



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Pollution Prevention Roundtable

Wednesday, December 8th, 2021

9:30 a.m., Microsoft Teams

1. **Welcome and Introductions.**

DISCUSSION

2. **FY22 Project Discussion.** The group will discuss the FY22 project, webinar or training on BMPs for the non-structural maintenance of waterways.

NCTCOG staff facilitated a discussion with members to obtain feedback on the FY22 Special Project, webinars or trainings on BMPs for the non-structural maintenance of waterways, before undertaking further planning. Non-structural stormwater BMPs are typically placed into several categories: Public Education, Planning and Management of Developing Areas, Materials Management, Spill Prevention and Cleanup, Illegal Dumping Controls, Street and Storm Drain Maintenance, Illicit Connection Controls, and Stormwater Reuse. Staff requested members feedback to narrow down the scope based on these categories, keeping in mind the webinar or training will need to fall within the parameters and focus of the Pollution Prevention group.

Madisson Dunn, City of Southlake, recommended the Street and Storm Drain Maintenance category, particularly channel/creek maintenance including vegetation maintenance. Julian Holmes, City of Mansfield, agreed with a focus on vegetation maintenance. Jasmine Ferrell, City of Mesquite, agreed that channel maintenance would be helpful.

Julian added that it would be useful to talk about maintenance around ponds because there is often resistance from the public when trying to establish aquatic vegetation. Public education training or resources on aquatic vegetation would be helpful.

Brigette Gibson, City of Arlington, asked for a recap of the current FY special project and how it was selected. NCTCOG staff summarized the group's participation in surveys for the collection of special projects ideas which lead to the selection of BMPs for the non-structural maintenance for waterways. Brigette reminded members that the Pollution Prevention Roundtable's focus should be on members' internal programs and any non-structural BMPs should be related to that internal focus.

Channel maintenance, while useful and needed, is outside of the wheelhouse of several members, such as Arlington, who have entirely different divisions that handle those needs. Channel maintenance in pollution prevention is outside of the realm Brigette was thinking of. Mitchell Carpenter, Tarrant County, and Lauren Betz, City of Cedar Hill, both shared similar sentiments that channel maintenance doesn't quite fall into their control but rather Transportation and Streets and Drainage departments, respectively.

Brigette liked the outline of different types of non-structural stormwater BMPs and suggested focusing on in-house education for participants as a way to tap into the Public Education category. The City of Arlington has a concern with employees of other city departments not knowing who to contact regarding issues they see. A training focused on this would be helpful.

Cody Cash, City of Irving, touched on Brigette's point. The webinar or trainings could cover each of the non-structural BMPs at a higher level. If certain aspects stand out to participants in the training, a focus on those aspects could be made in later trainings.

3. **FY22 Training Opportunities.** NCTCOG staff will solicit members' input on optional training opportunities for the current fiscal year.

With the change from a Task Force to a Roundtable, the group kept the option to still select special projects each year, like the one discussed in Agenda item 2. The group will still have an opportunity to hold a training each year, separate from the special project, based on members needs and interests. To gauge interest from members on potential training options, staff provided a list of topics pulled from a previous post-event survey and posed the question of which, if any, most appealed to the members. It was suggested that, if desired, the training could be an extension of the special project and continue the focus on non-structural BMPs or it could be an entirely different topic.

The list of provided topics included: disposal, landfills or solid waste, industrial and MSGP training, enforcement issues, water quality, wetlands, or anything wildlife related. The group was asked, when considering options, to try and keep the selection of a training related to the focus of the Pollution Prevention Roundtable.

Kevin Hurley, City of Dallas, stated that a roundtable discussion on enforcement practices would be interesting and helpful. Cody mentioned an interest in case studies on oddball cases. Cale Chapman, City of Lewisville, agreed with Cody's recommendation.

Brigette posed the question of whether the intent was for internal or external training topics. Specifically, enforcement internally or externally as Arlington would be interested in a roundtable on internal enforcement topics. Staff responded that the P2 group is fairly narrow in focus, and anything related to external enforcement would likely fall under the IDDE group.

