

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

Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 4, 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 1:00 p.m.

Joan Armstrong	Pueblo County, Planning and Development
Jeff Bailey	City of Pueblo, Stormwater
John Chavez	El Paso County, Stormwater
Pat Coffee	Pueblo County Engineering & Public Works
Peter Galusky	PPACG
Duane Greenwood	City of Fountain, Public Works
Jim Heckman	Fountain Sanitation District, Wastewater
Nancy Keller	City of Pueblo, Water Quality
Elaine Kleckner	El Paso County Community Services Parks
Brian Mihlbachler	USAF Academy
Richard Mulledy	City of Colorado Springs, Engineering
Kevin Niles	Arkansas Groundwater Users Association
Bud O'Hare	Pueblo Conservancy District
Jeff Rice	El Paso County, Engineering
Mark Shea	Colorado Springs Utilities, Watershed Planning

Others in Attendance:

- Larry Small, Executive Director, Watershed Board of Directors
- Kim Gortz, Colorado Springs Utilities

2. Approve Agenda: John Chavez requested that El Paso County's Regional Stormwater Outreach be added to the agenda. It was placed as item c under Old Business. A motion to approve the agenda, as amended, of the May 4 meeting was made by Jim Heckman, seconded by John Chavez, approved by unanimous vote.

3. Approved Minutes: Several amendments were made to the minutes of April 6. A motion to approve the minutes of the March 2, as revised, was made by Nancy Keller, seconded by Bud O'Hare, approved by unanimous vote.

4. Presentations

- a. Larry Small gave a presentation on the recently approved IGA between Pueblo County, Colorado Springs, and Colorado Springs Utilities. The IGA with Exhibits A, B, and C were emailed by Mark Shea to the TAC members just prior to the meeting. The IGA basically outlines the commitment of the City of Colorado Springs and Colorado Springs Utilities to construct stormwater projects that are of benefit to the County of Pueblo and address impacts to Fountain Creek due to the SDS Project. The agreement defines the financial obligations and time frame (must be done by 2035) for this commitment and provides a list of 71 projects deemed to fit the defined criteria. This list of projects is flexible. Funding is provided for district administration and for the City of Pueblo to

maintain the levee system. There is wording to provide flexibility in case of emergencies or other financial hardships.

## 5. Reports

- a. The Governing Board celebrated the District's 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary with cake. Reports were received from the TAC and CAG. The Board agreed to support the Lower Ark's grant application in the amount of \$74,000. Discussion on how to fund the district ensued and three options were decided on. These three options are assessing costs based on discrete entity population, total entity population, and revenue. An option should be picked at the next meeting. .
- b. A report on the CAG meeting was not available.
- c. The Monetary Mitigation Committee met April 21. They discussed the IGA and funding needs. The project criteria list will be a continuing discussion. As an aside it was noted that a pre-application was submitted to the NRCS grant program for watershed improvements. The requested amount was \$10M to use as a match for the \$50M the District will be receiving. The application was submitted April 30.
- d. AFCURE :
  - i. Peter Galusky gave an update on E.coli watershed plan development. The state is anticipating having a TMDL regulation in place by 2019. Galusky is forming a steering committee to gather data and plans to have a first draft of his report by the end of the year. He is inviting anyone interested in participating on the steering committee to let him know.
  - ii. Fountain Creek Segmentation. All tributaries to the Fountain Creek are being reviewed and appropriate criteria are being developed for the different creeks so that the state doesn't just lump them all in together. The next review is due in 2018.
  - iii. Nutrient sampling and modeling is being reviewed as to how to collect data on nitrogen and phosphorus with an emphasis on agriculture.
  - iv. Mark Shea said that Boulder is doing some nutrient modeling on Boulder Creek. The Water Environmental Research Foundation (WERF) is doing nutrient research and using Boulder Creek as a case study.

## 6. New Business

- a. Mark Shea requested someone to attend the next District Board meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup> and give the TAC report as he and Dennis Maroney will be unavailable. Larry Small said he would give the report.

## 7. Old Business

- a. The Drainage Criteria Manual (DCM) and Flood Plain Administration Project were discussed including whether there was still a need for a DCM for the District. Reasons to pursue the project were explained by Mark Shea and Larry Small. Larry Small has a number of items that take priority that he needs to pursue this year however he did say that he expects this project would be done this year. It will be kept on the agenda.

- b. Coordination between the District's represented bodies' planning directors and the TAC still needs to be done. Everyone is to bring contact information for their planning director to the next meeting so that the TAC can begin the process to set up a meeting.
- c. At a regional outreach meeting El Paso County proposed that interested entities could partner with them on their media campaign RFP to address components of MS4 education requirements. Jeff Rice had sent out an email to TAC members before last month's meeting. Those interested in possibly participating should let John Chavez know as an RFP will be going out in a couple of weeks. The start date of the campaign is scheduled for a June or July start.

8. There was no "Public Comment".

9. The next meeting will be held on June 1, 2016 at 1:00 pm at Fountain City Hall. Mark Shea announced that Dr. Gates will be at the next meeting to give a presentation to the TAC and AFCURE regarding Flood Irrigation Impacts.

10. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Nancy Keller, seconded by Duane Greenwood, approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.