



El Paso County  
Falcon/Peyton Small Area Master Plan Update  
Stakeholder Meeting

29 August 2007  
1-2 pm

LOCATION: Cherokee Metro District,  
6250 Palmer Park Blvd.

ATTENDEES: Aaron Briggs – HB&A  
Carl Schueler – El Paso County  
Kip Peterson – Cherokee Metro District  
Kathy Hare – Upper Black Squirrel Groundwater Management District  
Kathy Wallace – New Falcon Herald  
Julia Murphy – Protect Our Wells consultant  
Sandy Martin – Advisory Committee Member and Protect Our Wells

**Notes:**

The following bullet points summaries ideas, issues, and questions raised during the meeting:

- The hydrogeology and basic water supply issues haven't changed much since the old plan was published.
- Cherokee Metro District's comments about its operations and plans:
  - Woodmen Hills owns 350 acre feet per year of water rights that they bought from Cherokee several years ago. Cherokee stores it for them and charges "wheeling" fee for transportation of the water. They use about 60 acre feet right now.
  - Currently building a recharge facility in the southern basin (out of the planning area). It is about 60% finished, but won't be operational until 2010. It has been approved by land use and health department authorities, but hasn't finished the process with state engineering and water departments yet.
  - Will start building a 4.2 MGD Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) next year to be operational in 2010. 48.2 % of the treatment capacity will be owned by GTL, but the facility will be owned by Cherokee. This facility is expandable.
  - Water pipelines serving the new WWTP have already been constructed. Mr. Peterson provided a hard copy map of their locations.
  - Would like to someday build a similar WWTP and recharge facility in the north basin (in the planning area), which would provide some recharge to the Upper Black Squirrel aquifers.
  - Open to providing central water and sewer services to the entire planning area in the long term future.

- Other wastewater providers in the area may not be able to keep up with the growing demand for service and the increasingly stringent water quality regulations imposed by the EPA.
- Wastewater treatment capacity will be key in the plan. That's one area that is currently severely lacking.
- Areas to address from the old plan:
  - Discussion on Arapahoe aquifer is outdated. More info is available now, maybe from Colorado Springs Utilities.
  - The well inventory is very out of date
  - Per capita groundwater demand estimate is low.
  - The current regulations limit exempt wells from using more than .5 acre feet per year in the Black Squirrel GMD. This is less than the state requirement of 1 acre ft.
  - Would like to see acknowledgement of water quality issues as expressed in the letter distributed at the meeting.
  - Would like to see some recognition or reminder of the fact that well owners bear the only responsibility for verifying the quantity and quality of their water.
- Consider basing some of the future land use recommendations on the extent of alluvial deposits. Alluvial areas are very sensitive to surface contamination, and perhaps some effort should be made to protect these areas from Industrial or high density uses that could cause contamination. Contamination could also be mitigated by stricter design standards in the areas.