North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Public Education Task Force
Subcommittee of the Regional Stormwater Management Coordinating Committee
Thursday, October 29, 2026
10:00 A.M., RM William Pitstick Conference Room, Centerpoint II
616 Six Flags Dr., Arlington, TX 76011

Rylee Slate	City of Burleson
Andie McClure	City of Carrollton
Collin Bryant	City of Carrollton
Lauren Foust	City of Cedar Hill
Faith Ludbrook	City of Denton
Sayaka Koga	City of Denton
Nicholas Nix	City of Forney
Kylie Wieden	City of Grand Prairie
Karen Herrera	City of Lewisville
Lindsey Mondon	City of Mansfield
Mitchell T Talley Sr	City of Mesquite
Hannah Nyquist	City of Southlake
Jack Newton	TRA
Justin Springer	TxDOT
Joy Douglas	NCTCOG
Christi Upton	NCTCOG
Keeara Brown	NCTCOG

1. **Welcome and Introductions.**

UPDATE ITEMS

1. **Regional Stormwater Program Updates.** NCTCOG will share an update from the Regional Stormwater Management Program for FY27.

   The approved annual work program includes:
   i. Transition Doo the Right Thing to a video contest.
   ii. Update the Texas Smartscape website.
   iii. Conduct a Texas Stream Team workshop (Standard Core or E. coli).
   iv. Discussion dashboard.
   v. The integrated Stormwater Management Program (iSWM) was moved to the RSWMCC.

2. **Call for Committee Representative.** NCTCOG will solicit a volunteer to present a summary of this task force meeting to the RSWMCC November 3, 2026 meeting.

   Christi requested a committee representative. Andie McClure (City of Carrollton) will represent the task force at the November 3, 2026, RSWMCC meeting.

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION ITEMS

3. **Show-and-Tell Focused on BMPs for K–12 Outreach.** Members will share favorite giveaway items and resources to take to outreach and public engagement events.

Joy led a discussion on best management practices for K–12 outreach, beginning with a coloring book example from the City of Coppell. Mitchell Talley (City of Mesquite) asked whether it was available to everyone. Lauren Foust (City of Cedar Hill) stated that the example was available through TCEQ. Joy shared readily accessible links and additional outreach examples, including dog waste bags, stickers, reusable bags, and hands-on activities, such as hand stamps versus stickers. Following the slides, Joy invited participants to share their K–12 outreach projects.

City of Cedar Hill:

- A worksheet on raw water collection.
- A *Can You Spot the Pollutant* worksheet.
- A recently created Stormwater Day coloring page covering pollutants and spills.
- A *Scope the Poop* maze worksheet.
- A Label the *Utilities* worksheet.
- A mascot she created, *Scout the Sustainability Sprout*.
- A Defend *Your Drains* worksheet.
- A water quality demonstration simulating conditions involving a fish kill and mosquitoes. Participants use test strips with buckets and complete a mock inspection form for a water quality test.

City of Mansfield

- Uses a kiddie pool for a stormwater demonstration showing different types of pollutants.
- Offers a dog waste pickup activity using dog waste squishies and dog waste bags.

City of Lewisville

- A raindrop display featuring smaller raindrops with ways to prevent stormwater pollution.
- A spinning wheel used to ask stormwater questions tailored to the target audience.
- Examples showing what a storm drain looks like.
- A worksheet explaining stormwater, available on Educationoutreach.com.
- An *If It Rains, It Drains* brochure.
- Dog waste bags featuring the Lewisville logo.

City of Carrollton

- A toilet toss activity using beanbags to represent waste, FOG, and other materials, which participants toss into the trash.
- Jars containing toilet paper and wet wipes to demonstrate differences in how the materials break down.
- School assemblies explaining the difference between “outside” water and “inside” water.
- Water conservation kits for toilets, which residents request online. Staff assemble the kits in-house, and each includes a dye kit.

