

**Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District
Citizens Advisory Group
Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2012**

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

1. Call to Order, Establish Quorum and Introductions

The April 13, 2012 meeting of the Fountain Creek Watershed Citizens Advisory Group (“CAG”) was called to order by Chairperson, Mr Terry Hart, at approximately 9:35am. In attendance were the following designated members of the CAG:

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| Terry Hart – Chairperson | Vice Chairperson – Irene Kornelly |
| Mary Barber | Dieter Erdmann |
| Dan Henrichs | Elaine Kleckner |
| Carol Baker | Jack Wallick |

Richard Skorman – CAG Representative to the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District (“FCWD”) Governing Board
Ferris Frost – Alternate CAG Representative to the FCWD Governing Board

Members not present:

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| Vance Clifton | Tom Ready |
| Ross Vincent | Yvette Valdez-Trujillo |

Mr Larry Small, Executive Director and presenters from Colorado Springs Utilities and Summit Economics also attended.

A quorum was noted.

2. Approve Agenda of April 13, 2012 Meeting

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the April 13, 2012 agenda was approved with reordering of items a. and b. under current business.

3. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting(s)

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the March 9, 2012 minutes were approved.

4. Current Business

Ms Kleckner announced that the El Paso County Commissioners will have a work session with the Groundwater Quality Study Committee on April 26th. El Paso County started a voluntary groundwater study in 2009. The Committee and Commissioners will discuss authorization to proceed with phase 2 of the project “Groundwater Susceptibility Assessment for the Upper Black Squirrel Creek Basin Area, El Paso County, Colorado”. The project aim is to establish a water

quality baseline beyond oil and gas regulatory requirements to inform land use and public health decisions. Phase 2 will consist of collecting data from 50 existing and new wells in the Upper Black Squirrel Creek drainage and the area of Ultra Petroleum proposed exploration. The meeting will be held after the El Paso County Commissioners regular meeting at Centennial Hall.

a. Funding Options for Addressing Regional Stormwater Challenges. Mr Paul Rochette and Mr Mike Anderson, partners in Summit Economics, presented draft findings from the “White Paper Exploring Potential Solutions to Regional Stormwater Challenges”. The following topics were covered in-depth in the presentation:

- Overview of the Challenge
- Funding Needs & Value
- Funding Options
- Organizational Options
- Conclusion – Three Primary Alternatives
- Public Process Plan
- Call to Action

Presentations have been or will be provided to the Technical Advisory Committee (“TAC”) and the Board.

The slides and the draft report will be made available to the CAG in the future with a caution that the recommendations are preliminary. Comments and discussion on funding options occurred. The presenters emphasized that the report is a jumping off point for discussion, other alternatives may be discovered and a public process will be essential.

b. Colorado Springs Utilities Fountain Creek Realignment Project at Clear Springs Ranch.

-Ms Allison Mosser and Mr David Longrie provided a status update on Southern Delivery System (“SDS”) projects, introduced the realignment project team and described how the multi-phase project will be moving forward to reduce erosion and sediment transport in the Clear Springs Ranch area. The project will also add nonjurisdictional wetlands to mitigate losses in other areas from SDS. The realignment project is currently in the conceptual design phase with construction to be completed in 2013 followed by monitoring.

-Ms Mosser updated the status of construction of the SDS pipeline where it crosses the Fountain Creek floodplain and a portion of the pipeline in El Paso County adjacent and/or within the District. The CAG should anticipate future presentations about the realignment and pipeline projects.

-Ms Mosser also gave an update on the wetlands replanting last fall at Clear Springs Ranch. Deer ate some of the plantings, and spring growth is just starting. Monitoring will be on-going for the next several years.

c. Sediment Removal Project Status: Mr John McArthur could not be present because there is flow in the creek, and he is on site for troubleshooting and data collection. Mr Hart relayed from Mr McArthur that vandalism of the equipment was repaired, and the City of Pueblo has installed protection to avoid vandalism in the future. Still needed is DSL capability between the USGS gauge and the collector so that the effectiveness of the collector during different flow rates can be evaluated. Sediment is being collected. Mr McArthur will be invited to present the project status at a future meeting.

d. Ballot Question for 2013: Discussion postponed.

5. Reports

- a. Governing Board Meeting.** Ms Kornelly gave the following report:
- Approved funding for the website and two invoices.
 - Ms Baker gave an update on the Great Outdoors Colorado (“GOCO”) grant application.
 - The members postponed discussion of the 2013 ballot question until after Summit Economics report recommendations are presented at the next Board meeting.
- b. TAC Meeting.** Ms Carol Baker gave the following report.
- The TAC heard and discussed the Summit Economics presentation and recommendations.
 - SDS presented a status update of their projects.
 - Funding for Clear Springs Ranch projects are being leveraged for matching the GOCO grant for the trail and the fish ladder project. Design work at Clear Springs Ranch will be added in a grant addendum as a master plan demonstration project.
- c. Outreach Group.** Ms Baker reported the Outreach Group is working on the waterway cleanup project at Clear Springs Ranch on April 21st. Colorado Springs Utilities has made it a Community Focus Fund event and will cover liability concerns. After the cleanup event from 9:30am – 12:30pm a tour to learn about plants, a driving tour to learn about Clear Springs Ranch projects and canoeing opportunities will be available for participants.
- d. Oil and Gas Exploration Subcommittee.** Ms Kornelly and Ms Frost have been observing Colorado Springs task force meetings. A public meeting on proposed regulations will be held May 3 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the City Administration building. The task force will present draft regulations to City Council in late May. The group is beginning to coalesce around what should be regulated and to what degree – focusing on transportation/traffic and water issues, particularly baseline water sampling. The existing land use application process will likely be used with other requirements added. The task force is also considering recommendations on how to limit drilling within the city and to identify zones where drilling may occur recognizing that a 10-acre drilling pad is considered the smallest unit. Recommended requirements may be more stringent in higher population density areas. The task force will be recommending no deep well injection within Colorado Springs. City Council will make the final decision.
- e. Website Working Group.** Per Ms Kornelly, Mr Jeff Besse indicated that a lot of the website problems have been resolved. All information on the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (“PPACG”) website has been moved to the District site. He is in the process of rebuilding the website hopefully within the next two weeks. Mr Besse will be trying to make the website more interactive. He will continue to update the site.

6. Other Business:

GOCO Grant: Ms Baker reported that the GOCO tour relative to our grant application was conducted on March 29th. The GOCO participants seemed to be impressed with the mix of projects proposed. The District made a presentation to the Board on April 9th as did other applicants. The GOCO Board will have to make some tough decisions as to which organizations will receive a grant in the future.

7. Public Comment: None

8. Executive Session: None Required

9. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled CAG meeting will be May 11, 2012, 9:30am, location to be determined.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:15pm.