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November 30, 2015

Pueblo County Commissioners
10th Court
Pueblo, CO 81003

Re:
**Turkey Creek Conservation District
Resolutions Regarding mitigation funding for Fountain Creek as part of Pueblo
County 1041 Permit agreement.**

At the November 10, 2015 Meeting of the Turkey Creek Conservation District Board of Supervisors, the Supervisors voted unanimously for submitting to the Pueblo County Board of County Commissioner resolutions which the District considers the most critical in repairing or protecting the Fountain Creek Watershed. Turkey Creek Conservation District has been assisting and educating the rural citizens about soil and water conservation issues since 1947 and believes that the TCCD Board and their constituents have learned by experience the issues with flood control and erosion in the Fountain and their voice should be heard when these issues are subjects to be repaired or regulated. The Board considers these resolutions to be realistic measures and within the funding for mitigation as part of the Pueblo County 1041 permit. The following resolutions are listed in priority from 1 to 5.

- **Be it resolved** that control of velocity in tributaries flowing into the Fountain be slowed by flood control detention dams. These structures will be engineered to improve bank stabilization which will reduce erosion and sedimentation in both the tributaries and the lower Fountain Creek Watershed. Further, annual maintenance of these structures will be performed by El Paso County.
- **Be it resolved** that all new development in El Paso County be required, by existing or new regulations, to build and maintain detention ponds sufficient to restrict flows equal to or less than historic flows. El Paso County will insure that developers, Home Owners Associations or property owners perform annual maintenance and repair of ponds insuring that water is detained as designed.
- **Be it resolved** that the Pueblo Board of County Commissioners request that the mission of the Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control and Greenway District be revised to include and manage a noxious weed control program.

- **Be it resolved** that the Pueblo Board of County Commissioners request that the Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control and Greenway not fund nor or perform construction or repair wetlands, trails or other cosmetic projects until successful bank stabilization, erosion and flood control projects have been completed.
- **Be it resolved** that the District considers dredging operations to protect structures a sound practice. However, these projects must be limited to immediate threats so that dredging costs do not consume a disproportionate portion of funds provided by mitigation.
- **Be it resolved** that Teller, El Paso and Pueblo Counties inspect and regulate management of noxious weeds in the Fountain Creek watershed as prescribed by the Colorado Noxious Weed Act, Article 35-5.5-101. Both tamarisk and Russian olive plants thrive in the Fountain Creek Watershed and contribute significantly to debris when flood events occur. Counties' will inspect and advise landowners in management techniques for re-vegetation of disturbed soil within or adjacent to Fountain Creek. All counties weed control managers will provide mapping of the Fountain Creek Watershed's noxious weed infestations to the Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control and Greenway District for their prompt action to comply with the State Noxious Weed law.

If the Pueblo Board of County Commissioners require clarification or information Turkey Creek Conservation District will meet with the board or provide written reports on the subjects identified in this letter.


Bill Alt
President