

SUMMARY

Flood Management Task Force
Friday, February 20, 2026
9:30 AM, Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams



1. Welcome and Introductions.

- City of Coppell – Cole Baker
- City of Farmers Branch – Eric Mueller
- City of Grand Prairie – Ryan Harrell
- City of Lewisville – Jeff Kelly
- Dallas County – Lissa Shepard & Nathan Davison
- Denton County – Stephen Belknap
- Tarrant County – Maria Moreno
- Tarrant Regional Water District – Craig Ottman
- Trinity River Authority – Heather Firn

2. Welcome and Introductions.

ACTION ITEMS

3. **Voting Item: Meeting Summary Approval.** The November 21, 2025, draft meeting summary is [available online](#) for review.
A motion to approve the November 21, 2025, meeting summary was made by Mr. Eric Mueller (City of Farmers Branch) and seconded by Mr. Craig Ottman (TRWD). The motion was approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. FY 2026 Trinity River COMMON VISION Work Program Activities Discussion.

- a. **NFIP and CDC Model Consolidation Team.** NCTCOG staff will update the FMTF on scopes of work and next steps related to the consolidated NFIP-CDC model and maintenance process. (Emilie Fryksater, CFM, NCTCOG)
- i. **CDC Model Files Updated.** The most recently updated NFIP-CDC Consolidated Model files have been uploaded to the NCTCOG site.
[Communities in attendance were encouraged to download and utilize the updated files.](#)
- CDC Expansion – TSI Project Area.** NCTCOG will introduce preliminary efforts in identifying opportunities to expand the Corridor Development Certificate Program into the TSI Project area.
[The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers \(USACE\) recently presented at the Model Development and Floodplain Ordinances Workshop regarding expansion of the CDC program into TSI project areas. A pilot study was completed in the Town Creek watershed \(City of Weatherford\), and documentation was prepared outlining the process for potential replication. USACE will provide a detailed presentation at the next Flood Management Task Force \(FMTF\) meeting \(May 2026\).](#)
- b. **East Fork/Denton Creek Update and Expansion of the CDC Program West.** NCTCOG staff will update the FMTF on relaunch of outreach efforts and initiatives to bring additional communities into the COMMON VISION program. (Emilie Fryksater)

NCTCOG has initiated outreach to communities within the East Fork and extended Trinity River Main Stem where CDC modeling has already been completed ([files located here](#)). Outreach efforts include direct communication (email, phone calls) to coordinate meetings for further dialogue on potential participation in the CDC program and adoption or update of floodplain ordinances, as applicable.

Initial contact has been made with the City of Seagoville to discuss its CDC status and ordinance considerations. Additional outreach emails have been distributed to East Fork communities. Meetings are being scheduled to review:

- Opportunities for participation in the CDC program and associated regional benefits
- Ordinance alignment with CDC requirements
- Application submittal procedures
- Next steps for active utilization of the CDC program

It was noted that some existing municipal contact information may be outdated due to staff turnover. Lissa Shepard (Dallas County) offered assistance with verifying contacts and regional coordination support.

NCTCOG will continue efforts to secure meetings with East Fork communities and will provide progress updates at future Task Force meetings.

- c. **CDC GIS Interactive Mapping Tool.** NCTCOG will brief the FMTF on steps taken towards developing an interactive online mapping tool for the CDC Program. (Emilie Fryksater and Sue Alvarez, PE, CFM, NCTCOG)

NCTCOG will proceed with development of a CDC GIS interactive mapping tool to improve accessibility and transparency of information relating to CDC Applications and the overall program. Deferred revenue funds previously identified will support initial development, and NCTCOG will assume long-term maintenance responsibilities.

Technical collaboration with the NCTCOG Transportation Department GIS staff is underway to determine modeling framework, data integration, and platform requirements. The tool is intended to serve as a centralized, user-friendly reference for participating communities and reviewers.

Proposed functionality includes:

- A single interactive map interface with selectable data layers
- Display of CDC application locations and project extents
- Integration of relevant hydraulic and hydrologic model reference information (NFIP-CDC Consolidated Models)
- Cross section and elevation reference data, where feasible
- Layers aligned with CDC criteria to support preliminary review

Task Force members provided input supporting a consolidated mapping platform with the ability to toggle layers, rather than multiple standalone mapping tools. Members also emphasized the importance of visualizing application extents and providing readily

accessible reference data to assist communities that may not have direct access to ArcGIS Pro or engineering software.

NCTCOG will continue its internal efforts and solicit the Task Force for feedback as the model development plans take shape. Updates will be provided at future meetings.

- d. **Developing a Multijurisdictional Program for Public Information under the Community Rating System of the National Flood Insurance Program.** NCTCOG will provide further clarification on the process and requirements necessary to pursue establishing a Multijurisdictional Program for Public Information. (Erin Blackman, CFM, NCTCOG) Additional details regarding the potential development of a Multijurisdictional Program for Public Information (PPI) under the Community Rating System (CRS) of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) were shared with the Task Force. Staff summarized follow-up coordination with a facilitator of two established multijurisdictional PPIs in Louisiana, which serve as examples of how regional collaboration can be structured.

In the referenced examples, participating communities meet regularly as part of a CRS Users Group and dedicate specific meetings each year to PPI coordination, development, and annual review. Hybrid meeting formats were noted as beneficial in maintaining participation and achieving quorum. Communities are responsible for identifying and inviting local stakeholders, providing repetitive loss and building data, and formally adopting the PPI document. The facilitator coordinates meetings, compiles data, assists with stakeholder engagement, and prepares the draft PPI document for review and adoption.

Staff clarified that communities with an existing individual PPI may transition to a multijurisdictional PPI upon expiration of their current document. Additionally, communities that do not actively participate in required meetings may be removed from the regional PPI.

To advance this effort regionally, staff proposed reconvening the North Texas Floodplain Administrators/CRS Users Group as the forum for coordinating PPI development. Members discussed meeting frequency and generally supported quarterly meetings, with at least two meetings in the initial year dedicated to PPI development and at least one meeting annually for required review thereafter. Additional quarterly meetings could address broader CRS topics, including credit opportunities and program guidance.

Communities expressed support for continued exploration of a regional PPI framework, noting that it could reduce administrative burden—particularly for smaller jurisdictions—and strengthen regional coordination.

- e. **Minor Updates**

- i. **Update the CDC Manual to the 5th Edition.** The NFIP-CDC Model Consolidation Team will share progress on the final draft of the 5th Edition of the CDC Manual. (Emilie Fryksater)

NCTCOG staff reported that revisions to the 5th Edition of the CDC Manual are nearing completion. Section 4 remains under review and revision by the NFIP-CDC Model Consolidation Team. Once technical edits are finalized and the section has undergone peer review, NCTCOG will complete final formatting and publication of the updated manual.

Completion of the 5th Edition will incorporate recent program updates, procedural clarifications, and consolidated modeling references. Staff noted that publication of the updated manual will provide greater consistency and transparency for participating communities and applicants.

- ii. **Update Communities’ Acreage in Floodplain (FIRM).** NCTCOG will update the FMTF on efforts made to revise communities’ acreage in the floodplain based on the FIRM Map for participating COMMON VISION members. (Emilie Fryksater)
An update was provided on efforts to revise participating communities’ floodplain acreage using current Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) data. The existing acreage values are based on an outdated regional report and no longer reflect current mapped conditions.

Staff indicated that this task will primarily involve GIS analysis to overlay current FIRM floodplain boundaries with municipal limits to calculate updated acreage values. Coordination with local Floodplain Administrators will be necessary to confirm boundary datasets and resolve discrepancies. USACE technical modeling assistance is not anticipated to be required for this update.

It was emphasized that adjustments to floodplain acreage will not impact FY 2027 cost share dues, as previously discussed in the FY 2026 Work Program. However, updated acreage values may be considered in future fiscal year cost share evaluations.

- iii. **FY 2027 Cost Share Estimates.** NCTCOG cost share estimate notices for FY 2027 were sent out January 26, 2026. There was no change from FY26 to FY27 in dues. (Emilie Fryksater)

Fiscal Year 2027 cost share estimate notices were distributed to member communities on January 26, 2026. No changes were made to dues from FY 2026 to FY 2027.

