

North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Water Resources Council

Thursday, October 15, 2020

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Via Microsoft Teams

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

Conference ID: 784 876 407#

Chair: Wayne Owen, Tarrant Regional Water District

Vice-Chair: Glenn Clingenpeel, Trinity River Authority

1. Welcome and Introductions. New members will be recognized and officially welcomed:

- Eric Robison, City of Richardson
- Sally U. Wright, City of Dallas

ACTION ITEM

2. Meeting Summary. The [July 1, 2020 meeting summary](#) will be presented for approval.

Larry Patterson, UTRWD, made a motion to approve the July 1, 2020 meeting summary, and Greg Dickens, City of Hurst, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

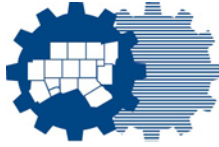
PRESENTATION

3. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Program – Recent Changes. Chandler J. Peter, Regulatory Technical Specialist, Regulatory Division, Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will highlight recent changes that have occurred to aspects of the program including the revised interpretation of waters of the U.S., newly proposed nationwide permits, 401 water quality certification process, and modified National Environmental Policy Act regulations.

U.S. Army Corps program changes are expected to continue through 2021 and even 2022. Ephemeral features are no longer jurisdictional under the definition of waters of the U.S. This will have a big impact in our region. The regulatory changes will also impact statewide flood planning efforts. See the presentation slides for more information.

DISCUSSION

4. FY2021 Water Resources Council Membership. NCTCOG will present the final FY2021 Water Resources Council [roster](#) and [structure](#), which have been approved by the WRC and



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NCTCOG's Executive Board. The terms for new and recently reappointed members began on October 1, 2020 and continue through September 30, 2022. Each WRC member serves a two-year term with the terms staggered so that approximately half of the representatives are reappointed each year.

New members introduced themselves to the group:

- Eric Robison, City of Richardson
- Sally Wright, City of Dallas
- Terry Naulty, City of Denton – Mr. Naulty is filling in for Frank Pugsley until the City finalizes Mr. Pugsley's WRC replacement.

5. 2021 Water Resources Questionnaire. The WRC will be asked to provide input on the topics and questions to include in the annual regional water resources survey that will be distributed in early 2021.

The WRC suggested keeping the questionnaire short. No other comments were provided.

6. Water Resources Education and Outreach. The WRC's input will be sought on topics for the webinars or workshops that NCTCOG hosts at least once per quarter. Additionally, NCTCOG will request ideas for water resource outreach activities that can be performed safely during the ongoing pandemic.

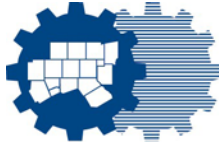
For outreach items, the WRC suggested newsletters. For webinar topics, the WRC suggested the following:

- Regulatory, water quality, and water conservation programs;
- TRWD as a possible presenter on conservation;
- Specific watershed protection plans;
- Reduction of single use plastics and containers at restaurants; and
- Fats, Oils, and Greases

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

7. NCTCOG Updates. NCTCOG will update the WRC on recent and upcoming items of interest.

- a. Final 2020 Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP).** The draft 2020 WQMP was endorsed by NCTCOG's Executive Board on August 27, 2020. The final 2020 WQMP was approved by TCEQ on September 13, 2020 and can be found on NCTCOG's website [here](#) under the green "Water Quality" banner as a Story Map Journal.
- b. WQMP Subcommittee Meeting** – The WQMP Subcommittee will meet on November 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. to continue its discussion on how to improve the content and data included in the annual updates to the WQMP.
- c. Water for North Texas Resource Library.** NCTCOG staff will provide an update on the status of this website.
- d. U.S. EPA Trash Free Waters Grant.** NCTCOG was one of 17 entities awarded a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Trash Free Waters program, which focuses on the prevention and removal of litter in waterways as well as outreach



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and education. More information can be found in the [news release](#) issued by U.S. EPA Region 6 on September 17, 2020.

- e. **2020 Holiday Grease Roundup – November 23, 2020 to January 4, 2021.** Contact Hannah Allen, hallen@nctcog.org, for information on how your city or entity can participate.
- f. **Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable (WATER) –**
 - i. WATER is now accepting commitments for the FY2021 WATER Work Program online [here](#).
 - ii. The next WATER meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
 - iii. Simple Life Cycle of Drinking Water Educational Explainer Video.

The Simple Life Cycle of Drinking Water video can be viewed [here](#).

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

The WRC requested that relevant upcoming legislative issues be discussed at a subsequent meeting. Also, information regarding the Environmental Working Group will also be on future agendas as needed.

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

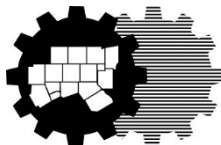
No updates or comments were provided.

10. Schedule for the next meeting. The next WRC meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday January 13, 2021**. The location is to be determined.

11. Adjournment.

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.

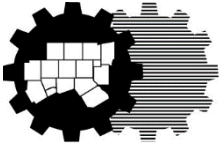


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Mike Adams	Present	City of Midlothian
Tiffany Bruce		Town of Flower Mound
Patty Cleveland	Present	TRA
Glenn Clingenpeel		TRA
Craig Cummings		City of Arlington
Mike Curtis		City of North Richland Hills
Grace Darling	Present	Arlington Conservation Council
Greg Dickens	Present	City of Hurst
Joshua Howard		Johnson County Special Utility District
Sabaa Ismail	Present	Walter P Moore
Tim James	Present	Half Associates
Gabe Johnson		City of Grand Prairie
Wilson Kakembo	Present	Town of Addison
Wes Kucera		City of Garland
Terry Lowery		City of Dallas
Larry McDaniel		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	Present	City of Irving
Jerry Pressley	Present	City of Fort Worth
Jeff Price	Present	City of Mansfield
Frank Pugsley	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	Present	UT - Arlington
Stacy Walters	Present	City of Fort Worth
Sally Wright	Present	City of Dallas



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GUEST SIGN IN SHEET

NAME	EMAIL	ORGANIZATION
Elena Berg		NCTCOG
Mia Brown		NCTCOG
Amy Campbell		NCTCOG
Cassidy Campbell		NCTCOG
Cody Cash		City of Irving
Tamara Cook		NCTCOG
Gayle Copening		City of Richardson
David Cowan		NTMWD
Dr. Jessica Eisma		UTA
Travis Grenz		MDU for COI
Crysta Guzman		NCTCOG
Carolyn Horner		NCTCOG
Rhonda Hurst		SE3
Jessica Johnstone		TCEQ
Olivia Kale		NCTCOG
Sydni Ligons		NCTCOG
Edith Marvin		NCTCOG
William Nahas		
Chandler Peter		U.S. Army Corp of Eng.
Allison Wood		