

Fountain Creek Watershed District Board
Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2010

The meeting was held at:
City of Fountain, City Hall
116 S. Main Street, 2nd Floor
Fountain, CO 80817

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Ken Sampley called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

A quorum was present for the meeting.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Rich Muzzy	PPACG
Carol Baker	Colorado Springs Utilities
Duane Greenwood	City of Fountain
Jim Houk	Thomas and Thomas
Kim Headley	Pueblo County
Ken Sampley	Colorado Springs
Jim McGannon	Forestry/Landscape Consultant
Elaine Kleckner	El Paso County
Nancy Keller	City of Pueblo
Greg Langer	Natural Resource Conservation Service
Jim Heckman	Fountain Sanitation District

Also in attendance were: Cole Emmons, Jay Frost and John Macarthur.

2. Approve Agenda of February 3, 2010

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the agenda for the February 3, 2010 meeting was approved.

3. Approve January 6, 2010 TAC Meeting Minutes

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the minutes for the January 6, 2010 TAC Meeting was approved.

4. Election of Officers: a) Chairperson; b) Vice Chairperson; and c) Secretary

Cole Emmons explained the positions and stated that election of officers will occur at the first meeting of every year. Each officer can serve two consecutive terms and each term is

for one year. This information will be contained in the Draft Bylaws which are currently being reviewed by the Board. Separate bylaws will not be done for the CAG and TAC.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following members were selected to fill the Board positions:

- Dennis Maroney – Chairperson
- Ken Sampley – 1st Vice Chairperson
- Duane Greenwood – Secretary

Positions will become effective at the next meeting.

5. Report on FCWD Governing Board Action on Southern Delivery System

Following considerable discussion at the District Board meeting held on January 22, the Board unanimously recommended approval of the five applications pertaining to SDS with the same conditions made by the CAG and TAC. Other actions at the January 22 Board meeting included hiring Gary Barber as the interim Executive Director, approval of the certification of budget and election of officers.

6. Report on El Paso County Commission Meeting Action on LaFarge

The El Paso County Commissioners met on January 28 regarding the LaFarge Special Use and Variance of Use permit. The applicant withdrew from consideration the variance of use permit which was for the concrete and asphalt batch plant and processing plant. By a 3 to 0 vote the County Commissioners approved the Special Use permit with 37 conditions. The special use permit does not include mining in the floodplain. Elaine passed out a copy of the 37 conditions which included the original conditions made by the TAC. There were initially 34 recommendations and 3 additional recommendations made by the Commissioners. One of the conditions included an annual compliance report to the County. Elaine explained that before LaFarge is able to start construction, the County needs to approve the site development plan which would include the monitoring plan and other plans that are required.

7. Review, discussion, and recommendation regarding establishing technical review criteria, structure, and procedures for submittals to be presented for TAC consideration

A. Fountain Creek Watershed Strategic Plan Goals Spreadsheet

B. TAC Review Process Flowchart

Copies of a flowchart were passed out by Jim and Elaine which detail the processing and timing of land use applications for review by the TAC. The flowchart was based on the requirements of El Paso and Pueblo Counties and identifies information required by the applicant for land use applicant submittals and timing. Members discussed potential

modifications to the flowchart and the importance of keeping it general and not having specific dates but having general time frames such as the length of time for review and showing the review path and process. Members also discussed the importance of developing criteria to review project applications and what criteria should be used to determine what projects should be reviewed. It was recognized that education will be critical with the cities and counties regarding the role of the District is in the review of the applications. The legislation states that it is the prerogative of the cities and counties to determine what should be submitted to the District but the District can also request to review specific projects.

Possible criteria to determine what project applications should be submitted to the TAC were if the project was in the floodplain, above a certain size, location, etc. Gary could send the criteria to the representatives of the cities and counties and work with them to determine what projects should be submitted. Members discussed the importance of having all projects funneled through Gary. It was agreed to table the discussion until next month when it could meet with Gary to develop a guidance document which would contain potential screening and review criteria and present to the Board for review. Once a guidance document is developed it will be sent to planners of the cities/town and counties so they are familiar with the review process and criteria. The CAG is also going through a similar process in developing review criteria.

Carol passed out a spreadsheet which showed the Fountain Creek Watershed Strategic Plan's Goals and Army Corps of Engineers Plan's Goals and for each of the goals it was identified who would be responsible for implementation. There was a primary and support role for each of the agencies listed. Members will review the spreadsheet between now and the next meeting.

8. TAC Member representation by government agency, technical discipline, and recommendation by TAC to District Board regarding appointment of additional TAC members.

Ken said that all TAC Committee members have been reappointed. Current membership was reviewed and it was determined:

- Delete the Lower Arkansas Representative should since nobody could be found.
- Select a Fort Carson representative, potentially the new stormwater manager that took Stephanie Carter's spot.
- Select a new representative from the U.S. Air Force Academy.
- Select a new representative from the Regional Floodplain

9. Other Business: None

9. Public Comment:

Jay Frost, landowner along Fountain Creek asked about the status of the digital floodplain mapping. Ken said that for El Paso County (including City of Colorado Springs), FEMA will be producing digital floodplain mapping but there will be no mapping or change in the floodplain. FEMA has not determined if it will accept the hydrology presented for the City of Colorado Springs. Kim said that for Pueblo County (including City of Pueblo), FEMA will not approve the hydrology that was submitted and it is uncertain what information they will use to generate the digital floodplain maps. The Corps will also not certify the existing levy.

Jay also mentioned concern regarding dumping in the floodplain.

Rich mentioned that he was contacted by the Western Hardrock Watershed Team regarding AmeriCorps Vista volunteers and suggested that they contact Gary. The volunteers get paid about 10,000/year and would be able to help the District.

10. Executive Session (If Required): None

11. Setting Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting:

The next regularly scheduled TAC meeting will be on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at 1:00 pm at Fountain City Hall. Items for the next meeting included:

- Discussion with Gary regarding technical review criteria and structure for review of land use applications.
- Fountain Creek Watershed Strategic Plan and Corps Goals and Responsibilities Parties.
- Update on the Colorado Springs Stormwater policy and assessment
- Potential land use item
- Green Infrastructure Project Planning Opportunities

12. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm