

Senate Bill 09-141: The Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District

Sponsors: Sen. Tapia, Reps. Looper, Pace, Vigil

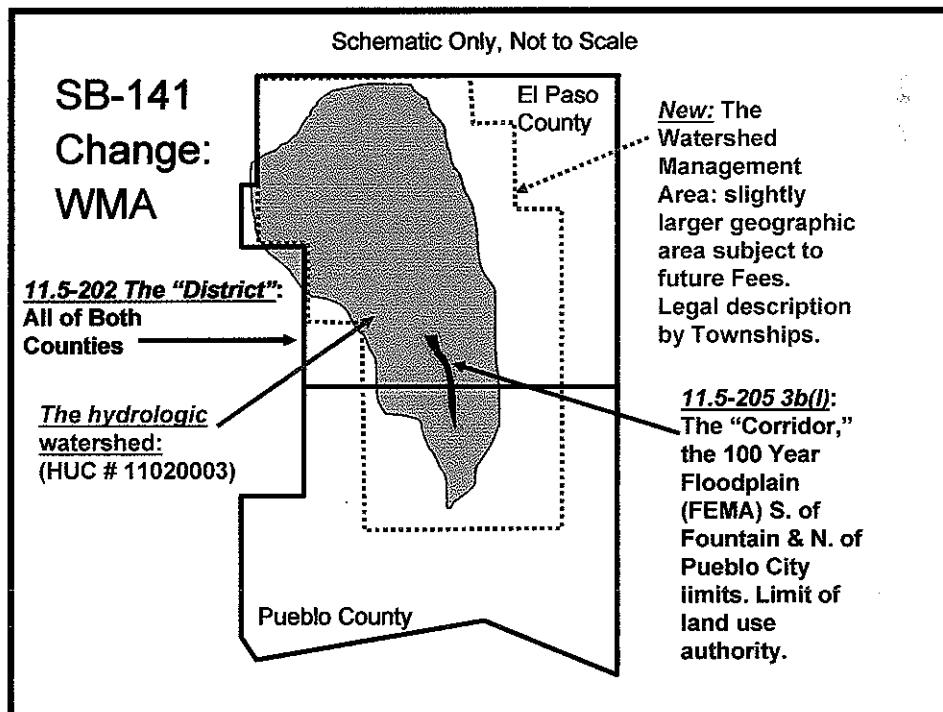
Objective: To create an independent District, modeled on the Denver Urban Drainage District, for the Fountain Creek Watershed; to address flooding, erosion, sedimentation, recreation, open space, wetlands and parks. As a taxing entity, this District would be eligible to contract with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for flood control and restoration projects.

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Two (2) year detailed Master Plan by Lower Ark Valley Conservancy District and Colorado Springs Utilities: **\$600,000**
Two plus (2+) year collaboration by the Fountain Creek Vision Task Force to generate a Strategic Plan for the watershed: **WSRA \$75,000 with \$58,000 match** resulting in a Nine Party Intergovernmental Agreement
ALL STUDIES RECOMMEND A FOLLOW-ON ENTITY

Structure of the Bill:

PART 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS
PART 2 DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND POWERS
PART 3 SERVICE CHARGES
PART 4 TAXES AND BONDS
PART 5 IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Limiting the Powers of the District by Defining a Watershed Management Area:



LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT OF THE FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED

Legislation: *SB 09-141, The Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control, and Greenway District Act.*

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Action: The COE Study and Vision Task Force both suggest creation of an entity to carry forward the vision and recommendations.

Interim Solution: Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to establish a Governing Board, Citizens Advisory Group and Technical Advisory Committee.

Board Member	Appointed By	Executed IGA
Pueblo County	Pueblo County	December 16, 2008
El Paso County	El Paso County	December 15, 2008
City of Pueblo	City of Pueblo	Pending Feb 17, 2009
City of Colorado Springs	City of Colorado Springs	January 13, 2009
City of Fountain	City of Fountain	January 20, 2009
Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservation District	Pueblo County	January 27, 2009
Small Municipalities in El Paso County	City of Colorado Springs and El Paso County	Yes: Manitou Springs, Monument, Grn Mtn Falls; Pending Palmer Lake
Pueblo County Citizen-at-Large	City of Pueblo and Pueblo County	Pending execution of IGA
Member of the District Citizen Advisory Group	El Paso County and Pueblo County	Pending full board seated

Permanent Solution: **SB09-141** creates a subdivision of the State of Colorado modeled on the Urban Drainage District of Denver, statute: C.R.S. 32-11-101 to 32-11-817 with edits as a new Part 11.5, 32-11.5-101 *et seq.*