



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Water Resources Council

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

In-Person at NCTCOG

Chair: Larry Patterson, Upper Trinity Regional Water District

Vice-Chair: Taylor Alvarez, City of Watauga

- 1. Welcome and Introductions.** Council members will introduce themselves and welcome new WRC members.

Meeting attendees introduced themselves and welcomed WRC members newly appointed to serve a two-year term.

ACTION ITEMS

- 2. Meeting Summary.** The [July 8, 2026 meeting summary](#) will be presented for approval.

Eric Robison, City of Richardson, moved to approve the meeting summary. Billy George, North Texas Municipal Water District, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Bylaws Revision Subcommittee.** At the July 8, 2026 meeting, the WRC discussed forming a Bylaws Subcommittee to propose suggested updates for the WRC's consideration. The WRC will formally vote to form the subcommittee for FY2027.

Kevin Mercer, Denton County Fresh Water Supply District 6 & 7, moved to enact the subcommittee, provided that the subcommittee stays under 10 voting members. Grace Darling, Arlington Conservation Council, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION

- 4. NTX Water Conservation Strategy: Community Conversations.** Alex Johnson, Director of Communications, North Texas Municipal Water District, will present on the [NTX Water Conservation Strategy project](#), which aims to identify district-specific strategies to help communities implement water conservation measures.

Alex Johnson, North Texas Municipal Water District, presented an overview of the NTX Water Conservation Strategy project. This project is a joint effort between North Texas Municipal Water District and Tarrant Regional Water District to identify strategies for the 2029 Water Conservation Plan. Alex's full presentation is available in the [meeting presentation slide deck](#), beginning on slide 8. Presentation topics included stakeholder engagement strategies and a summary of feedback, which emphasized a need for continuity in ordinances and regional messaging. A final report of the project's findings will be available in early 2027. The project's next steps are to have customer cities pilot some of the strategies for implementation.

DISCUSSION

- 5. Recognition of WRC Service Milestones.** NCTCOG staff will recognize and appreciate council members who have achieved service milestones (5, 10, 15, or 20 years+) on the WRC.

The WRC recognized Billy George, North Texas Municipal Water District, for serving five years on the council, and Grace Darling, Arlington Conservation Council, for serving 10 years on the council. NCTCOG expresses its gratitude for their dedication of service.

- 6. Review of the *Texas Integrated Report of Surface Water Quality for Clean Water Act Sections 305(b) and 303(d)*.** NCTCOG will share relevant items from TCEQ's newly adopted [*Texas Integrated Report of Surface Water Quality for Clean Water Act Sections 305\(b\) and 303\(d\)*](#). This document is updated every two years and will inform the 2027 North Central Texas Water Quality Plan (WQP) Update. This discussion will include updates on TCEQ rules around water quality planning.

NCTCOG presented data from the [2026 Texas Integrated Report of Surface Water Quality for Clean Water Act Sections 305\(b\) and 303\(d\)](#), approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in August 2026. During this report period, the NCTCOG region added four waterbodies to the impaired waters list, downgraded two from Category 5 to Category 4, and delisted five waterbodies completely. NCTCOG noted a slight reduction in the number of waterbodies impaired for various assessment parameters, with the greatest reductions showing in waterbodies impaired for *E. coli*.

NCTCOG also noted a name change to the Water Quality Management Plan, at TCEQ's request. Beginning in FY2027, the plan will be called a Water Quality Plan. Other planning entities in the state were asked to make the same change, and this does not change any other part of the planning process.

- 7. Water Conservation Billboard Review.** Meeting attendees will provide critique and feedback on NCTCOG's water conservation billboards before they are posted in Winter and Spring 2027. Attendees will be asked to confirm that billboard directives are consistent with local messaging.

Meeting attendees were asked to review printed billboards hung around the room and provide feedback on the directives via Post-it note. Suggestions centered around prioritizing actions that provide the greatest reduction in water consumption, such as leak repair and outdoor water use. Actions such as washing full loads of laundry and dishes were noted as providing less of a reduction benefit and were deprioritized. NCTCOG will revise the billboard directives with new suggestions before the campaign kicks off in Winter 2027.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

- 8. NCTCOG Updates.** NCTCOG will update the WRC on recent and upcoming items of interest.

- a. NCTCOG and Texas Water Development Board Workshop: *Texas Water Development Board Financial Assistance Workshop*.** Monday, November 16, 2026; 1:30 p.m., in person on the NCTCOG Campus; [Register here](#)

b. Holiday Grease Roundup. November 1, 2026 - January 31, 2027. Email Hannah Ordonez at hordonez@nctcog.org to get more information.

