funded by Colorado Springs Utility, Pueblo Board of Water Works, Security Water & Sanitation District, Pueblo West, City of Fountain, and SECWD. The task is to review the storage/detention options along the Fountain Creek in conjunction with an analysis of water rights along both the Fountain and pertinent parts of the Arkansas. A draft report should be available around April 12. There will be a stakeholders' meeting on April 21 at the Fountain City Hall.

5. Reports:

a. Larry Small gave a report on the Watershed Board meeting of March 27. Appointments were made to the new Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee. Alf Randall and Joan Armstrong from Pueblo County, Mark Shea and Keith Riley from Colorado Springs Utilities, Nancy Keller as Chair of the TAC and Irene Kornelly as Chair of the CAG were appointed. The Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee will have oversight on the use of the \$50M.

Colorado Springs Utilities and the Pueblo County Board of Commissioners were asked to redirect the \$50M to the committee to avoid the Tabor cap.

A grant has been submitted to GOCO – the money to be used to acquire the Greenview Trust (360 acres plus water rights) along the Fountain. The total cost is around 3.8M. The grant request is for 1.48M. The Arkansas River Basin Water Forum is April 22 and 23.

b. Irene Kornelly gave a report on the Citizens' Advisory Committee. At their meeting of March 13 they discussed the organization's mission, accomplishments and brainstormed on where they want to go from here. This included identifying their target audience.

The grant from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has been closed out leaving a remainder of \$630. The money was used to purchase brochures and posters for a display table. It will be used at the upcoming Arkansas River Basin Water Forum.

They have several events planned including the Colorado State University – Pueblo's Water Festival this May, April Stool's Day at Bear Creek Regional Dog Park, and planning has begun for Creek Week. This year they want to emphasize pet waste. John Chavez suggested they get with Alison Plute to acquire short, educational videos on pet waste and oil disposal.

6. Business:

a. There was discussion on the doodle poll for changing the date of the TAC meeting. Irene Kornelly made a motion to keep the meeting date as the first Wednesday of the month. It was seconded by Jeff Bailey and passed unanimously.

b. The most current membership list was passed out. Shelley Cobau of the City of Manitou, Suzanne Rohrs of Fort Carson Stormwater, and Kevin Niles of A.G.U.A. requested to become members of the TAC. Irene Kornelly made a motion to accept them as members, Mark Shea seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. This action was followed with discussion which included how many members the TAC should have and what entities should be represented on the committee. John Chavez made a motion to table this discussion until the next meeting. Mark Shea seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7. Other Business:

- Mark Shea gave an update on Senate Bill 212. He will send out Abigail Ortega's information to Nancy Keller for dissemination.
- Nancy Keller said that the State Health Department did a presentation to PACOG on TMDL's which included selenium; however the information was very limited.
- Larry Small submitted a DOLA grant for \$290,000 on March 16th, 2015 for the Cheyenne Boulevard Drainage Project. He had not heard back on the Monument Creek grant.
- Mark Shea noted there are position openings for a Regional Watershed Collaborative Coordinator and an assistant.

8. Public Comment: There were no comments.

9. Next meeting will be held on May 6 at 1:00 pm at the Fountain City Hall. Nancy Keller gave everyone homework to review the Fountain Creek Master Plan as Elaine Kleckner will be giving a presentation at the next meeting. There being no further business Duane Greenwood made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Rich Muzzy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:41 pm.