



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Resource Conservation Council

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM,

Virtual Meeting; www.uberconference.com/nctcogenv

(817) 953-6828, no pins required

Chair: Steve Massey, City of Allen

Vice Chair: Jeff Mayfield, North Texas Municipal Water District

- 1. Welcome and Introductions.**
- 2. Notification of Conflicts of Interest.** Steve Massey, Chair of the Resource Conservation Council (RCC), will request RCC representatives with a potential conflict of interest relating to an agenda item to notify the RCC of the conflict of interest.

ACTION ITEMS

- 3. Meeting Summary.** The February 13, 2020 meeting summary will be presented for approval.

Robert Smouse, City of Fort Worth, made a motion to approve the February 13, 2020 meeting summary. Betsy Deck, City of Euless, seconded the motion. The RCC was unanimous in its approval.

- 4. Conformance Review Recommendation: Stericycle, Inc. Type V registration application for a medical waste management facility, Garland, Texas.** Jeff Mayfield, North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) and Chair of the Conformance Review Subcommittee, will present the conformance review recommendation for RCC approval.

Jeff Mayfield, NTMWD, presented the Facility Conformance Subcommittee's motion for the RCC to approve the subcommittee's recommendation for Stericycle, Inc. in Garland to be registered as a Type V facility. The RCC was unanimous in its approval.

- 5. Allocating Returned Grant Funds from City of Denton.** Kathy Fonville, City of Mesquite and Chair of the Grant Selection Subcommittee, will present the subcommittee's recommendations for how to allocate funding returned from City of Denton for equipment that was purchased using solid waste grant funds during the FY16/17 biennium. Approval from the RCC will be sought.

Kathy Fonville, City of Mesquite, presented the Grant Selection Subcommittee's motion to the RCC to allocate the \$108,741 returned from the sale of City of Denton's equipment



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purchased in the FY16/17 biennium to fund White Settlement's brush chipper in the amount of \$80,000, and \$25,324.21 to fully fund the City of Fort Worth's purchase of illegal dumping cameras. Robert Smouse, City of Fort Worth, and Ami Reeder, City of Denton, abstained from the vote. The RCC was unanimous in its approval.

- 6. Reallocation of City of Lewisville Grant Funding.** Kathy Fonville, City of Mesquite and Chair of the Grant Selection Subcommittee, will present the subcommittee's recommendation for how to allocate funding returned from the City of Lewisville's FY20/21 Solid Waste Grant. Approval from the RCC will be sought.

Kathy Fonville, City of Mesquite, presented the Grant Selection Subcommittee's motion to the RCC to allocate the \$3,416.79 remaining from the sale of the City of Denton's equipment, plus the \$22,950.00 received from the returned grant funds that the City of Lewisville was unable to use, to fund the City of Denton's grant for illegal dumping cameras in the amount of \$26,366.79. Ami Reeder, City of Denton, abstained from this vote. The RCC was unanimous in its approval.

PRESENTATION

- 7. Duncanville Multi-City Disaster Debris Management Plan.** Tonya Hunter, City of Duncanville, will present the Multi-City Disaster Debris Management Plan (DDMP) for Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville, and Lancaster that was performed during the FY2018/2019 biennium. Acceptance of the plan by the RCC will be sought.

Tonya Hunter, City of Duncanville, presented the Multi-City DDMP to the RCC for approval. Kathy Fonville, City of Mesquite, made a motion to approve. Robert Smouse, City of Fort Worth, seconded the motion. Vince Hrabal, Republic Services, abstained from this motion. The RCC was unanimous in its approval to accept the plan. This presentation is available [online](#) for review.

DISCUSSION

- 8. Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Update.** NCTCOG will update the subcommittee on progress made towards updating Volume I of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan.

The Regional Management Plan Subcommittee (RMPS) met on April 8, 2020 to discuss the update to the RSWMP. NCTCOG is developing a survey expected to be released to the RCC this summer to further refine the Goals and Objectives of Volume I of the RSWMP. The RMPS will determine if Volume II needs to be updated after the completion of the update to Volume I.