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

- Kevin Mercer, Denton County Fresh Water Supply District 6 & 7, stated the district is undergoing smart meter changeout and praised the tool's efficacy.
- Taylor Alvarez, City of Watauga, shared that the city is participating in an Advanced Metering Infrastructure switchout and related maintenance.
- Alex Whiteway, City of Arlington, stated the city has completed studies to quantify PFAS presence and is working on PFAS mitigation activities. The city will launch a Capital Improvement Project to fund activities, which will lead to a rate increase.
- Zach Huff, Tarrant Regional Water District, shared that the district, along with Trinity River Authority, is working on an Aquifer Storage and Recovery partnership project, to be operational by next year.
- Grace Darling, Arlington Conservation Council, shared that she has enrolled in Arlington Water Utilities University and noted that the city's leak detection dog, Splash, is very popular.
- Jennifer Moore, Trinity River Authority, states they expect that it will cost over \$200 million to treat PFAS. She states they have received a lot of open records requests related to PFAS and data centers. The authority plans to comment on related regulations in the upcoming legislative session.
- Webster Mangham, Trinity River Authority, questioned if water conservation messages could be tied to money-saving goals. Abby Owens, City of Plano, stated that promoting financial savings to achieve a reduction in water consumption is not always effective due to rate increases.
- Samantha Webster, City of Fort Worth, states the city is working on replacing customer lines related to Lead and Copper Rule Improvement compliance. The city is attempting to roll out a plan for galvanized line replacement for customers, for the first time, and has secured funds from the Texas Water Development Board to do so.
- Tiffany Bruce, Town of Flower Mound, shared that the city is increasing rates by 9 or 10% and is looking at Capital Improvement Programs to support the city's infrastructure needs.
- Eric Robison, City of Richardson, shared that the city is changing its rate structure to a meter-equivalency rate structure, which is based on meter size.
- Abby Owens, City of Plano, stated the city is wrapping up a rate study and creating a dashboard that analyzes municipal water use. There is particular focus on water loss and non-revenue water use.
- Billy George, North Texas Municipal Water District, states the district is celebrating its 75th anniversary.
- Alex Johnson, North Texas Municipal Water District, shared that his team is working on outreach to the economic development community via a Water Matters summit to emphasize the need for water management as it relates to prosperity. Regarding conservation, he mentioned the importance of quality messaging on outdoor watering and leak repair. He stated that public perception that they are "doing enough" and regulatory oversight can be big barriers to conservation.
- Dustan Compton, Tarrant Regional Water District, promoted the [20th Annual North Texas Water Conservation Symposium](#), to be held on November 5, 2026, in Coppell.

- Larry Patterson, Upper Trinity Regional Water District, stated that rate increases are a big concern. He shared that the district is working to enforce conservation using smart meters and “Water Conservation Violator” signs for those out of compliance. The district’s water treatment plants are doubling in size, and it has added plate settlers to the first few basins. Regarding Lake Ralph Hall, the dam closed on July 2nd and began transferring water in September.

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

Larry Patterson, Upper Trinity Regional Water District, noted that discussion from the roundtable focused on regulatory activity related to PFAS and support for explaining rate changes to council and customers. He and NCTCOG noted that the upcoming Texas Legislative Session will be a consistent topic on the WRC agendas throughout the duration of the session. Further discussion centered on the use of advanced meter infrastructure and how open records requests around these systems could lead to potential cybersecurity issues. Larry suggested a presentation on the Watershed 250 Initiative, which seeks to support water and wastewater utilities in improving cybersecurity.

11. Next Meeting. The next WRC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, 2027, and will be held virtually, via Microsoft Teams. [Add to Calendar](#)

Meetings for the rest of 2027:

- April 28, 2027, In-person at NCTCOG. [Add to Calendar](#)
- July 14, 2027, via Teams. [Add to Calendar](#)
- October 13, 2027, In-person at NCTCOG. [Add to Calendar](#)

12. Adjournment.

Additional NCTCOG Meetings of Interest

- Public Works Council-** [Add to Calendar](#)
- Wastewater And Treatment Education Roundtable-** [RSVP and Add to Calendar](#)
- Public Education Task Force-** [Add to Calendar](#)

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Alyssa Knox by phone at (817) 695-9221 or by email at aknox@nctcog.org.

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