

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

Draft Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 1, 2015 – 1:00 PM

1. Call to Order: 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 & Development
John Chavez	El Paso County, Stormwater
Pat Coffee	Pueblo County Engineering & Public Works
Jeff Besse	City of Colorado Springs, Engineering
Duane Greenwood	City of Fountain, Public Works
Nancy Keller	City of Pueblo Water Quality
Elaine Kleckner	El Paso County Community Services Parks
Greg Langer	Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
Kevin Niles	A.G.U.A.
Bud O'Hare	Pueblo Conservancy District
Mark Shea	Colorado Springs Utility
Fred Williams	USAF Academy

Others in Attendance:

- Allison Mosser, Colorado Springs Utilities, SDS
- Gary Rapp, Recycling Coalition of Colorado Springs

2. Approve Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mark Shea, seconded by Kevin Niles, approved by unanimous vote.

3. Approved Minutes: A couple of corrections to the June minutes were requested. The Governing Board meeting was held on May 22 not May 2. Mark Shea asked that on Page 2, paragraph 4 that the following be modified to read “.....except for stormwater facilities *or flood control not for post fire* required as part of an MS4.” Mark Shea then made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2015 minutes with the correction. It was seconded by Joan Armstrong and approved by unanimous vote.

4. Presentations

a. Allison Mosser with Colorado Springs Utilities/SDS gave a presentation on the SDS projects including Clear Springs Ranch project. This included a video shot by drone and a PowerPoint presentation. The design for the Clear Springs project was for a 3100 cfs event. The KoriWrap failed and was removed due to the debris that was caught in it. The rip-rap did survive for the most part. The rip-rap was not grouted. Matrix and another engineering firm (to be determined) will be evaluating the project. The adjoining agricultural field and trail were protected. The construction cost of the project was 4.2 million. Several items were noted by various TAC members as being possible issues with Fountain Creek Protection:

- Debris flows are too much for “wrapped” banks due to the sandy soils.
- The train trestle causes a “pinch point” thought the key-way on the south end helped.
- Hard crossings on the creek should be avoided as much as possible.

- Private property owners doing “their own thing” are a problem.
- Any rip-rap smaller 36 inches didn’t hold up – 5’ to 6’ boulders did fine.

New aerial information along the creek would be helpful. Elaine Kleckner thought that possibly the Army Corp might have that information since they are looking at the Maxwell Street Project.

Other portions of the SDS project have made significant progress. Testing has begun in several projects that have been completed.

b. Mark Shea gave an update on the Checklist Committee. He handed out a proposed checklist for the TAC to review and comment on at the next meeting. It was discussed that the District needs a specific floodplain code just as it needs a consistent drainage criteria manual. The Board said that is it up to the TAC to recommend whether the District needs to adopt more stringent criteria than that required by the various jurisdictions. It is apparent that further discussion specific to the floodplain administration needs to take place.

5. Reports

a. The Governing Board conducted no official business at their meeting. They did have two presentations – the Clear Springs Ranch project and a presentation on fire impacts on water quality.

b. The Citizen’s Advisory Committee had presentations on the 700 Crest stabilization project, Frost Ranch, and discussed Creek Week. Their next meeting is July 10.

6. Business

a. The DCM Committee gave a report on their phone meeting. A review and tailoring of the DCM to make it pertain to each entity is needed. The affected jurisdictions appear to be interested in pursuing this task. There were four tasks related to the DCM outlined in a 2008 report – Nancy Keller will email out the Spin-Off Projects to TAC members.

7. Other Business

Steve Gardner recently left the City of Colorado Springs Engineering Department. Jeff Besse was the alternate and will be taking Steve’s place. Jeff has a new alternate to propose that will need to be approved by the TAC and then confirmed by the Board.

8. Public Comment

Gary Rapp with Recycling Coalition of Colorado Springs presented the TAC with a handout entitled “Strategic Plan for the Fountain Creek Watershed – IV. Flooding and Stormwater Management (excerpts)”.

9. The next meeting will be held on August 5 at 1:00 pm at the Fountain City Hall.

10. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.