

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

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 6, 2016 – 1:00 PM

1. Call to Order and Introductions: 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 1:02 p.m.

Jeff Bailey	City of Pueblo, Stormwater
Pat Coffee	Pueblo County Engineering & Public Works
Duane Greenwood	City of Fountain, Public Works
Jim Heckman	Fountain Sanitation District
Irene Kornelly	Citizen's Advisory Group
Elaine Kleckner	El Paso County Community Services Parks
Brian Mihalbachler	USAF Academy
Robert Miner	Palmer Lake – At Large
Richard Mulledy	City of Colorado Springs, Engineering
Bud O'Hare	Pueblo Conservancy District
Jeff Rice	El Paso County, Engineering
Mark Shea	Colorado Springs Utilities

Others in Attendance:

- Larry Small, Executive Director, Watershed Board of Directors
- Jerry Cordova, El Paso County Regional Watershed Collaborator
- Mark Stanwood, Fountain Fire Department

2. Approve Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda of the April 6 meeting was made by Jim Heckman, seconded by Irene Kornelly, approved by unanimous vote.

3. Approved Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the March 2 with the addition of Pete Galusky's name in Item 6a. was made by Jim Heckman, seconded by Richard Mulledy, approved by unanimous vote.

4. Presentations

- a. Bud O'Hare gave a presentation on the history of the Pueblo Conservancy District and provided information on the projects to upgrade the levees along Wildhorse Creek and Arkansas River. The State legislature passed the conservancy law after the 1921 flood. The Pueblo Conservancy District was formed in 1922. The current levee upgrades are being done to address deficiencies that are preventing recertification of the levees by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The current project involves removing the top 12 feet of the existing levee, removing the concrete face, recompacting the soil and pouring new concrete. Additionally the District is working to establish a policy on future painting on the levee and possible expansion of the recreational uses along the levee. The current levee is designed to handle 5500 cfs as opposed to the original 125,000 cfs. This reduction is due to the construction of the Pueblo Reservoir. The projects are being financed with a 3 tiered assessment on all real property in Pueblo County and overall cost is estimated to be \$30 million and should take between 5 to 8 years to complete.

5. Reports

- a. Governing Board held a meeting on March 26. Business consisted of approval of the 2015 audit. Discussion centered on the five options for funding the district as presented by Larry Small. The Fountain Creek TAC Meeting Minutes

operating budget for the district is estimated at \$200,000 per year. No decision has been made. The next meeting is scheduled for April 22. As an aside Small informed the TAC that CWCB Board approved the evaluation flood control grant. This grant will evaluate at least 2 of the options presented in the USGS study – a dam and detention facilities along the Fountain.

- b. The CAG meeting was held March 11. The meeting centered on discussion of the 2016 Creek Week scheduled for September 24 through October 2. The group plans to make registration easier, establish adult “in water” teams to clean in the creek itself, and also is working on a coupon book to be handed out to participants. Outreach is planned for the Ark Valley River Basin Forum, Pueblo Skate Park grand opening, CSU-Pueblo’s Water Festival among others. Volunteers are needed. Jeff Bailey has been requested to give his presentation on the Pueblo Side Detention Project – possibly at the next meeting on April 8.
- c. The Monetary Mitigation Committee met March 17 and discussed project evaluation criteria. They tried it out on an actual project – the Overton Road emergency repairs. They had mixed results; however recognized the need to institute a system wide process. The next meeting is scheduled for April 21.
- d. AFCURE continues to concentrate on the E coli and TMDL regulations. They are involved in regional water quality discussions and working on the segmentation of Fountain Creek.

6. New Business

- a. Jeff Rice said that he has sent out information regarding a possible coalition on education that John Chavez is working on. The purpose is to see if other entities in the area interested in participating in the annual media campaign implemented by El Paso County.
- b. Robert Miner wanted to bring to the TAC’s attention the Technical Memorandum (dated August 27, 2015) sent out by the Water Quality Control Division, Clean Water Compliance Unit that was recently forwarded to members by John Chavez. It discussed the use of existing vegetation as a BMP. Miner wants that criteria added into a future drainage criteria manual when it is adopted by the TAC.

7. Other Business

- a. The discussion of district pilot projects was tabled to the May agenda.
- b. Mark Shea noted that AFCURE and other affected entities would be invited to the June meeting for a presentation on selenium and nutrients.

8. There was no “Public Comment”.

9. The next meeting will be held on May 4, 2016 at 1:00 pm at Fountain City Hall.

10. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jeff Rice, seconded by Richard Mullydy, approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.