



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Metroplex Conference Room, NCTCOG Offices

616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011

Chair: Duy Vu, City of Cedar Hill

Vice Chair: Vacant

1. **Welcome and Introductions.**

2. **Meeting Summary.** The [February 2, 2023 meeting summary](#) is available online for your review.

The February 2, 2023 meeting summary was approved.

3. **Vice-Chair Discussion and Election.** WATER members will vote on a new Vice-Chair for the committee.

Jacie Lewis, City of Irving, was elected as the new WATER Vice-Chair.

4. **FY2024 Work Program Discussion and Cost-Shares Allocation.** NCTCOG will seek feedback from attendees on priorities, tasks, and budgeting for FY2024. NCTCOG will present the results from the FY23 Cost-Sharing Membership Survey.

NCTCOG requested feedback from attendees on the FY2024 Work Program. Attendees discussed preliminary results from the FY23 Cost-Sharing Membership Survey and the potential for expanding available resources into additional languages.

5. **Promotional Activities Update.** NCTCOG will provide an update on promotional activities and provide analytics from the Defend Your Drains website and social media activities. Additionally, NCTCOG will request feedback on future promotional activities from members during the meeting.

NCTCOG provided a brief update on the Defend Your Drains North Texas promotional activities, including the Google advertising budget and optimization, popular posts, and web traffic. NCTCOG also provided an update on the Spanish translations and overall accessibility improvements for educational explainer videos. The Spanish translations of the Fats, Oils, and Grease and Wipes Block Everything videos have been posted to the E&D YouTube page and are linked below.

- [FOGs: Los Aceites y Las Grasas](#)
- [Las Toallitas Lo Obstruyen Todo](#)

6. **Regional Training Update.** NCTCOG will provide a brief update on the Field Technician Training, now tentatively scheduled for Fall 2023.

The Field Technician Training has been postponed to September 2023. This training will include presentations from the Cities of Grand Prairie and Irving and will be held in Irving's training facility. Additional details will be shared in summer 2023.

7. **Final Annual Holiday Grease Roundup Results.** NCTCOG will provide the final results of the 2022 Holiday Grease Roundup and plans for the 2023 event.

During the 2022 Holiday Grease Roundup, 45 participants at 71 drop off locations/events collected 9,492 gallons of grease! NCTCOG has begun working on revising the marketing materials for the 2023 Holiday Grease Roundup, scheduled for November 13, 2023 through January 12, 2023. The marketing materials are anticipated to be released in August or September 2023 and 36 participants from the 2022 event have committed to the 2023 event.

Attendees discussed the potential for a roundtable discussion on best practices for collection containers/cabinets for cooking oil and grease, especially ones that are unmanned, at an upcoming WATER meeting.

8. **General Updates.** NCTCOG will provide general updates on relevant programs and events.

NCTCOG provided a brief update on the Water Environment Association of Texas's Unflushables Statewide Campaign and associated marketing materials.

The EPA Green Asset Management Hybrid Workshop is scheduled for May 16, 2023 at 9:00 AM. More information is available online [here](#).

9. **Roundtable.** The group will share what is happening in their communities.

The City of Irving shared information about a company called Fry Away, that developed a powdered project that, when added to hot oil, will solidify the oil and allow it to be easily thrown away. Irving has purchased giveaways for education and outreach events through Fry Away. Irving provided the draft giveaway mockup for review, [available here](#).

The City of Lewisville requested feedback from other attendees on the presence of industrial or other large-scale flushers due to a large number of mop heads present at a lift station recently. Attendees discussed the potential origination of the mop heads and specific targeted outreach they have done in the past. Lewisville also shared information about their sanitary sewer overflow tracking methods, and their recent educational event with their "toilet toss" corn hole style game and jars with "flushable" wipes and toilet paper. Lewisville provided pictures from their recent educational event, [available here](#).

The City of Arlington is in the process of creating a new FOG program manual for new business owners that aren't familiar with FOG requirements.

North Texas Municipal Water District shared information on their recent successful educational event: "No Water, No Beer Trivia," in which the trivia topics are related to water in pop culture, Texas related water conservation, wastewater, and more. NTMWD also shared a potential resource for fatberg and other plumbing pictures for educational purposes, the Reddit subreddit [r/plumbing](#).

10. **Schedule for the Next WATER Meeting.** The next WATER meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 25, 2023 at 10:00 AM. The location for this meeting is to be determined.



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This meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 10:00 AM to not interfere with the Pretreatment Conference in Denton, TX. This meeting will be held in person, at NCTCOG Offices.

11. Adjournment.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Hannah Allen at (817) 695-9215 or hallen@nctcog.org.

If you plan to attend this public meeting and you have a disability that requires special arrangements, please contact Lili Sheppard at (817) 695-9210 or lsheppard@nctcog.org at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.



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MEMBERS:

NAME	SIGNATURE	REPRESENTS
Joe Gildersleeve	<i>K. Paris</i>	City of Arlington
Traci Peterson		City of Arlington
Elijah Dorminy		City of Bedford
Wesley Layfield		City of Bedford
Duy Vu		City of Cedar Hill
Amber Beard		City of Colleyville
Jon Escamilla		City of Colleyville
Jordan Wilson		City of Denton
Matt Bryant		City of Duncanville
David Dunn		City of Duncanville
Cindy Mendez		City of Grand Prairie
Eric Straw		City of Grand Prairie
Gregory Van Nieuwenhuize		City of Haltom City
Oleksandra Bikman		City of Haltom City
Scott Kriston		City of Highland Village
Ignacio Beltran		City of Irving
Eddie King		City of Irving
Jacie Lewis	<i>Jacie Lewis</i>	City of Irving
Justin Maness		City of Lewisville
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Jae-Do Tae		City of Lewisville
Howard Redfearn		City of Mansfield
Becca Sales		City of Mansfield
Mandra Caplinger		City of McKinney
Annie Mattia		City of McKinney
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