

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

**Draft Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 2, 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 Technical Advisory Committee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
John Chavez,	Chair-El Paso County, Stormwater
Jeff Bailey	City of Pueblo
Carol Baker	Colorado Springs Utilities
Tasha Brackin	El Paso County Parks
Pat Coffee	Pueblo County Public Works
Duane Greenwood	City of Fountain
Nancy Keller	Pueblo Wastewater
Greg Langer	Natural Resource Conservation Service
Fred Williams	US Air Force Academy

Additional members of Watershed District Board/Committees:

Larry Small	Executive Director, Watershed Board of Directors
Irene Kornelly	Citizens Advisory Group (CAG)
Joan Armstrong	Pueblo County Planning/CAG

2. **Approve Agenda:** Mr. Chavez added to the agenda a presentation from Graham Thompson of Matrix regarding a restoration demonstration project in Fountain Creek on the Frost Ranch. Motion to approve agenda as amended made by Pat Coffee, second by Carol Baker, approved by unanimous vote.
3. **Approve Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes made by Fred Williams, and second from Irene Kornally, approved by unanimous vote.
4. **Presentation:** Frost Ranch Demonstration Project
- a. Graham Thompson, Engineer with Matrix, provided a presentation about the District project
  - b. The work involves restoration of part of the stream bank using woven coconut fibers and toe logs to reestablish the bank and vegetation
  - c. Work will begin in April and be completed by June of this year

- d. The project utilized \$44,000 of District funds, in addition to other contributors including the Arkansas Roundtable, Colorado Springs Utilities, and landowner in-kind contributions
- e. A potential volunteer project once this restoration is finished could involve planting to help re-vegetate the new bank.
- f. L. Small pointed out that the District's Restoration Master Plan includes over \$100 million worth of projects, and the Board understands that due to District budget constraints, funds need to be leveraged toward grant-funded projects; eventually, however, the District will need to request funding from the community
- g. L. Small stated that in comparing the work to be done by this District versus the proposed Stormwater Task Force, the main difference can be summarized by stating that the District addresses flood control, while the stormwater group will address drainage control.

## 5. Reports

### a. Governing Board

L. Small provided a brief summary of actions take at the March 28 Board meeting:

- Board approved CWCB contract for upper Fountain Creek/Cheyenne Creek restoration project; work is under contract for \$175, 000; completion in June of 2015
- Board approved contract with Matrix for \$337,000 for engineering consulting
- Board approved contract with Aztex for \$107,000 for Frost Ranch project
- Board reviewed a request from Palmer Lake for a fire mitigation grant and table the discussion, as the grant application deadline has passed
- Board approved a grant request for \$5000 from the Community Advisory Group
- The Board heard a final briefing from the USGS

### b. Citizens Advisory Group

Irene Kornelly reported activities of previous CAG meeting in March:

- The Southern Colorado Business Alliance is expected to produce a report regarding the meeting held at PPIR in February;
- The CAG reviewed an application for the Colorado Division of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE);
- The District facebook page contains information about outreach events for which volunteers are needed; a "speaker's bureau" is being formed to make presentations to various groups and the CAG will provide the language

### c. Updates from Members Regarding Waldo Canyon Flood Prevention Efforts:

- J. Chavez stated that there is a 1-acre pond planned for the upstream reach of Fountain Creek, near Cascade; and there are approximately 33 structures completed for flood mitigation in the upper reach
- J. Chavez stated that there is a \$2 million project underway for sediment removal "arch to arch" in the Manitou area.

- Greg Langer provided an update about various projects including:
  - five projects undertaken by the City of Colorado Springs to restore drainage capacity
  - a North Douglas Creek project near Flying W Ranch
  - another project in the City of Fountain
- J. Chavez asked about the groups knowledge of a project near the 7-11 store in Fountain being undertaken by CDOT to remove snags in the creek
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**6. New Business**

- a. USGS Alternatives Analysis Final Report:
  - L. Small asked the groups about the location for the model to be stored;
  - J. Chavez suggested it be stored at PPACG, and indicated his interest in being trained on use of the model to evaluate proposed projects
- b. Assignment of alternate members:
  - L. Small reported that the District’s attorney indicated the District bylaws can easily be revised to accommodate the request; L. Small has drafted the change to the bylaws for District Board consideration

**7. Other Business - None**

**7. Public Comment** – none received.

**8. Executive Session** (If Required) – none required.

**9. Set Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting** – May 7, 2014, 1:00, Fountain City Hall

**10. Adjournment** – motion made by Jeff Bailey to adjourn, with second provided by Duane Greenwood; motion carried by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:14 p.m.