



North Central Texas Council of Governments

# SUMMARY

## Greater Trinity River Bacteria TMDL I-Plan Monitoring Coordination Forum Meeting

Thursday, May 17, 2018, 9:30 AM

Tejas Conference Room – NCTCOG, CenterPoint III, 3rd Floor  
600 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011

1. **Welcome and Introductions.**

### ACTION ITEMS

2. **Monitoring Coordination Forum Meeting Summary.** The November 7, 2017, meeting summary is available online for review and will be presented for approval.

**The subcommittee approved the November 7, 2017 meeting summary.**

### DISCUSSION

3. **Subcommittee Project Discussion.** NCTCOG staff will discuss bacterial source tracking studies and funding, collection of water quality data, and the development of an efficacy report to determine the effect of the current implementation efforts.

**In the previous meeting, the subcommittee requested that NCTCOG gather resources pertaining to bacterial source tracking (BST), including possible funding sources, literature of studies conducted in Texas, plus institutions and researchers that conduct BST research and have access to DNA libraries. The NCTCOG created a document containing this information and will also gather cost information to determine if the NCTCOG can submit a grant application, or if a cost-share program can be created, to pay for BST analysis and DNA Library costs.**

**The NCTCOG was also asked by the subcommittee to determine the best manner of creating an efficacy report. The efficacy report will be a sub-analysis of existing Clean Rivers Program water quality data, and will focus on bacteria levels over a five year period (e-coli). The goal of the analysis will be to determine if there is a trend in bacteria levels and if a correlation can be found against other regularly monitored parameters (pH, DO, rainfall, sediments, etc.). The NCTCOG presented several options, including creating a report similar to the Cibolo Creek Watershed Protection Plan or the Plum Creek Watershed Protection Plan. The subcommittee decided to have the efficacy report included in the Monitoring Forum section of the I-Plan Status Report.**

**The subcommittee requested that a guest speaker be invited to talk about BST, analysis costs, and the funding at the next meeting. The subcommittee suggested bringing a speaker from Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research (TIAER) or the Texas Water Resources Institute (TWRI), who have experts in BST sampling and DNA Libraries.**



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4. **TMDL I-Plan Status Report.** The subcommittee will review the content and recurrence of the I-Plan Status Report.

NCTCOG staff discussed changing the frequency of the I-Plan Status Report from yearly to once every five years. The first Status Report was created in 2017 and covered the years 2013 through 2016. The 2018 Status Report covered FY 2017 work, during which minimal changes were observed. The NCTCOG staff requested the subcommittee's feedback on this suggestion. The subcommittee agreed that drafting the report on a five-year basis is sufficient and that a short summary of program achievements is adequate on a yearly basis. The NCTCOG will request the approval from the Coordination Committee to change the I-Plan Status report to a five-year report.

### ROUNDTABLE

5. **Staff Updates and Roundtable Discussion.** NCTCOG staff will provide general updates and members will have an opportunity to share what is happening in their communities.

NCTCOG: Second TMDL quarterly newsletter for FY18 is available [here](#). The Annual TMDL I-Plan Status Report Draft is ready for review and can be found [here](#). The NCTCOG will present the draft to the Coordination Committee for their approval. The Texas Stream Team – Train-the-Trainer workshop will be held July 25, 2018. The TCEQ integrated Report Draft for 2016 is available on the TCEQ website [here](#).

Irving: No updates

Arlington: No updates

Fort Worth: Conducted a Walk the Watershed event for Sycamore Creek. The city will be making changes to their industrial user's fee.

Dallas: Had an external audit. Biosampling and wet weather characterization are complete.

TRA: A position is available, check the TRA website or contact Aaron Hoff for information. The EPA Region 6 Regional Technical Advisory Group (RTAG), including UTRWD, TRWD, NTMWD, and TRA, will be conducting four stream bio-campaigns in White Rock Creek and Little Fossil Creek that will include analysis of stream strata and macro/micro invertebrates. The next Clean Rivers Program Report will include 2 and 4 samples in Walnut Creek and Village Creek.

6. **Adjournment.** The next TMDL Monitoring Coordination Forum Meeting is scheduled for **November 15, 2018**, at **9:30 AM** in the Tejas Conference Room.

RSVPs requests will be sent with meeting reminders moving forward. RSVPs will help the NCTCOG determine if a meeting needs to be re-scheduled to improve attendance.



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The upcoming TMDL Coordination Committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, June 14, 2018** at **9:30 AM** in the Regional Forum Room.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Mayra Lopez at (817) 608-2360, or by email at [mlopez@nctcog.org](mailto:mlopez@nctcog.org).

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