

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

**Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 3, 2013 – 1:00 pm**

This meeting was held at:
Fountain City Hall
116 S. Main Street
Fountain, CO 80817

1. Call to Order was at 1:07 PM, attendance and Introductions

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Dan Bare, P.E., Secretary	City of Colorado Springs, Engineering
John Chavez, Chair	El Paso County, Stormwater
Duane Greenwood	City of Fountain, Public Works
Jim Heckman	Fountain Sanitation District
Nancy Keller, Vice-chair	City of Pueblo
Irene Kornelly	CAG
Dave Lethbridge	El Paso County, Fire Recovery Coordinator
Rich Muzzy	PPACG
Larry Small	FCWD, Executive Director
Fred Williams	USAFA

2. Approve Agenda for July 3, 2013 Meeting: Motion by F. Williams, seconded by J. Heckman. Unanimous vote to approve agenda.

3. Approve Minutes of May 1 and June 5, 2013 Meetings

R. Muzzy: Change Karol E. to Carol E.: Motion to approve
Unanimous vote to approve May 1 minutes

R. Muzzy: Motion to approve, Seconded by J. Heckman. Unanimous vote to approve
June 5 minutes.

4. Reports

a. Mil Levy Retreat

L. Small reported on presentation to Board – Discussed District overview; mill levy tax values, (0.5 to 5 mills at 0.5 mill increments); what funds and can legally be used for; cost of campaign and election; timing options for an election (November would be standard and presented issues from 2013 to 2017); \$50M permit funds on schedule

for January, 2017; funding from member governments to support until District is self-sustaining.

Results of meeting were summarized as follows:

CAG and TAC recommended that a vote should be delayed to allow time to establish a record of accomplishment with the question coming after 2017. Member governments should be asked for funding for fiscal year 2014. L. Small explained definition of “large” and “small” for “represented governments” as listed in legislation. Normal District budget is \$40,000 with \$8,000 Tabor reserve. Unknown expenses for 2014 are for insurance and others. Request for funding would be \$10,000 for large, \$5,000 for Fountain and \$1,250 for each small government. This would provide a budget of \$50,000. Funding is subject to annual appropriation and notification by non-appropriating government. A request will be prepared for each represented government.

First payment of permit funds is expected January 15, 2017. Legislation allows an indexing of funds based Colorado Front Range Producers Index (which does not, however, exist) up to 3.5%. Board approved asking Pueblo County and CSU to pay the index value using a National Producers Price Index beginning January 15, 2014. 2012 NPPI was 1.9%. Using adjusted payments based on pre-payments made for studies and operation. Therefore, the index value would be \$184,300 based on \$10M for the first year from September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2013 payable (if acceptable) January 15, 2014. The next year \$10M would be added to the balance each year resulting in a total payment of \$2.2M until SDS is online. Legislation requires a vote to approve a loan for multi-year funding so vote should be for a mill levy instead.

L. Small reviewed conclusions as follows:

- Delay ballot question beyond 2017
- Request funding from member governments for 2014
- Approach Pueblo County and CSU to pay index payments beginning January 15, 2014
- Continue to seek grants and other sources of funding
- Expand outreach through CAG Outreach Subcommittee.

Board requested Resolutions for support from member governments and index payments from 1041 Permit. These were presented at Board meeting on previous Friday.

b. Governing Board – L. Small reported that:

Presentation by Gary Barber on Fountain Creek Greenway Foundation operating under a 501 (c) 3 permit to raise funds for watershed improvement projects. Trying to get GOCO grant for “Emerald Strand” project.

L. Small report included letter from USACE indicating that they had submitted a request for \$3.5M for the Pueblo flood control project and are not funding the erosion problem on Frost ranch because funding is limited to protection of public infrastructure or historic sites. Funding could be available this July or next.

Mill levy discussion was presented and Alison Moser presented SDS update.

Board passed two Resolutions regarding requests for member government funding and payment of index funds.

Also passed a Resolution requesting that the District have a seat on the Arkansas District Roundtable Board to be presented to the Board.

Board approved purchase of laptop and hard drive for maintaining web site administrator, Mary Barber.

Approved CWCB contract for Frost ranch bank project.

Elected Val Snyder as District Secretary.

c. Citizens Advisory Group

I Kornelly reported on June 7 meeting of the CAG. Discuss what to recommend to the Board which was consistent with TAC comments. Also discussed Mary Barber doing the web site. R. Muzzy noted the difficulty getting information for the web site.

Two new members on the CAG will be J. Chavez replacing R. Mulledy and D. Erdman (sp?) is replaced by J. Vanna (sp?).

SDS update was presented. Requesting that USGS present study results to the CAG too. Next meeting July 12. Also noted that Outreach committee will put together budget needs for 2014.

d. Updates from Members Regarding Waldo Canyon Flood Prevention Efforts

J. Chavez provided update information. Dave Lethbridge is no longer the County coordinator and will be interim Public Works Director for Colorado Springs.

Cost proposals for mulching were high and NRCS approved delaying additional mulching. Funding is beginning to be transmitted from the federal government through the state. About \$140,000 in reimbursements have been requested.

A new Waldo Canyon post-fire coordinator will be starting for the County (Kathy, previously with Colorado Spring EMO). County is in the process of hiring a Black Forest post-fire coordinator. A volunteer coordinator was also hired. Manitou Springs also has a new storm water coordinator. Rick Ruggles has resigned.

5. Unfinished Business

a. Redefine memberships on Sub-Committee to Review/Discussion on Chapters 1-5 of City of Colorado Springs Drainage Criteria Manual and Spin-Off Projects (to prepare recommendation to the Board regarding District Adoption of DCM)

Subcommittee will include J. Armstrong, R. Muzzy, J. Chavez, and D. Bare. D. Bare will coordinate review of Manual and recommendation to TAC and Board.

b. Redefine membership on Sub-Committee to create District Land Use Review Checklist.

J. Chavez has input from group and will provide revised checklists for next meeting.

c. Define team approach to review USGS Study

Each TAC member will review the study and provide comments to a subcommittee of R. Muzzy, J. Chavez, J. Heckman and D. Bare who will review the document in more detail and report back to the TAC. J. Chavez will check to see if C. Baker will also review. J. Chavez will compile comments. Only expect to have about 30 days for review. How to review the report will be discussed at next TAC meeting.

R. Muzzy suggested an FTP site be created for two-way transmittal of files.

6. Other Business -

N. Keller noted that Fountain is expected to be temperature listed and it the creek does not often meet the requirements. Winter discharges from sanitary sewers can be an issue. This could be an issue with grant requests. R. Muzzy noted that monitoring in next year will include temperature.

7. Public Comment – none provided.

8. Executive Session (If Required) – not required.

9. Set Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting – August 7, 2013, 1:00 PM, Fountain City Hall

10. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn unanimously approved.

Future agenda items:

- Discussion on Regulatory Authorities within the Fountain Creek Corridor