

North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Water Resources Council

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Via Microsoft Teams

[Link to Join Meeting](#)

Optional Call-in Number: 1-903-508-4574

Conference ID: 719 857 441#

Chair: Wayne Owen, Tarrant Regional Water District

Vice-Chair: Glenn Clingenpeel, Trinity River Authority

1. Welcome and Introductions.

ACTION ITEM

2. Meeting Summary. The [October 15, 2020 meeting summary](#) will be presented for approval.

Larry Patterson, UTRWD, made a motion to approve the October 15, 2020 meeting summary, and Grace Darling, Arlington Conservation Council, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION

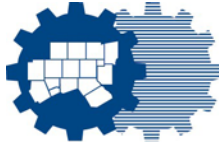
3. Department of Energy's Sustainable Wastewater Infrastructure of the Future Initiative (SWIFt).

Shannon Zaret, Energy Technology Program Specialist, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy. Ms. Zaret will provide an overview of the Department of Energy's SWIFt program, which aims to engage wastewater treatment facilities in the adoption of best practices for improving energy efficiency. WRC members are encouraged to invite staff from their organization who work on energy efficiency to attend this presentation.

The U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) is recruiting both wastewater treatment and raw water transmission facilities to participate in SWIFT 2.0, which is a continuation of SWIFT 1.0 and seeks to improve energy efficiency at these facilities. Contact Ms. Zaret at shannon.zaret@ee.doe.gov, to learn more and to participate in this voluntary, no-cost (other than staff time), no obligation technical assistance program offered by DOE.

DISCUSSION

4. Development of the 2021 Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP). NCTCOG staff will provide an update on the required tasks and the timeline for the 2021 WQMP.



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The 2021 WQMP will include a preliminary map of the on-site sewage facilities in the region, marking the first iteration of the WQMP that will include this spatial data. Other data will be updated in the WQMP including population data, Region C Water Plan citations, and all the maps that reference the 2018 Texas Integrated Report instead of the newly updated 2020 Texas Integrated Report, which wasn't available at the time the last WQMP was developed.

- 5. Topics for Workshops/Webinars and Annual Watershed Stakeholder Meeting.** NCTCOG is seeking input from the WRC on relevant topics for discussion and potential speakers for this fiscal year's upcoming workshops/webinars and the North Central Texas Watershed Stakeholders Meeting, which is scheduled for Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. via Microsoft Teams.

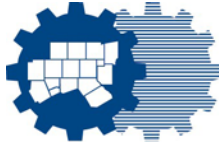
The WRC suggested two potential topics for webinars: 1) A discussion of the transfer of state permitting authority for wastewater permits for oil and gas facilities from the Railroad Commission of Texas to TCEQ as required under HB 2771 (86th Texas Legislature); and 2) A discussion of the cultural review of water projects and how best to foresee what should be included.

- 6. 87th Texas Legislative Session.** NCTCOG will be tracking water-related bills. The WRC is invited to share any pertinent water resource issues, topics, news, or bills of interest to date.

The WRC mentioned no pertinent topics or bills at this time. Committee chairs are still being assigned in the legislature. The WRC expects that the \$1 billion budget shortfall will be a primary concern for this legislative session. A more in-depth discussion of this topic is anticipated at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

- 7. NCTCOG Updates.** NCTCOG will update the WRC on recent and upcoming items of interest.
- a. **WQMP Subcommittee Meeting, November 17, 2020** – NCTCOG staff to provide a summary of the meeting. The next meeting will be held in early summer 2021.
 - b. **Trash Free Texas Webinar, “Connecting Volunteers with Litter Cleanup Locations.”** Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. To add the event to your calendar, click [here](#).
 - c. **North Central Texas Watershed Stakeholders Meeting.** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. To add this meeting to your calendar, click [here](#).
 - d. **North Central Texas Water and Wastewater Utility Energy Management Survey.**
 - e. **Water for North Texas Resource Library.**
 - f. **Annual Water Resources Questionnaire.** NCTCOG will distribute the questionnaire at the end of January or early February. The survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. Responses inform our projects and are appreciated.
 - g. **U.S. EPA Anaerobic Digestion Grant.** Funding is expected in spring 2021 to initiate a feasibility study on the potential to expand anaerobic digestion capacity in the region using organics, such as food waste and biosolids, as a feedstock. NCTCOG hosted an online discussion called “Food Waste, Anaerobic Digestion, and Renewable Natural Gas Roundtable” on December 9, 2020. The recording of this meeting can be found [here](#).
 - h. **Wastewater Treatment and Education Roundtable (WATER).**



