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SUMMARY

Flood Management Task Force
Friday, June 21, 2019
9:30 AM, Pitstick Executive Board Room
NCTCOG Offices, CPII
616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011

1. **Welcome and introductions.**

The meeting began at 9:30 a.m. with introductions of all present.

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION/ACTION ITEMS

2. **Meeting Summary.** The April 12, 2019 meeting summary is available online for review. Comments will be sought at the meeting. (Mia Brown)

A motion to approve the summary as presented was carried.

3. **FY 2019 Trinity River COMMON VISION Work Program Activities Discussion.** NCTCOG staff will update the FMTF on FY 2019 Work Program activities. (Mia Brown)

a. **NFIP and CDC Model Consolidation Team.** The FMTF will receive updates relevant to the Model Consolidation Team. (Mia Brown)

Stephanie Griffin, Team Chair, updated the Task Force on their progress on the draft memo outlining all work completed by the team and recommendations for moving forward. It will be ready for Task Force review and approval at a future meeting.

b. **Process Improvements for LOMR Submissions.** FEMA staff will visit with the FMTF to address concerns related to LOMRs and model storage.

FEMA Region 6 staff were not available to attend the meeting.

c. **East Fork Update.** Mia Brown will update FMTF on the initiatives to bring additional communities along the East Fork Trinity into the Common Vision program. (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown gave the Task Force a recap of the May 1st meeting in Hutchins, hosted by Dallas County. The communities present at that meeting requested a meeting which elected officials could attend to discuss the program. Dallas County is

working on organizing one, potentially for early August, to be hosted in Balch Springs. A discussion was held to determine if the Task Force was interested in pursuing the addition of any other tributaries to the Common Vision program. The City of Coppell recommended Denton Creek and the cities of Grapevine and Flower Mound, which was well received by the group. Other potential future additions mentioned were Marys Creek and the Clear Fork through Benbrook.

- d. **Early Flood Warning Detection Software Common Contract.** NCTCOG staff will give an update on the status of the Early Flood Warning Detection Software Common Contract. (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown informed the Task Force that the early flood warning system in McKinney had been installed and is viewable on www.flooddatantx.com. TRWD has signed on to the contract and their software is currently being configured. The \$500 annual subscription discount is still available for early adopters.

- e. **Ongoing Support Activities.** NCTCOG Staff will give an update on activities related to the Ongoing Support Activities Section of the FY2019 Work Program.
 - i. **FEMA L-278 CRS Course.** NCTCOG will host the FEMA L-278 course: NFIP/Community Rating System. The course will be offered from July 8-11, at NCTCOG. Registration is still open at www.tfma.org/events.

Mia Brown let the Task Force know that the L-278 course would be hosted on site in the Pitstick Executive Board Room from July 8-11, and that spots were still available through the TFMA website.

- 4. **FY 2020 Trinity River COMMON VISION Work Program Activities Discussion.** NCTCOG staff will present the outline components of our upcoming FY 2020 work program and seek input from the Flood Management Task Force. (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown presented the draft FY20 Common Vision Work Program to the Task Force. The ongoing support activities remained the same other than the addition of the OneRain Regional Flood Warning Software Contract. The additional technical activities included continued participation in the Model Consolidation Committee, creation of a website and platform for the CDC application process, and continued effort toward the integration of the East Fork. The Task Force did not have any changes to the proposed work program, besides adding Denton Creek to the East Fork section. Mia informed the Task Force that this item would be up for a vote at the August meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 5. **Other Program Related Efforts**

- a. **Trinity River Paddling Trail Update.** Steve Smith of the Trinity Nature Conservancy will provide an update on the process to designate the Trinity River as a National Recreation Trail.

Steve Smith, Alex Dubovsky, and Stephanie Timko presented an update on the designation process. To move forward, the TNC needs letters from each community with a canoe/kayak launch stating that they will be under public



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ownership for the foreseeable future. Each launch will also need a kiosk and TNC said that they will provide kiosks to any community that would like them.

- b. **North Texas Floodplain Administrators/CRS Users Group.** NCTCOG and the Texas Floodplain Management Association (TFMA) continue to hold meetings for floodplain administrators and CRS users throughout the region. The annual Combined Elected Officials Floodplain Seminar/CRS Users Group will be held Thursday, July 18th, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with a networking lunch afterward.

