

## North Central Texas Council of Governments

# SUMMARY

### Water Resources Council

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Virtual, via Microsoft Teams

**Chair:** Stacy Walters, City of Fort Worth

**Vice-Chair:** Rachel Ickert, Tarrant Regional Water District

### 1. Welcome and Introductions.

### PRESENTATION

**2. Building Trust, Building a Lake- The Role of Communications.** Jason Pierce, Director of Governmental Affairs & Communications, Upper Trinity Regional Water District, will present on public engagement methods used in the development of Lake Ralph Hall. The presentation will include various information-sharing approaches during the new reservoir's development.

Jason Pierce, Upper Trinity Regional Water District, presented the public engagement strategies the water district has utilized in the development of Lake Ralph Hall. The presentation showcased various programs used to increase investment in the lake, such as #FossilFridays, and publicizing project milestone celebrations. The full presentation is available on the [meeting presentation slides](#), beginning on slide 4

### ACTION ITEMS

**3. Meeting Summary.** The [April 16, 2025 meeting summary](#) will be presented for approval.

Larry Patterson, Upper Trinity Regional Water District, made a motion to approve the minutes. Darrel Andrews, Tarrant Regional Water District, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. FY2026 Water Resources Council Membership.** The FY2026 roster, recommended by the FY2026 Ad Hoc Nominations Subcommittee, will be presented to the WRC for approval. The WRC will also vote on the WRC Chair and Vice-Chair. Pending WRC approval, the FY2026 WRC roster will be presented to NCTCOG's Executive Board for approval at its meeting on September 25, 2025. FY2026 membership terms begin on October 1, 2025.

NCTCOG presented the proposed FY2026 roster, comprised of recommended reappointed members and new appointees. NCTCOG also discussed WRC Chair and Vice-Chair nominations, noting that Stacy Walters, City of Fort Worth, and Rachel Ickert, Tarrant Regional Water District, have both expressed willingness to continue serving in their current roles as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively. The WRC did not provide any additional nominations from the floor for Chair or Vice-Chair. Larry

Patterson, Upper Trinity Regional Water District, made a motion to approve the FY2026 roster and officer positions, and Kevin Mercer, Denton County Fresh Water Supply Districts 6 & 7, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. Approval of the Draft 2025 Update to the North Central Texas Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP).** Comments received on the [Draft 2025 WQMP](#) during the public comment period will be summarized and the WRC will vote to locally adopt the Draft 2025 WQMP, pending any revisions needed based on public comments. If approved by the WRC, the Draft 2025 WQMP will be recommended for endorsement by NCTCOG's Executive Board at its meeting on August 28, 2025.

NCTCOG presented the Draft 2025 WQMP, including updated population estimates and a review of all comments received during the public comment period (May 19, 2025- June 20, 2025). There were no further questions or comments from the WRC on the plan. Bill Gase, City of Arlington, made a motion to adopt the plan locally. Grace Darling, Arlington Conservation Council, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## DISCUSSION

**6. Final Update from the 89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session.** NCTCOG will discuss relevant bills passed during the 89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session.

The following relevant bills were passed during the 89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative session. All laws are effective September 1, 2025 unless otherwise stated.

- [HB 1690](#) Relating to an application for a permit for the transfer of groundwater out of a groundwater conservation district (ultimately vetoed by the Governor).
- [SB 1253](#) Relating to the authority of a political subdivision to provide credits against impact fees to builders and developers for certain water conservation and reuse projects (ultimately vetoed by the Governor).
- [SB 7](#) Relating to the oversight and financing of certain water infrastructure matters under the jurisdiction of the Texas Water Development Board.
- [HB 685](#) Relating to rates established by municipalities for water or sewer service for certain entities.
- [HB 24](#) Relating to procedures for changes to a zoning regulation or district boundary.
- [HB 1318](#) Relating to a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide water or sewer service in an area incorporated or annexed by a municipality.
- [HB 1633](#) Relating to the criteria considered by groundwater conservation districts before granting or denying a permit or permit amendment (effective immediately).
- [HB 2080](#) Relating to the review of the duties of a groundwater conservation district by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (effective immediately).
- [HB 2712](#) Relating to test years used for ratemaking purposes by certain water and sewer utilities.
- [SB 75](#) Relating to the resilience of the electric grid and certain municipalities (effective immediately).
- [SB 480](#) Relating to the authority of a local government to enter into an interlocal contract with certain governmental entities to participate in water research or planning activities (effective immediately).
- [SB 565](#) Relating to a compliance agreement for the suspension of an enforcement action against a regional water supply, sewer, wastewater treatment, or solid waste disposal service for certain violations.

- [SB 740](#) Relating to certain proceedings by the Public Utility Commission of Texas regarding water or sewer service.
- [SB 1566](#) Relating to connection of utilities by certain entities in certain subdivisions formerly located in a municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction (effective immediately).

Larry Patterson, Upper Trinity Regional Water District, shared about the development of Proposition 4, which will go to a vote in November of this year.

## OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

**7. NCTCOG Updates.** NCTCOG will update the WRC on recent and upcoming items of interest.

**a. Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan: Comprehensive Action Plan Update**

NCTCOG presented an update on the development of the Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan- Comprehensive Action Plan (DFW AQIP-CAP). The presentation included an updated Carbon Dioxide Equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e) emission inventory, proposed plan measures for the Water/Wastewater sector, and potential goals and targets. Grace Darling, Arlington Conservation Council, asked if the plan will consider PFAS treatment in its measures. Bill Gase, City of Arlington, stated that treatment activities may drive energy use further and have a negative impact on air quality.

