

North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Regional Stormwater Management Coordinating Council

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

William Pitstick Conference Room

Centerpointe II

Chair: Krista Pender, City of Carrollton

Vice Chair: Kevin Hurley, City of Dallas

1. Welcome and Introductions.

ACTION ITEMS

- 2. Regional Stormwater Management Coordinating Council (RSWMCC) Meeting Summary.** The February 8, 2023, draft meeting [summary](#) is available on the web for viewing.

Echo Rexroad, Plano, gave a motion to approve the February 8, 2023 meeting summary. The motion was seconded by Jason Longbine, City of Lewisville. The meeting summary was approved with no changes.

PRESENTATION ITEMS

- 3. Don't Feed the Goat – A Public-Private Partnership to Combat Floatable Litter.**

Heather Firn, Watershed Scientist III, Trinity River Authority of Texas and Nixalis Benitez, Environmental Supervisor, Environmental Quality Division, Code Compliance Department, City of Fort Worth presented.

INFORMATION ITEMS

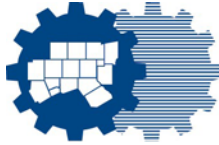
- 4. 88th Texas Legislative Session Update.** NCTCOG staff will present a spreadsheet of relevant legislative bills.

A matrix of legislative bills that NCTCOG is following thus far on behalf of the Regional Stormwater Management Program members was presented to the group. NCTCOG staff are tracking bills related to stormwater, permitting, and other topics of concern. The matrix will be updated periodically throughout the 88th Texas legislative session and posted on the [committee page](#). The last day of the regular session is May 29, 2023. Two bills specifically referenced in the meeting were [HB 2127](#) and [SB 814](#).

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5. FY2023 Work Program. The NCTCOG staff will discuss on-going, and planned task force activities and other components of the regional stormwater management program. Topics include:

- General program activities, including elections
 - Watershed Representative reappointments and nominations coming soon, followed by nominations for Vice Chair. Vice Chair nominees must be from a Phase 2 city.
- FY2023 Cost Share participation
 - The Regional Stormwater Management Program is currently at 86.9% funded for FY23. The presentation shows cost shares received as of May 5, 2023.
 - Requested interested volunteers to contact Staff for the cost share subcommittee to discuss possible updates to the cost share process.
- Public Education Task Force
 - 2023 Do the Right Thing Campaign:
 - Contest Entry: May 1st through June 30th
 - Voting: August 7th – August 25th
 - Winners: Posted October 2023 – September 2024
 - Past Social Media toolkits are on the Public Education Task Force program page.
 - The North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge and optional Mayors' Challenge:
 - Challenge timeframe: March 1st – May 31st, 2023
 - Registered communities as of the deadline: Burleson, Garland, Rosser Village, Carrollton, Grand Prairie, Frisco, Dallas, Mansfield, Mesquite, Ennis, Princeton, Richardson, Plano
 - Mayor's Challenge proclamations received from: Burleson, Mansfield, Grand Prairie
 - The PETF special project for FY23 has updated drafts of the video story boards and scripts for "Why Stormwater is Important" and "What to Look for Around Town". A draft of Teacher Resources and a Video Vocabulary bank are also in development.
- Pollution Prevention Roundtable
 - Drafts of the FY23 special project, template reminder messages for pollution prevention/good housekeeping, for the Pollution Prevention Roundtable are underway.
 - Upcoming meeting on June 7 – Member Spotlight Presentation open
- Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination Roundtable
 - FY23 Dry Weather Screening Training is scheduled for June 16th at the City of Irving. Registration will be available soon.
- Stormwater Monitoring Program
 - NCTCOG staff is preparing a draft proposal for feedback from Monitoring Partners.
 - NCTCOG Staff is also developing the RFP for procurement of consultant services for the next permit term.
 - The currently approved schedule includes continuing monitoring activities in calendar year 2024.



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- 6. FY24 Work Program.** NCTCOG staff will present the draft of the FY2024 Work Plan. RSWMCC members are requested to provide feedback towards a final document in August.

NCTCOG staff heard suggestions on adding the following topics (discussion needed on whether these are cyclical subcommittees or some form of ad-hoc roundtable format):

- Suggestion about onboarding new cities/participants about the program
 - Kevin Hurley offered to draft some language for inclusion in the proposed Work Plan
- Changes to the MCMs may alter the way the current management plans look and may need to be incorporated into the Work Program

7. Other NCTCOG Program activities:

- Integrated Stormwater Management (iSWM) Program Activities
 - FY23 Work Program Tasks are available online.
 - The iSWM Subcommittee is finalizing the Work Program for FY24.
 - Please contact program staff, Casey Cannon, ccannon@nctcog.org, with any questions.
- Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Program Activities
 - Resources Under Finalization:
 - OSSF (On-Site Sewage Facility or Septic System) postcards for residents
 - Doo the Right Thing/Pet Waste educational explainer video
 - Projects Under Development:
 - OSSF (On-Site Sewage Facility or Septic System) brochure
 - For questions about the TMDL program, contact Hannah Allen, hallen@nctcog.org.
 - Upcoming TMDL meetings:
 - Annual TMDL Coordination Committee: June 14, 2023 at 9:30 AM via Microsoft Teams
 - Joint TMDL Stormwater & Wastewater Technical Subcommittee: August 1, 2023 at 9:30 AM via Microsoft Teams
 - Upper Trinity River Basin Coordinating Committee: August 22, 2023 at 9:30 AM, NCTCOG Offices
- Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable (WATER)
 - The next meeting of WATER is scheduled for July 20, 2023 at 10:00 AM at NCTCOG Offices.
 - Save the date for the next Holiday Grease Roundup scheduled to run November 13, 2023 through January 12, 2024.
 - Spanish videos now available:
 - FOGs: Los Aceites y Las Grasas (Fats, Oils, and Grease)
 - Las Toallitas Lo Obstruyen Todo (Wipes Block Everything)
 - For questions related to the WATER program, please contact Hannah Allen, hallen@nctcog.org.
- Trash Free Waters