Mia Brown invited the Task Force to attend the upcoming Combined CRS Users Group and Elected Officials Floodplain Seminar. Topics will include community uses for base level engineering, floodplain benchmarking, an update on new laws from the 86th Texas Legislature, and a demonstration by Texas A&M AgriLife of their Community Health and Resource Management (CHARM) interactive tool. She also encouraged them to invite their elected officials.

- c. **Cooperating Technical Partnership.** NCTCOG staff will provide an update on the CTP projects that are ongoing and newly submitted. (Mia Brown)

Fiscal Year 2016 flood risk identification projects in Tarrant County and Cleburne are wrapping up at the end of the summer, and flood risk review meetings were held with both communities in early February. The East Fork Discovery Meeting was held March 1st in Garland and the Discovery Findings webinar will be scheduled for this summer on a date to be determined. Fiscal Year 2017 flood risk identification projects in Benbrook and Weatherford are ongoing. Richland-Chambers Discovery kicked off internally in early March and the Pre-Discovery meeting will be held in Waxahachie on June 26th. The Fiscal Year 2018 flood risk identification project on Marys Creek kicked off with the five partners on April 3rd in Weatherford. Hydrologic analysis has begun, and field survey will begin very soon. NCTCOG has submitted the initial application to FEMA for the following CTP projects: Harriet Creek Flood Risk Identification Project and Waxahachie Creek Flood Risk Identification Project.

- d. **Integrated Stormwater Management (iSWM) Program.** An update on iSWM activities will be provided by NCTCOG staff. (Mia Brown)

Task Order #3 for the third year of Halfff's consultant contract includes (but is not limited to): iSWM Principals Regional Review, updating the technical manual rainfall intensities utilizing Atlas 14 rainfall values, iSWM BMP installation videos, and technical assistance meetings. The next meeting will be July 10th.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

6. **CDC Applications.** NCTCOG staff will share CDC applications received since the last FMTF meeting and invite FMTF members to share any upcoming CDC applications. (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown noted that she has received the following items related to CDC applications:

- New CDC Applications
 - GP 032919-1 (Wildlife North Phase 3)
 - LEW 050719-1 (Corporate Drive)
 - CAR 051319-1 (Southwest Wholesale Nursery)
- Technical Review Completed
 - CAR 122118-1 (Dallas Pistol Club)

7. **Legislative Update.** NCTCOG staff will share information on relevant bills that have been signed by the Governor after the conclusion of the 86th Texas Legislature.

Mia Brown presented the Task Force with a handout showing all flood-related bills signed into law or vetoed by Governor Abbott and resolutions that will be on the ballot in November. She gave additional detail about HB 5, SB 7, and SB8.

8. **Roundtable Topics/Other Business.** The FMTF members and NCTCOG staff may share additional items as time allows.

Tamara Cook, NCTCOG, mentioned that the next Feral Hog Forum will be August 13th.

Kumar Gali, City of Coppell, asked how other cities handle private property streambank erosion. A discussion was held about potential solutions regarding the USACE Continuing Authorities Program, drainage projects utilizing natural methods, and other cities' erosion control master plans.

Clair Davis, TFMA, mentioned the Region 4/10 Luncheon will be held August 13th. They are still seeking speakers for the event.

Lissa Shepard, Dallas County, mentioned they are working through an issue with a defunct levee district.

Edith Marvin, NCTCOG, stated that a congressional roundtable will be held July 8th and NCTCOG Transportation and Environment & Development leadership will be in attendance to talk about their initiative to address stormwater planning in the undeveloped area in the north and west portion of the region. FEMA Region 6, USACE, TRA, TRWD, and TWDB will also have leadership present.

9. **Schedule for the Next Meeting.** The next meeting date will be Friday, August 9, 2019, at 9:30 a.m., in NCTCOG's Tejas Conference Room, Third Floor, CPIII. Please note the different location, due to building renovations. CP III is located at 600 Six Flags Drive.

10. **Adjournment.**

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Mia Brown by phone at (817) 695-9227, or by email at MBBrown@nctcog.org. Thank you.

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