Staff acknowledged that future modifications to cost share calculations may be necessary as part of broader program evaluation and as updated floodplain acreage data becomes available. Members were invited to provide historical context or background information regarding prior cost share discussions to assist staff in preparing for future review of the cost share methodology.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 4. **Upcoming Events.** List of approaching meetings, workshops, seminars, etc. hosted by NCTCOG Environment and Development Department and stakeholders.

VIRTUAL EVENTS	
February 24 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.	FEMA Virtual Brown Bag <u>FEMA Building Code Requirements</u>
March 31 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.	FEMA Virtual Brown Bag <u>eBFE Viewer and the Flood Decision Support Toolbox</u>
April 28 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.	FEMA Virtual Brown Bag <u>44 CFR 60.3 regulations</u>

If you plan to attend this public meeting and you have a disability that requires special arrangements at the meeting, please contact NCTCOG’s Title VI Coordinator by email at Title-VI-Coordinator@nctcog.org 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.

NCTCOG IN-PERSON EVENTS	
March 3 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	<u>2026 North Central Texas Watershed Stakeholder Meeting</u> NCTCOG Offices – Centerpoint II; William Pitstick Conference Room
TSI Sub-area Meetings (10 a.m. – 12 p.m.):	
May 4	White Settlement Pecan Grove Convention Center (405 N Las Vegas Trail)
May 5	Decatur Decatur Conference Center (2010 W Hwy 380)
May 7	Flower Mound Denton Co. Southwest Courthouse (6200 Canyon Falls Drive)
May 12	Burleson City Hall (141 W Renfro Street)

IN-PERSON EVENTS	
March 1-4	<u>2026 IECA Annual Conference & Expo</u> The Fort Worth Convention Center Fort Worth, TX
March 10-13	<u>2026 TFMA Annual Meeting – Mastering the Floodplains</u> The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel and Convention Center The Woodlands, TX
April 15-17	<u>2026 South Central Climate Resilience Forum</u> La Quinta Inn & Suites San Antonio Riverwalk San Antonio, TX
April 27-30	<u>Texas Water Conference 2026</u> Henry B. González Convention Center San Antonio, TX
Aug. 30 – Sept. 2	<u>APWA Public Works Expo</u> The George R. Brown Convention Center Houston, TX

- 5. Follow up: Development and Floodplain Regulations Model Code Workshop.** NCTCOG hosted a TSI feedback workshop considering model codes for development regulations and floodplain ordinances on January 29th, 2026, at the NCTCOG offices. The draft meeting summary, presentation, and a recording of the event is [available online](#) for review. (Erin Blackman, NCTCOG)

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A follow-up summary of the Development and Floodplain Regulations Model Code Workshop held on January 29, 2026 was supplied by NCTCOG staff. The hybrid event included approximately 20 in-person attendees and over 100 virtual participants. Two Continuing Education Credits (CECs) were offered for Certified Floodplain Managers (CFMs).

The workshop focused on best practice strategies for incorporating enhanced floodplain management standards into local development codes and ordinances. Topics included higher regulatory standards, integration of stormwater and floodplain requirements, and opportunities for CRS credit. Representatives from Fort Worth, Benbrook, and Wise County shared implementation experiences. USACE also presented on CDC expansion efforts within the TSI region.

Meeting materials and a recording are available online. Staff noted that website migration efforts are ongoing and requested notification if any links are inaccessible.

6. Other Program-Related Efforts

- a. **North Texas Floodplain Administrators/CRS Users Group.** NCTCOG will share any updates available and seek input from the group on meeting frequency. (Erin Blackman)
Building on the earlier PPI discussion, staff reiterated the intent to revitalize the North Texas Floodplain Administrators/CRS Users Group. The group is anticipated to serve as both a forum for CRS technical coordination and the vehicle for development and maintenance of a potential multijurisdictional PPI.

Members were asked to provide input regarding preferred meeting frequency, format (virtual versus in-person), and priority topic areas. Suggested topics included identifying “low-hanging fruit” CRS credit opportunities and providing guidance for communities seeking to enter the CRS program. Communities not currently participating in CRS were encouraged to attend future Users Group meetings.

- b. **Integrated Stormwater Management (iSWM) Program.** An update on iSWM activities will be provided by NCTCOG staff. (Katie Hunter, CFM, NCTCOG)
NCTCOG staff gave an update on recent activities of the Integrated Stormwater Management (iSWM) Program. The most recent meeting included discussion of Public Works Council by-law updates affecting subcommittee representation and participation.

