



## North Central Texas Council of Governments

# SUMMARY

### **Wastewater And Treatment Education Roundtable**

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

10 a.m., Regional Forum Room

NCTCOG Offices, CPII

616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011

1. **Welcome and Introductions.**
2. **FY2017 Work Program Discussion.** NCTCOG updates the group of the current level of participation in the cost share.

NCTCOG updated the group on the current committed funding level which had increased since the last meeting. NCTCOG notified the group that commitment forms are still being accepted and that the FY2017 Work Program is available online for review.

3. **Holiday Grease Roundup Update.** NCTCOG and Holiday Grease Roundup participants provide updates on the 2016-2017 regional event. The group discusses potential improvements for next year's event.

NCTCOG provided the group with the results, statistics, and analytics of the 2016-2017 Holiday Grease Roundup, including the amount of fats, oils, and greases (FOG) that were collected during the event. The group discussed the event and the consensus was that the longer date range was beneficial. Some participants mentioned they believed they would have collected even more volume of FOG if the weather had not been so rainy during the collection dates. Additionally, several members of the group are considering or already providing year-round FOG collection services.

4. **Field Technician Training Development.** NCTCOG provides update on the development of the field technician training.

NCTCOG updated the group on the development of the field technician training. The subcommittee has been formed and a conference call to kick off discussions and initiate the development of the training was held on Monday, February 3, 2017.

5. **Wipes Block Everything Campaign.** NCTCOG and Dallas Water Utilities provide update on the Wipes Block Everything Campaign and the group will discuss next steps and strategies.

Dallas Water Utilities (DWU) gave an overview of the current status of the Wipes Block Everything Campaign. The next push will come in June since that is when statistically the most babies are born. Marketing materials can be shared with members of the group upon request if anyone wants to focus on promoting the Wipes Block Everything campaign before June. The group discussed the challenges associated with wipes and agreed that a regional campaign focused on wipes in June is something they want to pursue to align with DWU's campaign. NCTCOG will work with the group to identify and develop marketing assets to support this regional effort.

6. **Roundtable.** The group shares what is happening in their communities.

City of Frisco shared that they are ramping up water education for the spring and this will include fix a leak week and a rain barrel sale.

Trinity River Authority shared that they are performing a study and gathering data on wastewater problems to try to determine where to focus their prevention efforts. They can provide the group with the results of this study once it is complete.

Dallas Water Utilities has a free booth at the apartment manager exposition and invited others of the group to join if they desire. Dallas Water Utilities shared that their next water bill insert will be directed toward the proper disposal of pharmaceuticals.

Duncanville has a Household Hazardous Waste event coming up on March 25, 2017.

NCTCOG discussed the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) initiatives and how they relate to the WATER group's activities. NCTCOG requested input and suggestions on engaging communities in participation in FOG strategies and educating their constituents. Trinity River Authority suggested getting in touch with regional Waste Water Treatment Plants to see what type of outreach is being performed and what type of activities are being encouraged.

NCTCOG is hosting a Drug Take-Back Workshop that will likely take place toward the end of May. Email announcements will be sent to the group as details come available.

7. **Next Meeting Date.** Wednesday, May 26, 2017, at 10 a.m. in the Metroplex Conference Room.

8. **Adjournment.**

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Cassidy Campbell at (817) 608-2368 or CCampbell@nctcog.org. Thank you!

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