



Stormwater Enterprise
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2A Stormwater Advisory Committee (SAC): Meeting Agenda

2-4 p.m., November 21, 2024

Location: 401 Large and Teams

In attendance: Richard Mulledy, Brenda Roy, Bobby Ingels, Doug Conlon, Eric Stedman, Erin Powers, Christina Aragon, Tim Biolchini, Maren McDowell, Caroline Schmitz, Fadil Lee, City Councilor David Leinweber, Kendra Keating

- Financial Update (slides will be provided to accompany minutes) provided by Brenda Roy
 - Overview of total budget; operating, maintenance, SW capital projects, consent decree requirements fund (overall breakdown)
 - Slide shows what was spent or encumbered/remaining balance, 32% remaining to meet our obligations through the end of the year
 - No major staff changes
 - Overview of service level agreement (channel inspections/maintenance requirements, etc.)
 - Discussion of what is qualified as a maintenance activity
 - Capital budget overview with carryover from last year
 - Grant dollars are a separate item
 - Explanation of revenues vs expenditures
 - Billed vs collected amounts of stormwater fees
 - 100.4% collection rate (because we accept pre-payments)
 - Last year in July we increased our fees
 - Every six months we pick up additional fees from new growth
 - CSU vs CLA billing amounts
 - About 6,900 accounts remain being billed by CLA
 - Still want the remainder transferred to CSU from CLA, there is a plan in place to get the bills transferred to CSU over the next year
 - Next meeting will try to show some of the growth maps

- Criteria Manual Updates presented by Erin Powers and Richard Mulledy

- We had circulated a chapter a while back, Acting Stormwater Division Manager Erin Powers opened for discussion.
 - Doug Conlon had a comment about Section 4.2 bullet 1; he questioned that the groundwater amount seems very shallow. Is that true?
 - Erin said we do have areas where the groundwater is close to the surface
 - We will send chapters and give people a chance to provide comments on new chapters in mid-December
- Project Updates provided by Tim Biolchini (slides will be provided to accompany minutes)
 - Capital projects update through Quarter 3
 - Project status has not changed since the previous quarter
 - Still 3-4 years ahead of where we should be on the Pueblo IGA
 - Under construction: Pine Creek Voyager to Chapel Hills
 - Pond is reducing the flow downstream by 20%
 - Bobby Ingels asked what was the process like with the Army Corps of Engineers?
 - Tim: Took us two years to get our permit with the corps
 - List of what is planned for winter construction
 - Discussion of what is planned for the Park Vista Project
 - Discussion of annexations
 - Upcoming: Downtown drainage improvements (ARPA funded, \$1.3M, to be completed by the spring)
 - Also ARPA- North Nevada. We did a drainage study. Winters/Stone, almost fully through design, utility relocations, this is an all-new system so that's why it's a capital project , this can prime the area for re-development
 - Consent decree projects: Barnes outfall pond and Valley Hi Channel Conversion, discussion of project elements and benefits
 - COS Creek Plan
 - We submitted the 7001 application to the Corps. It's a \$1.2B ask, including Parks. The Corps only does creek/ecological restoration. That request went to the general in charge of the army Corps; it went to House and Senate committees. There is a verbal title, and Biden should sign it within the next couple weeks. Then the Corps has authorization to work the project, but they are not guaranteed funding. Multiple years remain for funding/project planning. The soonest we would be design-ready for construction is 2032. We are looking at concepts and alternatives, which will then be circulated internally for what could be best and determine one concept. Once we get to a desired alternative, we can start raising money to finalize the design. Confluence looks different for each alternative.

- Councilor David Leinweber said that transmission lines are along the area and will complicate work. He said we only have one transmission line downtown, they will need to add another track along the creek.
- FEMA CRS Rating
 - City of COS is at a five rating. We would like to get to a four rating. At a five, everyone who pays for flood insurance gets 25 percent off. A four would get 30 percent off flood insurance. Explained how the numbers get designated.
 - PPI: Public Partnership of Information. The SAC qualifies.
 - Talk about outreach projects for flooding. In talking with the Army Corps of Engineers, we had a discussion of the Colorado Silver Jackets Program. The program does outreach projects to talk about flood awareness.
 - Next year we will try to do a project to go after a Silver Jackets Program to showcase a high-water mark in our streams (done by the state empowered by the Federal government). Projects are funded by the state and informs the community about the language we use in these meetings (i.e. flood plain, “ordinary high-water mark”)
 - Educational program, tabletop exercises if you were to have a flood. Proposals due by March 2025.
 - More robust program would give us more points.
 - We also need a stormwater flood plain manual.

Dublin/Peterson explanation/discussion.

Close of meeting.