City of Southlake

- A small metal grate with felt “pollutants” to demonstrate what pollutants are and where they go.
- A whiteboard demonstration sprayed with water to show how pollutants enter storm drains rather than creeks

TRA

- Mobile show-and-tell activities with handouts and coloring books.
- A hands-on activity.

Lauren Foust (City of Cedar Hill) asked whether communities still use Enviroscape. Andie asked how communities resupply the kits. Lauren mentioned a convenience store being the best place to get new pieces.

City of Grand Prairie

- A map showing different watersheds and allowing community members to identify their watershed.

City of Denton

- A National Night Out activity using a petri dish and microscope to have participants identify insects.
- Watershed protection trivia.
- Different water samples to introduce participants to the pH scale.
- An Enviroscape watershed model.
- An inlet marking program.

Referencing the MS4 permit requirement, Andie McClure (City of Carrollton) asked whether communities use stencils, placards, or medallions. Mitchell Talley (City of Mesquite) stated that Mesquite uses aluminum markers.

Texas Smartscape Website Transition Update. NCTCOG staff will facilitate discussions about the updates to the Texas Smartscape website and solicit feedback on the desired modifications from members. NCTCOG staff will make a request for members to join a strategic planning task force to support advising the necessary website updates.

Christi explained that the Texas Smartscape website will be revamped and requested volunteers to help staff with the updates. She reviewed the resources page and noted that its links are no longer valid. She also noted that the plant search website lists some invasive plants that will need to be removed with assistance from the task force. Lindsey Mondon (City of Mansfield) asked whether support was being sought from Master Naturalists. Christi indicated that staff had contacted Master Naturalists.

Christi shared the website intake form. Lindsey suggested adding a checklist to gather input on how people use the website and which content they want retained, as well as adding a ZIP code field. Sayaka Koga (City of Denton) asked whether volunteer participation could be categorized by level.

Christi requested the task force's support in creating an ad hoc committee. The committee agreed.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

4. **Other NCTCOG Program Updates.** NCTCOG will share recent and upcoming activities of the Total Maximum Daily Load, Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable, Water Quality Management Program, and Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure programs. NCTCOG will also provide an overview of upcoming conferences, events, news, and resources of

relevance to the group.

5. **Roundtable.** Members will share what is happening in their communities.

   - **City of Cedar Hill:** Fall Beautification is scheduled for November 15. The city will recognize National Stormwater Day for the first time with a “Snacks and Stormwater” event.
   - **City of Mansfield:** No **updates.** Mansfield asked whether other communities experience differences between event registration numbers and actual attendance. Other communities reported the same issue.
   - **The City of Carrollton:** Stated they created a subcommittee to improve communication with other departments.
   - **City of Lewisville:** Staff recently attended stream training at NCTCOG and in Dallas and are looking to lead a presentation to become certified trainers. The city is also looking to create its own Stream Team.
   - **City of Carrollton:** Staff recently met with GOVGroup and will speak at the Great Plains conference in Oklahoma City. The city is wrapping up a yearlong leak protection trial. Additional activities include a Planting for Pollinators class and creating seed plants.
   - **City of Southlake:** No updates.
   - **City of Burleson:** No additional updates. Kristen Tanz will be transitioning from the City of Burleson. The city will host an Urban Foresters Program.
   - **TxDOT:** Notify TxDOT immediately if a spill occurs within the TxDOT right-of-way (ROW).
   - **TRA:** No Updates
   - **City of Grand Prairie:** Recently hired a stormwater specialist.
   - **City of Denton:** Hosted a booth at a Block-tober party and held a stream cleanup.
   - **City of Mesquite:** Mentioned a Keep Mesquite Beautiful event.
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6. **Next Meeting Dates.** The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 18, 2027 at NCTCOG offices.
7. **Adjournment.**

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Joy Douglas at (817) 422-5876 or jdouglas@nctcog.org. Thank you!

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