

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

Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, December 2, 2015 – 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
Duane Greenwood	City of Fountain, Public Works
Jim Heckman	Fountain Sanitation District
Nancy Keller	City of Pueblo Water Quality
Greg Langer	Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
Dennis Maroney	Pueblo Conservancy District
Robert Miner	At Large – Palmer Lake
Jeff Rice	El Paso County, Engineering
Mark Shea	Colorado Springs Utility

Others in Attendance:

- Kim Gortz, Colorado Springs Utilities/Alternate
- Jerry Cordova, El Paso County Watershed Collaborative Coordinator
- Gary Rapp, Recycling Coalition of Colorado Springs
- Bob Stogner, USGS

2. Approve Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda of the November 4 meeting was made by Mark Shea, seconded by Jim Heckman, approved by unanimous vote.

3. Approved Minutes: A request was made to add “DCM” in front of Scope of Work under Item No. 6 Business. A motion to approve the agenda with that correction was made by Jim Heckman, seconded by Dennis Maroney, approved by unanimous vote.

4. Presentation

Claire Ramos with Colorado State University – Pueblo gave a presentation on Birds in the Fountain Creek. Specifically she and her students have been taking blood and feather samples from various bird species at specific locations along the Fountain Creek from Woodland Park to its confluence with the Arkansas River to monitor mercury levels. These locations have been picked to mirror the study done by other CSU-P professors on fish and moss done in previous years. The study is in its initial year and Ms. Ramos is hoping to expand her study if additional funding can be obtained. Right now the conclusion is that the mercury levels in the birds studied so far closely mimic what has been found in the fish and moss previously studied and that the levels found are not dangerous to the birds. Nancy Keller requested a copy of the powerpoint presentation and suggested that the TAC might want to show support of future studies by providing letters of support for any grant applications.

## 5. Reports

- a. The Governing Board did not have a meeting in November.
- b. The Citizen's Advisory Committee submitted a list of acronyms to the TAC for review and comment. Any comments should be given to Nancy to compile and forward to the CAG. Robert Miner suggested the list be broken into two parts – one for those pertaining to agencies and one for those pertaining to regulations. The CAG said it has received \$34,545 in contributions towards Creek Week. The report on Creek Week is being drafted but a final report from Allison Plute is forthcoming.
- c. The Monetary Mitigation Committee discussed the Scope of Work and expressed support up to a maximum of \$100,000.00. The DOLA grant for \$35,000 has been modified so that the time frame extends to the end of 2016. Two price options for the SOW were presented - Larry Small presented the committee a list of proposed projects that need to be prioritized for use of mitigation fund. Larry also presented the Fountain Creek Flood analysis regarding water rights.

## 6. Business

Nancy Keller passed out a draft "Policy on Public Comment" for the TAC to review and comment on before the next meeting.

Nancy Keller also reported that Larry Small had talked to Rob McDonald at PPACG and the DOLA funds for 2015 had to be used for a different project but they would commit the \$35k funding from their 2016 DOLA grant through a mini-grant from PPACG to the District.

## 7. Other Business

- Mark Shea gave an update on the last AFCURE meeting. Concerns of AFCURE include E.coli TMDL on Fountain Creek and ongoing education.
- Nancy Keller asked for volunteers to review the DCM Scope of Work for the Drainage Criteria Manual and Floodplain Policy project as it progresses. Those volunteering were Mark Shea, Jeff Bailey, Dennis Maroney, Robert Miner, Jeff Rice, John Chavez, and Pat Coffee.

8. Public Comment – Gary Rapp presented comments on the Wright Water Engineer's presentation also handed out comments from the Fountain Creek Watershed Study and an excerpt from an article from Stormwater magazine.

9. The next meeting will be held on January 6, 2016 at 1:00 pm at the Fountain City Hall.

10. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.