



## North Central Texas Council of Governments

# SUMMARY

### Wastewater And Treatment Education Roundtable

Tuesday, October 31, 2017  
10 a.m., Regional Forum Room  
NCTCOG Offices, CPII  
616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011

#### 1. **Welcome and Introductions.**

NCTCOG staff welcomed all members and guests to the Wastewater And Treatment Education Roundtable (WATER) meeting. Everyone introduced themselves.

#### 2. **FY2018 Work Program Discussion.** NCTCOG provides an update regarding the current level of cost-share participation and how that may affect the work program.

NCTCOG provided an update regarding the FY2018 Work Program. The work program is posted [online](#) and available for review, along with the [commitment response form](#). NCTCOG is still accepting commitment forms, and will begin invoicing in the next few weeks. The current committed funding level for FY 2018 is \$49,700.

#### 3. **2017 Holiday Grease Roundup Update.** NCTCOG provides updates on the Holiday Grease Roundup.

NCTCOG provided an update regarding the upcoming Holiday Grease Roundup. The Roundup will take place from November 27, 2017 to January 8, 2018 to try to incorporate all the major holidays in the winter months. Current Roundup participants include: Cedar Hill, Denton, Duncanville, Garland, Lewisville, McKinney, Red Oak, Richardson, Mansfield, North Richland Hills, and North Texas Municipal Water District. Additionally, Dallas County Schools no longer has a biofuel school bus program, so containers and collection services will be provided by Metro Grease Service and American BioSource.

#### 4. **Regional Training Update.** NCTCOG provides details from the Field Technician Training on non-potable water sampling that took place on October 10 and 11, 2017.

NCTCOG provided details regarding the Field Technician Training, taught by Marlene Moore, Advanced Systems, Inc., that took place on October 10 and 11, 2017. The training had a total of 50 registered attendees, and a waitlist of 8 people. Topics included sampling techniques appropriate from collecting non-potable water, 40 CFR 136, and chain of custody requirements. NCTCOG staff also provided details regarding the evaluations received from the attendees. 37 attendees responded, 73% of which answered the workshop did meet their expectations. Those that answered no emphasized it was more advanced than anticipated, or would like more hands on activities as compared to classroom work.

NCTCOG requested additional input regarding the training. Members stated sometimes the lab jargon was too advanced for the field technicians, since they have very different, separated jobs, and the day needed to be broken up into additional sampling techniques and activities.

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NCTCOG requested input regarding potential trainings for FY2018. Suggestions included industrial inspections, grease trap trainings, and pretreatment trainings. NCTCOG staff clarified that dependent on staff availability, there is potential to host multiple trainings each fiscal year.

5. **Social Media Campaign Update.** NCTCOG will discuss the WATER promotional campaign and DWU's social media calendar.

NCTCOG staff discussed potential alternatives to advertising on the current WATER Facebook account. Currently, NCTCOG has been blocked from advertising on Facebook. NCTCOG staff provided options for continuing to advertise outside of the old pages. NCTCOG staff has created a new account for WATER, tied to a different staff member. There is a potential to advertise carefully on this page. Additionally, NCTCOG staff can pursue Google and YouTube ads. NCTCOG staff also asked for input regarding combining the "Cease the Grease" and "Defend Your Drains" websites, in a way that would not reduce the websites' original traffic, and potentially creating a 10 minute video regarding Defend Your Drains North Texas. Katelyn Hearon, City of Lewisville, suggested the potential to use "30 Second Explainer Videos" as opposed to making a 10 minute video.

WATER intends to follow the Dallas Water Utilities' Social Media calendar as follows:

- Quarter I (October – December): Fats, Oil, and Grease
- Quarter II (January – March): Medicine Take Back
- Quarter III (April – June): Transition between Medicine Take Back into the Wipes Block Everything Campaign
- Quarter IV (July – September): Wipes Block Everything

6. **General Updates.** NCTCOG provides general updates on relevant programs and events:

- "Flush Puppy" product
- Cooperative purchase
- TMDL Wastewater Subcommittee meeting date

NCTCOG informed the roundtable of a recently released product, called the Flush Puppy. The pet waste baggy claims to be flushable and Certified Compostable in industrial facilities that accept pet waste. Trinity River Authority discussed their tests of the product, and were not impressed with the way it broke down. NCTCOG discussed a potential need for public education regarding this product.

