



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Upper Trinity River Basin Coordinating Committee

9:30 AM, Tuesday, March 12, 2019

William J. Pitstick Executive Board Room, NCTCOG Offices, CenterPoint II, 1st Floor
616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Special Presentation: Tarrant Regional Water District, Sarah Grella

Presentation on the development of the Richland-Chambers Watershed Protection Plan.

Sarah Grella, Tarrant Regional Water District, discussed the development of the Richland-Chambers Watershed Protection Plan. The Richland-Chambers Watershed is located mainly in Ellis and Navarro Counties. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality identified four problems in this watershed, including nitrogen, phosphorus, dissolved oxygen, and chlorophyll-a. Sarah Grella provided an overview of the restoration and protection goals set by the stakeholders, management measures, and potential sources of E. coli in the watershed.

3. Texas A&M AgriLife, Dr. Fouad Jaber and City of Plano, Heather Firn

Update on the proposed Rowlett Creek Characterization Project.

Dr. Fouad Jaber, Texas A&M AgriLife, provided an overview of the Rowlett Creek Characterization project, a 319(b) funded project. Texas A&M AgriLife, SMU, and the City of Plano will be working on collecting data from the bottom of each subwatershed in order to properly identify levels of bacteria across the watershed. The participating entities will be applying for a second grant to allow for the creation of a Watershed Protection Plan and hope to convene stakeholder meetings in 2020.

4. Texas Stream Team

NCTCOG will provide updates and an overview of upcoming activities on behalf of Michael Jones, The Meadows Center for Water and Environment.

NCTCOG provided attendees with a brief update on the Texas Stream Team.

5. Roundtable

Discussion of watershed-level challenges.

Dania Grundmann, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, informed attendees the 2016 Integrated Report is still under review by EPA. TCEQ is working on the 2018 Integrated Report and anticipates the 2018 report to be released on schedule.

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6. Project Updates

Member discussion of ongoing and planned activities.

- City of Dallas
 - The recent press coverage on White Rock Creek and White Rock Lake may lead to the development of a Watershed Protection Plan.
- City of Fort Worth
 - The study on Sycamore Creek should be released soon.
- City of Plano
 - Currently waiting on QAPP to begin moving forward with installing monitoring stations.
- North Texas Municipal Water District
 - The Collin County Soil & Water District hired a new technician to assist with creating landowner WQMPs and hosting workshops.
 - NTMWD is currently working on educational efforts (such as a stream trailer) to help with educating landowners in the area.
- Tarrant Regional Water District
 - TRWD is continuing to work on the Richland-Chambers Watershed Protection Plan and will include the bacteria impairments into the Eagle Mountain Lake Watershed Protection Plan.
 - TRWD is hosting Train the Trainer events in their watersheds.
- Trinity River Authority
 - The Village Creek-Lake Arlington Watershed Protection Plan public comment period closed on January 31, 2019. Comments were incorporated, and the plan is currently under review by the EPA.
 - TRA is starting on the Joe Pool Lake Watershed Protection Plan but is waiting on QAPP approval.
 - TRA created new educational outreach materials, including an augmented reality sandbox.
- Upper Trinity Regional Water District
 - Not in attendance.
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 - NCTCOG presented on TMDL and other water quality initiatives at the Urban Riparian Symposium in Grapevine on February 28 and March 1, 2019. A Texas Stream Team Workshop was held as a pre-symposium workshop on February 27, 2019.
 - NCTCOG is currently working on Avian Feeding educational materials. The templates for signage are currently available on the TMDL website.
 - The TMDL Quarterly Newsletter will be released on March 15, 2019.
 - Emerald Ash Borer has been located in Tarrant County. For more information on this non-native species, please contact Mia Brown at mbbrown@nctcog.org.
 - The 20th Annual Public Works Roundup is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at the Grapevine Convention Center. Registration will open online at www.nctcog.org/envir/events on April 1, 2019.



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- The Green Infrastructure for Texas Workshop – Managing our Stormwater from Gutter to Stream is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 9:00 AM at NCTCOG offices. Register for this free workshop [here](#).
- The Water for North Texas Advisory Group is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 1:30 PM at NCTCOG offices. For more information about this advisory group and meeting, please contact Hannah Allen at hallen@nctcog.org
- March is Texas SmartScape Month! Visit the www.txsmartscape.com to learn how you can “Plant with a Purpose” this spring and find information on local SmartScape plant sales.

7. Next Meeting

- August 2019

8. Adjournment

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Cassidy Campbell at (817) 608-2368, or by email at ccampbell@nctcog.org.

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