



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Virtual Meeting, via WebEx: <https://nctcog-agency.webex.com/nctcog-agency/onstage/g.php?MTID=efb743336a1f40e670ecb6d48db96b7ff>

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Chair: Duy Vu, City of Cedar Hill

Vice Chair: Elijah Dorminy, City of Irving

1. **Welcome and Introductions.**
2. **Meeting Summary.** The [June 10, 2020 meeting summary](#) is available online for your review.
3. **FY2021 Work Program Priority Task Discussion.** NCTCOG will provide an update regarding the FY2021 WATER Work Program, including the preliminary budget and will request feedback on tasks, priorities, and other items from members during the meeting.

NCTCOG provided an update on the commitments received for the FY2021 Work Program and discussed priority tasks with attendees. Attendees expressed interest in focusing on additional educational explainer videos as well as continuing the social media posts. NCTCOG will continue to evaluate any budget shortfalls and additional priorities for the FY2021 Work Program.

NCTCOG is accepting online commitments for the FY2021 Work Program at www.nctcog.org/envir/public-works/water-cost-share.

4. **Holiday Grease Roundup Discussion.** NCTCOG will provide an update on the upcoming Holiday Grease Roundup, scheduled for November 23, 2020 through January 4, 2021.

NCTCOG provided an update on the upcoming Holiday Grease Roundup. Due to an increase in number of participants, NCTCOG has opted to change some procedures of the roundup, including participants that wish to utilize American BioSource will contact them directly and NCTCOG will be distributing the marketing materials differently. Attendees discussed some of their successes and potential challenges of hosting this event during the current public health crisis.

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 provide an update on the Simple Life Cycle of Water educational explainer video.

NCTCOG shared recent analysis of the Defend Your Drains North Texas social media pages. The Simple Life Cycle of Drinking Water educational explainer video is complete and can be found on

NCTCOG's YouTube channel. The next educational explainer video will be "why you shouldn't use your garbage disposal as a garbage can."

6. **Wastewater Operations and COVID-19.** NCTCOG and attendees will discuss impacts to wastewater operations stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Attendees discussed the continued impacts of wipes in pipes, as well as personal protection equipment, including masks.

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

The Public Education Task Force is scheduled to meet virtually on October 21, 2020 at 9:30 AM via Microsoft Teams.

The DEA Drug Take Back Day is scheduled for October 24, 2020. NCTCOG plans to begin sharing messages relating to the proper disposal of medications on the Defend Your Drains North Texas social media pages starting in mid-September.

NCTCOG shared an article about metal strands causing issues in wastewater treatment plants: <https://kingcountywtd.com/2020/08/18/mbr-metal-fibers/>

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

Cedar Hill has a Household Hazardous Waste event scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2020. Residents wishing to drop off HHW will be directed to take their waste directly to the Fort Worth Environmental Collection Center due to COVID-19 concerns, but e-waste and secure document shredding will be available on site.

McKinney has found success in their recent water bill insert, in which one side had "Be Water Smart" tips on one side, and wastewater issues/the Defend Your Drains message on the other side.

9. **Schedule for the Next WATER Meeting.** The next WATER meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 8, 2020 at 10:00 AM. The meeting location is to be determined.

10. **Adjournment.**

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

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