NCTCOG provided an update regarding the upcoming Cooperative Purchase. Currently, NCTCOG is waiting for bids and on procurement staff to move forward. An email will be sent in the coming weeks with an update and order form.

NCTCOG announced the upcoming TMDL Wastewater Subcommittee meeting, set to take place on November 30, 2017 at 9:30 AM in the Tejas Conference Room, NCTCOG Offices, CP III.

7. **Presentation: City of McKinney FOG Program.** Ms. Martha Cavazos Fipps, City of McKinney, will discuss the City of McKinney's Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) Program.

Ms. Martha Cavazos Fipps, City of McKinney, discussed the city's outreach and education program to decrease the amount of Fats, Oils, and Greases (FOG) being put down the drain. She described the ways in which the city distributed door hangers and other materials to single-family homes, and multi-family apartment complexes. The City of McKinney will also place door hangers in a neighborhood where a recent clog has occurred. Ms. Fipps also informed the roundtable that frosting, ice cream, batter, and other shortening substances also cause clogs in drains.



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

NCTCOG announced the upcoming FY2018-2019 Solid Waste Pass-Through Grant Briefing Sessions. Three briefing sessions will be held in person, across the region, and the final three sessions will take place via webinar.

Dallas Water Utilities discussed their recent move to a new Defend Your Drains Dallas logo.

Trinity River Authority announced that their partnership with UTA communications students to develop advertising for FOGs will be completed soon, and the Senior Capstone Project will be released on December 11, 2017. TRA also shared a recent KERA interview and article, "[A Question of Flushability](#)."

North Texas Municipal Water District has been working with solid waste and wastewater departments to push the Defend Your Drain message. They recently have been working on the dental rule regarding mercury.

Lewisville requested input regarding FOG collection containers and drop off stations. They also requested input regard HPDE grease interceptors.

9. **Next Meeting Date.** Thursday, January 10, 2018 at 10 a.m. in the Metroplex Conference Room.

10. **Adjournment.**

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


If you plan to attend this public meeting and you have a disability that requires special arrangements at the meeting, please contact Crysta Guzman at (817) 695-9231 or [cguzman@nctcog.org](mailto:cguzman@nctcog.org) at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.



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**10:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 31, 2017**  
**Regional Forum Room**

## Member Sign-in Sheet

NAME	SIGNATURE	ORGANIZATION
Sean Aucoin		City of Frisco
Stuart Bakken		City of Garland
Oleksandra Bikman		City of Keller
Michele Birmingham		City of Fort Worth
Jesse Borries		Trinity River Authority
Stephen Conner		City of Garland
Gail Donaldson		City of Allen
Helen Dulac		City of Dallas
Yvonne Dupré		City of Dallas
Brad Dyess		Trinity River Authority
Kenneth Garvin		City of North Richland Hills
Joe Gildersleeve		City of Arlington
John Glover		City of Denton
Heather Goins		City of Denton
Katelyn Hearon		City of Lewisville
Denise Hickey		North Texas Municipal Water District
Tisha Lane		City of Richardson Health Department
Jerry Laverty		City of Bedford
Michelle Mann		City of Richardson
Katie Masucci		City of Plano
Remy McCool		Trinity River Authority
Alejandro Mejia		City of Garland
Karen Menard		Upper Trinity Regional Water District
Jennifer Moore		Trinity River Authority
David Moulton		City of Mansfield
Tuan Ngo		City of North Richland Hills
Brooke Noack		North Texas Municipal Water District
Mark Overcash		City of Hurst
Abby Owens		City of Plano
Eric Pierce		City of Dallas
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Paul Rosalez		City of Bedford
Jessica Smith		City of Duncanville
Janice Tower		City of Richardson
Elizabeth Turner		North Texas Municipal Water District
Stephanie Zavala		City of Mansfield