- 9. COVID-19 and Waste Management Discussion.** NCTCOG asked for updates from RCC members regarding the effect of the pandemic on waste management practices.



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Commissioner Rick Bailey, Johnson County, expressed concern with excess biosolids entering Johnson Co. from City of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, and the Trinity River Authority (TRA). Commissioner Bailey has initiated a study on waste disposal and has noticed that illegal dumping in rural areas of Johnson County has become a bigger issue during this time. Robert Smouse, City of Fort Worth, mentioned that the city's waste management procedures have continued as usual except for mobile pickup services which have been suspended to decrease interaction between employees and customers due to health concerns. He also noted an increase in residential waste and recycling volumes, while commercial volume has decreased 30-50%. Brittany Rosenberg, City of Fort Worth, also commented that compost collection tonnage has increased 10-20% per day.

Greta Calvery, Waste Management, has noticed an increase in litter in the form of PPE and mentioned an increase in illegal dumping but that it is not being found because of lower staffing. She also mentioned that requests for HHW vouchers are up and that there needs to be an increase in education efforts.

Cecile Carson, Keep America Beautiful, has noticed an increase in litter due to PPE not being properly disposed of and suggested an increase in education and outreach concerning litter/illegal dumping might be needed during this time. Risa Weinberger of Risa Weinberger & Associates, Inc. is also seeing a great deal of PPE litter as well.

Kathy Fonville, City of Mesquite, has noticed a large increase in drop-offs at the city's compost facility. Mesquite has suspended recycling services due to staffing issues and concerns but anticipates resuming services on June 1, 2020.

Katelyn Hearon, City of Lewisville, said they had to suspend their monthly HHW events and are reevaluating how to reinstate them while keeping employees, residents, and volunteers safe.

Steve Funk, City of Plano, mentioned that they have had to decline giving residents additional recycling and trash carts due to much higher demand from people being home.

Jennifer Shaver, City of Arlington, said that landfill usage, curbside pickup, and bulk pickup volumes have all greatly increased.

Tamara Cook, NCTCOG, suggested hosting a call in June to discuss details about heightened educational efforts specifically aimed at littering. NCTCOG has since scheduled a call to specifically discuss COVID-19 impacts on solid waste programs, set to take place on June 17, 2020 from 10:00 – 11:30 AM. This will be a WebEx conference call and details can be found on the event page [here](#).

- 10. Re-TRAC Connect Data Update.** NCTCOG will update the RCC on the availability of the Re-TRAC Connect data that was obtained using the survey distributed in association with the Regional Recycling Project performed during the FY18-19 biennium.



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NCTCOG provided a brief overview of the results from the Re-TRAC Connect surveys. Approximately 30 municipalities responded, and NCTCOG staff are currently sorting and analyzing the data which will also be used for updating the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan. Access to the data is closed as of May 5, 2020, but if an entity is interested in obtaining their individual responses, please contact Hannah Allen at hallen@nctcog.org.

11. NCTCOG Updates. NCTCOG will update the RCC on items of interest.

- a. Recycle Roundtable
 - i. The next Recycle Roundtable meeting will be June 23, 2020 at 1:30 PM.
- b. Regional Waste Disposal Capacity Study
 - i. The contract was approved by NCTCOG's Executive Board in April and is currently under final review.
- c. Third Waste Characterization Assessment
 - i. The Scoring committee met on May 5, 2020 and has tentatively selected a vendor.
- d. FY2020-2021 Solid Waste Grants Update
 - i. All Solid Waste Grants have been approved by the NCTCOG Executive Board and TCEQ. Grant managers are currently working to distribute ILAs for FY20 grants and will initiate ILAs for FY21 grants over the summer.
- e. FY2021 Reappointments
 - i. Members with expiring terms received an online form to indicate whether or not they will be seeking reappointment for FY2021. NCTCOG requested volunteers for the Nominating Subcommittee to review reappointments in July 2020.
- f. EPA Region 4 Trash Free Waters Tentative Award
 - i. NCTCOG in partnership with the Houston-Galveston Area Council and the Meadows Center for Water and the Environment has been awarded the Trash Free Waters Grant from the EPA. More information can be found in the [meeting presentation online](#).
- g. Regional Stormwater Management Coordinating Council – Regional Fall Cleanup Event
 - i. To inspire a “culture of cleanup,” the Public Education Task Force Subcommittee of the Regional Stormwater Management Coordinating Council has teamed up with Keep Texas Beautiful to initiate the Regional Fall Cleanup Challenge. From September 1, 2020 to October 31, 2020, communities are encouraged to initiate and log any cleanup events to include “plogging,” group cleanups, and larger organized events. Additional information will be made available once finalized. For more information, please email Crysta Guzman at cguzman@nctcog.org.

