



FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

Citizens Advisory Group Meeting

This meeting will be held online via Zoom. Meetings are open to the public.

January 10, 2025

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

[Citizens Advisory Group Meeting Zoom Link](#)

Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum
 - a. Alli Schuch- FWCD
 - b. Susan Finzel- FWCD
 - c. Brianna Fett- FWCD
 - d. Terry Hart- Previous CAG Chair
 - e. Mary Barber- CAG Vice Chair
 - f. Jessica Miller- FCNC
 - g. David Woolley- new CAG Chair
 - h. Brandon Bernad- Security Water and Sanitation District
 - i. Jeanette Lara- CPW
 - j. Kurt Thurman- Holcim
 - k. Heidi Abed- Citizen
 - l. Annie Berlemann- Colorado Springs Utilities
 - m. Jessica Mills- CAG Ag. Representative
 - n. Sarah Schanz- Geologist with Colorado College
 - o. Kathy Harris- Citizen
 - p. Melody Daugherty- Citizen
 - q. Shelbi Rowland- Citizen
 - r. Christine Lowenberg- Citizen
 - s. Allen Beauchamp- TOSC
2. Approve January Meeting Agenda
 - a. Approved by consensus.



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3. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting – November 8, 2024
 - a. Approved by consensus.

4. Adjourned regular meeting and transition into the annual meeting
 - a. We have an annual meeting to make sure the CAG meets statutory requirements.
 - b. The annual kickoff meeting and one tour during the summer will be in-person/hybrid. The rest will be virtual.
 - c. Sunshine Act Compliance Requirements- approved.
 - d. Ian Hartley has resigned as a CAG member- all other members are remaining.
 - i. Susan Finzel and her team are looking for members from Pueblo.
 - e. The Monetary Mitigation Fund has less than \$10 million dollars remaining, the District needs to explore new avenues for sustainable funding.
 - f. Officers are elected for the year.
 - i. David Woolley elected as new CAG Chair.
 - ii. Mary Barber remains CAG Vice Chair.
 - iii. Terry Hart will remain as the CAG representative for Board meetings. Mary Barber is the alternate.
 - iv. Brianna Fett elected as new CAG Secretary.
 - v. David Woolley elected as primary CAG representative for TAC. Alternate is Mary Barber.
 - vi. Terry Hart elected as primary CAG representative for MMF. Alternate will be David Woolley.
 - g. At 10:18 am Chair David Woolley adjourned the annual meeting and returned to the regular meeting.

5. Committee Member Comments
 - a. Terry Hart brought up the issue of the unhoused/homeless population in regards to pollution and slowing down projects.
 - i. CAG has no authority in regards to this issue, but it does impact the District's goals of having a safe place for flora and fauna to live as well as for people to recreate.
 - ii. Susan Finzel suggested having the Board create a statement about the unhoused situation.
 - iii. Alli Schuch recalled a meeting last year where three different services came and presented what work they are doing in relation to this.
 - iv. It was suggested that Mayor Yemi's staff should be brought in at the board level to present what his work/plans for the unhoused situation is.
 - v. David Woolley suggested having a list of who we have talked to and what we have done to date about this issue.



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6.
 - a. Susan Finzel asked what our communication path is with the railroad that goes through our watershed as they have a large footprint.
 - i. Alli Schuch stated that this is currently on an as needed basis as she does not have the capacity to create a long term relationship with the railroad at this time.
 - b. On January 15th at noon there will be a virtual discussion about the Colorado Springs Creek plan hosted by Sustainable and Resilient Pikes Peak Region. This can be found on their Facebook page. It will be recorded and posted on Studio 809 Podcasts afterwards.
 - c. Jim O'Donnell and Alli Schuch will be doing a panel discussion at the Fountain Creek Nature Center- this is tentative.
 - d. The Water Forum will be in Pueblo on March 5th and 6th.
7. Presentations
 - a. PFAS- Brandon Bernard, Operations Manager for Security-Widefield Water and Sanitation District
 - i. He discussed the challenges posed by Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in the water supply.
 - ii. He explained that PFAS are ubiquitous, found in everything from cosmetics to outdoor gear, and are difficult to remove from water sources.
 - iii. He highlighted the issue's complexity, noting that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has set a new limit on water bodies that is lower than what can actually be measured reliably.
 - iv. .0009 is the new limit for PFAS in water bodies and adding equipment at the end of the water treatment facility to treat this would return it to a potable water state, meaning many companies would be inclined to reuse the water instead of discharging it.
 - v. Brandon emphasized the need for utilities to adapt to these new standards, which could be costly and challenging, especially for smaller utilities. These standards could have ramifications for the Fountain Creek Watershed, such as altered flow rates.
8. Current Business/Discussion
 - a. Each person provided short reports.
9. New Business
 - a. Each person provided short reports.



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10. 2025 Meeting Schedule

- a. Mar
- b. Apr
- c. May
- d. Jun/Jul - no meetings
- e. Aug
- f. Sept
- g. Oct
- h. Nov
- i. Dec – no meeting

11. Public Comments

- a. None.

12. Adjourn