Mitchell conveyed that not every entity is a city and therefore they do not have enforcement power as is the case with Tarrant County. A training topic that provides insight on how to gain compliance before needing to go the enforcement route would be helpful from Tarrant County's perspective.

Brigette clarified that her interest would be internally for a training on enforcement practices and emphasized that the group should try to stay focused on internal issues, such as facilities within jurisdiction that are experiencing issues. For example, how does one enforce "discussions with other department heads". She would like to know what is happening internally with the other MS4s and would like to hear on specific things peers are encountering and doing that she could possibly bring back to her city and implement. If other MS4s are willing to talk about their programs and shared experiences, it would be a benefit to all in determining what information can be taken back and implemented at their entities.

Kevin shared that where the Minimum Control Measure 4, Management of Construction Site Runoff, steps over the external fence into internal is when there are contractors doing work on behalf of the city, such as street/highway maintenance. Besides this small case, this is primarily internal. Kevin suggested trainings on how to select good vendors when you have to



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go with low bids, HR policies and discipline, and Procurement helping with enforcement issues by not paying vendors who are out of compliance. Contractor management is big part of pollution prevention program with City of Dallas and their Human Resources policies are key for internal enforcement.

Julie Winchell, City of Cleburne, manages the city's onsite construction SWPPP which contains language for training and what the contractors will give the city, such as inspection reports on a weekly basis. Cleburne has contractor and sub-vendor training on what is expected of them. Meeting with staff and subs who are working on site helps to stay in compliance. Julie also does the three city owned MSGPs which are written in a way to have enforceable language. Trainings on anything wildlife related, due to issues with beavers, or on disposal topics are useful. The recent NCTCOG webinar, Ecosystem Management Topics at the Urban/Rural Interface, does pertain to Cleburne's structural BMPs. If this training could be shortened down to about 10 minutes or pared down to instructional bullets, it could be shared with operators.

Cody echoed Julie's thoughts on disposal and would be interested in hearing from peers what they are doing with their dredging materials and for disposal of street sweeping material.

Staff concluded the discussion by requesting feedback on a timeframe and format for additional trainings. The consensus was that webinars and in-the-field training were preferred over an in-person or classroom style training.

PRESENTATION ITEMS

4. **Member Roundtable Presentations.** NCTCOG staff will provide an overview of what future Member Roundtable presentations could entail.

With the present meeting being the first meeting for the group as a Roundtable, staff elucidated what the member Roundtable presentations could look like. A list of topic ideas included: internal training schedules, documentation procedures, control of floatables or pollutant discharges, maintenance schedules, municipal inspections, case studies, process improvements, and whatever else members desired to share. Presentation should be short, 10 – 15 minutes, and do not need to have elaborate PowerPoint presentations.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

5. **Other Stormwater Updates.** NCTCOG staff to provide an update on additional Stormwater activities. Staff will also provide an overview of upcoming conferences, events, news, or resources of relevance to the group.

Staff provided updates on other stormwater programs, events, and relevant news.

Upcoming Meetings:

- RSWMCC meeting: February 23, 2022
 - 9:30 – 11:30 am
- P2 Roundtable meeting, March 2, 2022
 - 9:30 – 11:00 am

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- IDDE meeting: December 9, 2021
 - 9:30-11:30 am, [Microsoft Teams](#)
- BMP Virtual Training - Permeable Pavement: December 9, 2021
 - 1:00-4:00pm, [Microsoft Teams](#)
- PETF meeting: January 19, 2022
 - 9:30 – 11:00 am, [Microsoft Teams](#)
- TMDL Stormwater Subcommittee Meeting: January 20, 2022
 - Microsoft Teams

News and Events:

- Ecosystem Management Topics at the Urban/Rural Interface
 - [Presentation](#)
- 2021 Stormwater and Litter Workshop for Stormwater/MS4 and Litter Prevention Professionals, December 9, ZOOM
 - [Registration](#)
 - [Agenda](#)
- Trinity Valley Pesticide Conference, December 17, Mabank, TX
 - [Pre-registration](#) due by December 10th
- EWRI Operations & Maintenance of Stormwater Control Measures, March 13-16, 2022, Wilmington, NC
 - [Registration](#)
 - [Agenda](#)