Interested parties are encouraged to fill out the [Water/Wastewater Sector Survey](#) to give feedback on proposed measures.

**b. Total Maximum Daily Load Meetings and Updates.**

- Now available! [2024 TMDL Annual Program Summary](#).

**c. 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Works Roundup.** Thursday, September 4, 2025; Hurst Convention Center. [Registration is now open](#).

**d. NCTCOG Webinar: *The Future of Water: 89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session Wrap-Up*.** Monday, August 18, 2025, 10:00 a.m. [Register here](#)

**8. Future Agenda Items.** The committee can request future agenda items.

Participants were encouraged to sign up to present at the [PFAS Roundtable](#), taking place at the October 15, 2025 WRC meeting. The following topics were suggested for future meetings:

- Using biochar to manage biosolids
- Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Projects

**9. Roundtable.** WRC members are invited to share what is happening in their communities.

- Mike Adams, City of Midlothian, provided an update on the Joe Pool Lake dredging project, which is about 50% complete. Mike encouraged the use of bathymetric surveys in these types of projects.
- Darrel Andrews, Tarrant Regional Water District, discussed the Marty Leonard Cedar Creek wetlands project, which is in the design phase. The project is linked to a reclamation project that

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will deliver water to Eagle Mountain Lake. Darrel also announced his upcoming retirement and introduced Jennifer Owens, who will serve the remainder of Darrel's term on the WRC.

- Grace Darling, Arlington Conservation Council, asked about the development of Lake Ralph Hall in light of the proposed Marvin Nichols Reservoir, specifically asking about challenges. Larry Patterson, Upper Trinity Regional Water District, and Kevin Mercer, Denton County Fresh Water Supply Districts 6 & 7, discussed land acquisition practices that take place over long periods of time and allow for relationship building with residents along the way.
- Katelyn Hearon, City of Lewisville, shared about the rollout of an app for residents with the new smart meters on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. The city is hoping the app will provide greater education and has already had 350 residents sign up as of July 8<sup>th</sup>. She also shared that several projects in active design are being bid for construction.
- Kevin Mercer, Denton County Fresh Water Supply Districts 6 & 7, discussed water conservation success and seeing reduced demand. He shared that the district has begun doing free water irrigation tune-ups this year, which is getting a lot of use.
- Larry Patterson, Upper Trinity Regional Water District, suggested that the WRC could take a tour of Lake Ralph Hall in the future, perhaps in October or November, or in the spring of 2026.
- Sally Wright, Dallas Water Utilities, shared that they have initiated their first CMAR project at the Elm Fork Water Treatment Plant. The City of Dallas has also embarked on a project to evaluate how to pursue PFAS treatment. Finally, they are finalizing their long-term water supply plan.
- Billy George, North Texas Municipal Water District, shared that the Leonard Water Treatment Plant is being recognized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's Texas Optimization for Surface Water Treatment Plants program for the highest standard of care for surface water treatment plants. Billy also mentioned the pending mediation regarding the conflict between Regions D and C over the Marvin Nichols Reservoir. He discussed the district and the City of McKinney winning a CLIDE award through NCTCOG for work around the Lake Lavon Watershed Projection Implementation Plan. Finally, he shared that the district is completing a PFAS roadmap to guide work on their business lines.

**10. Next Meeting.** The next WRC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15, 2025, and will be held in person at the NCTCOG offices. [Add to Calendar](#)

**11. Adjournment.**

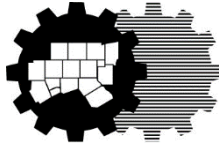
### **Additional NCTCOG Meetings of Interest**

- a. **Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable (WATER)-** [Add to Calendar](#)
- b. **Public Works Council-** [Add to Calendar](#)

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Alyssa Knox by phone at (817) 695-9221 or by email at [aknox@nctcog.org](mailto:aknox@nctcog.org).

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**SIGN-IN SHEET**

<b>NAME</b>		<b>ORGANIZATION</b>
Mike Adams	x	City of Midlothian
Darrel Andrews	x	Tarrant Regional Water District
Michael Brinkman		Garland Water Utilities
Tiffany Bruce		Town of Flower Mound
Glenn Clingenpeel		TRA
Grace Darling	x	Arlington Conservation Council
Bill Gase	x	City of Arlington Water Utilities
Stephen Gay		City of Denton
Billy George	x	NTMWD
Paul Hackleman		City of Watauga
Katelyn Hearon	x	City of Lewisville
Joshua Howard	x	Johnson County Special Utility District
Rachel Ickert		TRWD
Matthew Jalbert, P.E.		Trinity River Authority
Michael Kivlan		Mustang SUD
Kevin Mercer	x	Denton County FWSD 6 & 7
Valerie Miller	x	Olsson
Michael Nieswiadomy	x	University of North Texas
Larry Patterson	x	UTRWD
Zachary Peoples		City of Dallas
Steve Pettit	x	City of Irving
Jerry Pressley		City of Fort Worth
Jeff Price		City of Mansfield
Eric Robison	x	City of Richardson

<b>NAME</b>		<b>ORGANIZATION</b>
<b>Jason Sutton</b>		<b>Town of Addison</b>
<b>Meghna Tare</b>		<b>UT - Arlington</b>
<b>Danielle Tucker</b>		<b>DEVA Service's</b>
<b>Eduardo Valerio</b>		<b>Dallas Water Utilities</b>
<b>Caroline Waggoner</b>		<b>City of North Richland Hills</b>
<b>Stacy Walters</b>	x	<b>City of Fort Worth</b>
<b>Sally Wright</b>	x	<b>City of Dallas</b>
<b>Drew Zaeske, P.E.</b>	x	<b>City of Plano</b>