12. Future Agenda Items. The RCC may suggest future agenda items.

No future agenda items were suggested.

13. Roundtable Topics. The RCC may share additional items of interest.



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Jennifer Shaver, City of Arlington, announced the 2020 STAR North Texas Environmental Leadership Award nominations are now open and will close Monday, June 29, 2020. For more information or to submit your nomination, visit the [STAR North Texas website](#).

Robert Smouse, City of Fort Worth, asked the group for recommendations for a Master Composter online program. Risa Weinberger suggested reaching out to the Texas Compost Council for assistance.

Julie Winchell, City of Cleburne, requested other members share their plans for cleanup events. Katherine Barnett, City of Denton, offered to correspond with Julie with details about how Denton carries out their cleanup events.

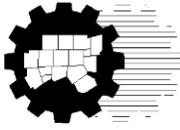
David Bull, Assistant Fire Marshall at Ellis County, is seeking to create a committee of law enforcement officers to share information about illegal dumping cases. Participants must be law enforcement officers due to the potentially sensitive nature of the discussions. Please contact David Bull at david.bull@co.ellis.tx.us or (972) 825-5555 if you are interested in joining.

14. Schedule for the Next RCC Meeting. The next RCC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2020, at 1:30 p.m. The meeting location is to be determined, but call-in options will be available.

15. Adjournment.

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

If you plan to attend this public meeting and you have a disability that requires special arrangements at the meeting, please contact Barbara Bradford by phone at (817) 695-9231 or by email at bbradford@nctcog.org, 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.



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MEMBER SIGN IN SHEET

NAME	SIGNATURE	REPRESENTS
Rick Bailey	In attendance	Johnson County
Robert Berndt	In attendance	Tarrant County
David Bull	In attendance	Ellis County
Greta Calvery	In attendance	Waste Management
Cecile Carson	In attendance	Keep America Beautiful
Rick Crownover	In attendance	City of Granbury
Grace Darling		Arlington Conservation Council
Betsy Deck	In attendance	City of Euless
Dustin Deel		City of Weatherford
Kathy Fonville	In attendance	City of Mesquite
Steve Funk	In attendance	City of Plano
Adam Gooderham		Waste Connections
Joey Highfill		Wise County
Lora Hinchcliff	In attendance	Living Earth
Vince Hrabal	In attendance	Republic Services
Tyler Hurd		City of Irving
Michelle Kuzov		Town of Little Elm
Tiana Lightfoot Svendsen		City of Garland
Steve Massey	In attendance	City of Allen
Jeff Mayfield	In attendance	North Texas Municipal Water District
Danielle McClelland		City of Dallas
Robert Medigovich		Community Waste Disposal, Inc.
Joshua Mounger		Collin County Sheriff's Office
Rudy Phillips		Dallas County Health & Human Services
Howard Redfearn	In attendance	City of Mansfield
Patricia Redfearn		City of Grand Prairie
Ami Reeder	In attendance	City of Denton
Melanie Sattler	In attendance	University of Texas at Arlington
Jennifer Shaver	In attendance	City of Arlington
Robert Smouse	In attendance	City of Fort Worth
Corey Troiani		Texas Campaign for the Environment
Duy Vu		City of Cedar Hill
Risa Weinberger	In attendance	Risa Weinberger & Associates, Inc.
Tim Yatko		City of Lewisville