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- i. Holiday Grease Roundup, November 23, 2020 to January 4, 2021. 33 cities participated, up from 27 last year.
- ii. FY2020 Work Program summary is available online [here](#).
- iii. The next WATER meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, March 10, 2021. To add this meeting to your calendar, click [here](#).
- iv. Upcoming Explainer Videos – “Why Your Sink Isn’t a Garbage Can” is under development. “Personal Care Items Are Not Flushable” was selected as the next explainer video to be developed.
- v. WATER is still accepting commitments for the FY2021 Work Program online [here](#).
- i. **Celebrating Leadership in Development Excellence (CLIDE) Awards.**
- j. **Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program RFP.** Funds projects that improve water quality, watersheds, species, and habitats and include an outreach component. The application deadline is January 28, 2021. More information can be found [here](#).
- k. **Save Our Seas 2.0 Act.**

8. Future Agenda Items. The committee can request future agenda items.

[No items were given.](#)

9. Roundtable. WRC members are invited to share what is happening in their communities.

During the Roundtable, NCTCOG mentioned that about 130 miles of the Trinity River that flows through the metroplex was just designated as a National Water Trail through efforts lead by The Trinity Coalition. A task force is being developed to assist in cleanup events and other efforts. If you are interested in serving on the task force, contact Elena Berg at eberg@nctcog.org.

10. Schedule for the next meeting. The next WRC meetings are scheduled for:

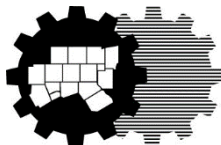
- Thursday, April 15, 2021 via Microsoft Teams. [Add to Calendar](#)
- Wednesday, July 14, 2021 Location TBD. [Add to Calendar](#)
- Wednesday, October 13, 2021 Location TBD. [Add to Calendar](#)

11. Adjournment.

Glenn Clingenpeel, Trinity River Authority, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Greg Dickens, City of Hurst, seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Elena Berg by phone at (817) 608-2363 or by email at eberg@nctcog.org.

If you plan to attend this public meeting and you have a disability that requires special arrangements at the meeting, please contact Barbara Bradford by phone at (817) 695-9231 or by email at bbradford@nctcog.org 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.



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SIGN IN SHEET

NAME		ORGANIZATION
Mike Adams	Present	City of Midlothian
Tiffany Bruce	Present	Town of Flower Mound
Patty Cleveland		TRA
Glenn Clingenpeel	Present	TRA
Craig Cummings		City of Arlington
Mike Curtis		City of North Richland Hills
Grace Darling	Present	Arlington Conservation Council
Greg Dickens	Present	City of Hurst
Joshua Howard		Johnson County Special Utility District
Sabaa Ismail		Walter P Moore
Tim James		Half Associates
Gabe Johnson	Present	City of Grand Prairie
Wilson Kakembo	Present	Town of Addison
Wes Kucera	Present	City of Garland
Terry Lowery		City of Dallas
Larry McDaniel	Present	Dallas County Park Cities MUD
Kevin Mercer	Present	Denton County FWSD 6 & 7
Michael Nieswiadomy	Present	UNT
Wayne Owen	Present	TRWD
Larry Patterson	Present	UTRWD
Zachary Peoples		City of Dallas
Steve Pettit		City of Irving
Jerry Pressley	Present	City of Fort Worth
Jeff Price	Present	City of Mansfield
Terry Naulty for Frank Pugsley		City of Denton
Mike Rickman		NTMWD

NAME		ORGANIZATION
Eric Robison	Present	City of Richardson
Kelly Rouse	Present	City of Lewisville
Craig Schkade		Hillwood Properties
Meghna Tare		UT - Arlington
Stacy Walters	Present	City of Fort Worth
Sally Wright	Present	City of Dallas