6. Roundtable. Members share what is happening in their communities.

Arlington: Volunteered to present a case study at the summer meeting, if needed, on internal enforcement issues - including how to escalate things and ensure other departments are in compliance. On issue of pollution prevention, Arlington has been pushing into internal enforcement issues recently and dealing with the effects of that. Have hired a consultant to help address some issues and engineer solutions. Have received feedback that Arlington is viewed as being too regulatory and there is a need to soften their language so working on public perception of enforcement language. Working on Annual Report which is due March 31st.

Cedar Hill: The SWMP was approved by TCEQ. Moving forward with trainings and items included in the SWMP.

Cleburne: SWPPP reviewed as part of recent comprehensive evaluation inspection at the landfill. If a city holds any MSGP permits, the inspections are intended to be used as multi use inspections and TCEQ is looking at stormwater components of the MSGP. Cleburne is addressing some of TCEQ's comments related to the MSGP. Question for the group about the census data changes. Provided input on language that is enforceable for City of Arlington.

Dallas: Offered to do a presentation at a future P2 Roundtable and agreed to present in March. The City of Dallas has a large internal P2 department and is ISO certified with training schedules, etc. Also working on the city's Annual Report.

Grand Prairie: Christopher Wilson is taking over Barry Vercoe's position after his retirement, so he is currently learning the program and working on the Annual Report. Grand Prairie has a gas well actively drilling that started spudding this week so that situation is being monitored. Hiring for a new position within the department – Environmental Outreach Coordinator.



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Irving: – Finishing the Annual Report. Won small award for BMP presentation on outfall trash nets. Handling the SWMP now. Cody would like to get more involved in doing presentations.

Lewisville: Recently annexed large swath of unincorporated land, Castle Hills. Set to begin inspecting industrial facilities early next year. The annexation created a population bump for Lewisville. Now have approximately 90 sites, including the new area, so have hired a third SWPPP Inspector.

Mansfield: – Working on the Annual Report and construction permits. Question for Arlington regarding having to soften their written enforcement language.

Plano: Bryan Oney introduced himself to the group as new City of Plano staff. Plano recently started a program to inspect construction sites and make sure they are following the Construction General Permit.

Prosper: Working on the Annual Report.

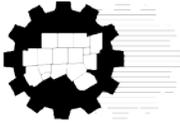
Richardson: Working on the Annual Report.

Southlake: Working on the Annual Report.

7. **Next Meeting Date.** The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. CST. Venue and format details are pending.

8. **Adjournment.**

If you have questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, contact Crysta Guzman at (817) 695-9107 or cguzman@nctcog.org. Thank you!



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MEMBER SIGN IN SHEET

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Sean Aucoin	X	City of Frisco
Lauren Betz	X	City of Cedar Hill
Mitchell Carpenter	X	Tarrant County
Cody Cash	X	City of Irving
Cale Chapman	X	City of Lewisville
Gayle Copening	X	City of Richardson
Madisson Dunn	X	City of Southlake
Jasmine Ferrell	X	City of Mesquite
Brigette Gibson	X	City of Arlington
Adam Gottlieb	X	Atkins
Kristie Halverson	X	City of Dallas
Kevin Hill	X	City of Dallas
Julian Holmes	X	City of Mansfield
James House	X	City of Prosper
Kevin Hurley	X	City of Dallas
Sam Kofi	X	Atkins
Teri McBride	X	City of Richardson
Tuan Ngo	X	City of North Richland Hills
Bryan Oney	X	City of Plano
Krista Pender	X	City of Carrollton
Jeff Shiflet	X	City of Irving
Andrew Wallace	X	City of Dallas
Christopher Wilson	X	City of Grand Prairie
Julie Winchell	X	City of Cleburne