A presentation by Texas A&M AgriLife researchers highlighted green stormwater infrastructure components developed as part of the Trinity Strategic Initiative (TSI) study. Staff also noted ongoing efforts to improve the usability and organization of the iSWM webpage.

The next iSWM meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2026, at NCTCOG offices.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

7. **CDC Applications.** NCTCOG staff will brief the FMTF on CDC Applications received—review applications slated for/granted exemption status, and applications awaiting USACE technical assistance reviews. (Emilie Fryksater)
The CDC Program Lead at NCTCOG presented an overview of current CDC applications, including those granted exemption status, those in open comment period, and those under USACE technical review.

Several applications discussed at the November meeting have since been granted exemptions. Additional applications are currently in comment period and are anticipated to move into USACE technical review upon close of comments and receipt of required documentation and fees.

Staff noted that two applications have remained in USACE technical review for an extended period and will follow up to obtain current status. During roundtable discussion, several communities provided brief updates regarding anticipated CDC submittals, including exemption requests and permit applications currently under internal review.

Members were reminded to notify NCTCOG of upcoming applications to facilitate coordination and regional awareness.

8. Open Discussion/Other Business. FMTF members may openly discuss items and topics among themselves.

Members discussed the recent inclusion of the open discussion/forum segment to the meeting format—noting that the segment may be more productive to implement during in-person meetings. It was suggested that members submit potential agenda topics in advance of meetings to encourage focused and substantive regional discussion.

Roundtable:

Arlington – NA

Carrollton – NA

Coppell (Cole Baker) – Shared that Coppell recently received a CDC application associated with a Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD project along the Elm Fork. The application is anticipated to qualify for exemption, and the City will begin its internal review prior to submittal through the CDC portal.

City of Dallas – NA

Farmers Branch (Eric Mueller) – Reported no new CDC applications but reiterated support for continued CRS coordination efforts and regional collaboration.

Fort Worth – NA

Grand Prairie (Ryan Harrell) – Provided an update on two pending matters. He noted ongoing coordination with Dallas County regarding CDC Permit 113 and stated that the city is internally reviewing a forthcoming non-exempt CDC permit application for the River Central development project along the West Fork Trinity River, downstream of SH 360. Ryan emphasized that the project includes proposed valley storage mitigation and may warrant regional attention once formally submitted.

Irving – NA

Lewisville (Jeff Kelly) – None.

Seagoville - NA

Dallas County (Lissa Shepard & Nathan Davison) - Acknowledged coordination efforts related to a CDC permit involving a concrete batch plant and expressed appreciation for collaboration among NCTCOG, USACE, and participating jurisdictions.

Denton County (Stephen Belknap) – None.

Kaufman County - NA

Tarrant County (Maria Moreno) - None

Tarrant Regional Water District (Craig Ottman) – None.

Trinity River Authority - NA

USACE – NA

9. **Upcoming Meeting.** The next Flood Management Task Force meeting will be held on Friday, May 15th. The meeting will be held in-person at the NCTCOG offices.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Emilie Fryksater by phone at (817) 695-9110, or by email at efryksater@nctcog.org. Thank you.

Attendance List	
Cole Baker	City of Coppell
Jennifer Rovezzi	City of Denton
Eric Mueller	City of Farmers Branch
Ryan Harrell	City of Grand Prairie
Jeff Kelly	City of Lewisville
Erika Bridges	City of Rockwall
Lissa Shepard	Dallas County
Nathan Davison	Dallas County
Noe Villarreal	Dallas County
Stephen Belknap	Denton County
Maria Moreno	Tarrant County
Jerry Cotter	University of Texas (Arlington)
Brian Gross	Langan Engineering & Environmental Services
George Marshall	Walter P Moore
Erik Ahmadzadeh	Lockwood, Andrews, & Newman
Claire Pollard	Dewberry Engineers
Jeremy Dixon	Freese & Nichols
Stephanie Griffin	Halff Associates
Craig Ottman	TRWD
Susan Alvarez	NCTCOG
Erin Blackman	NCTCOG
Christi Upton	NCTCOG
Emilie Fryksater	NCTCOG

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