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- Add your litter cleanup sites to the [Trash Free Texas Adopt-A-Spot Map](#) to help communicate to your volunteers. Contact Elena Berg, eberg@nctcog.org for assistance.
- The [Trash Free Texas Restaurant Program Toolkit](#) is now online.
 - Contains resources and strategies that help communities and restaurants work together to encourage customers to reduce the use of plastic straws and utensils.
- Upcoming events and conferences
 - Upcoming Events:
 - [TCEQ Environmental Trade Fair & Conference, Austin, May 16-17, 2023](#)
 - [Keep Texas Beautiful Conference, Houston, June 26-28](#)
 - [International Low Impact Development Conference, Oklahoma City, August 6-9, 2023](#)
 - [StormCon, Dallas, August 29-31, 2023](#)

8. News and Resources. NCTCOG staff will provide some informational items from related programs.

- EPA's MS4 Compendium Series: [Off-Site Stormwater Management](#)
- National Wildlife Federation's [Green Infrastructure Funding Microsite](#)
- White House Report - [Opportunities To Accelerate Nature-based Solutions: A Roadmap For Climate Progress, Thriving Nature, Equity, & Prosperity](#)

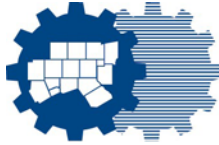
OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

9. Future Agenda Items. RSWMCC Members and NCTCOG staff may suggest future agenda items.

Staff reminded members that election emails will go out through the summer, and that the FY24 Work Plan will be on the August meeting agenda for a vote.

10. Roundtable Discussion. Discussion of activities within individual jurisdictions as time allows.

- Carrollton: still waiting on TCEQ permit
- Plano: still waiting on TCEQ permit, went to the Center for Watershed Protection Conference in San Diego (should be Missouri next year) – really great conference; did insecticide resistance studies and determined they are completely ineffective, currently testing other alternatives for future use in Plano
- Tarrant County: Nick new to stormwater, would benefit from the onboarding. Got audited and did well.
- Dallas: about to start BST project and will start characterizing them; finishing up spring bioassessment project, summer one to start in July
- Dallas County: recently audited by TCEQ and did well.
- Irving: position open currently, operations and maintenance group ramped up, fixing pipes and more that have really needed it; would also benefit from onboarding; Water Utilities department/CIP organization are separate and trying to merge
- Cedar Hill: published SWMP last month; foreign exchange professionals/fellows currently



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- DART: last week full audited by TCEQ, full report next month; gave lots of advance notice; TCEQ indicated that the SWMPs are delayed is because a lot of them are complicated and that they also get sent to EPA for their review too (if it goes to public notice, then it probably got approved by TCEQ and EPA)
- Frisco: StormCon should be a great conference, recommend attending (group discount)
- Lewisville: annual report sent off on time; published public notice a couple months ago about permit or SWMP but no information after; have 80+ large and small construction sites and only have 10-12 renewals so will be rolling them over
- Weatherford: new to RSWMCC, also would benefit from onboarding; trying to prepare for growth and get up to the next level
- Fort Worth: went to the watershed conference in Florida and was amazing, also recommend; workshop for construction operators and talking about renewal on May 25th (talking about general permit and such), free and will be virtual!; submitted renewal and is admin. Complete but no response yet; working on annual report permit; working on installing something on Lake Como
- Cleburne: Julie getting ready to retire – won't be attending any more of these meetings and will be retiring in October; get with your CIP programs and ensure they're doing something with the changes to the SWPPP; had master gardener talks – suggest getting familiar with the system as a whole and not siloing yourself
- Burleson: would be very interested in onboarding stuff
- Haltom City: would also be very interested in onboarding
- Mansfield: got audited recently (full compliance), no official report yet but think they passed

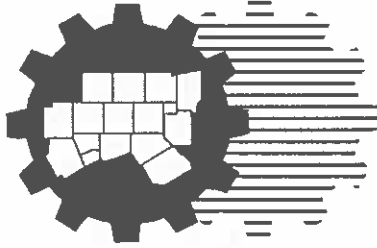
11. Schedule for the Next Meeting. The next meeting date is scheduled for Wednesday, August 9, 2023. The members voted to change the format to in person at NCTCOG offices in the William Pitstick Room, CP11, 1st Floor.

12. Adjournment.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Crysta Guzman at (817) 695-9107, or by email at cquzman@nctcog.org.

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Member Sign-In Sheet

Name	Entity	Signature
Officers		
Krista Pender (Chair)	City of Carrollton	<i>Krista Pender</i>
Kevin Hurley (Vice Chair)	City of Dallas	<i>Kevin Hurley</i>
Echo Rexroad (Past Chair)	City of Plano	<i>Echo Rexroad</i>
Phase 1 Entities		
Brigette Gibson	City of Arlington	
Brent Redd	City of Irving	<i>Cody Cosh, Kate Oakley</i>
Wes McClure	City of Mesquite	
Amitis Meshkani	NTTA	
Mike Wilson	City of Garland	
Nixalis Benitez	City of Fort Worth	<i>N Benitez</i>
Kevin Hurley ✓	City of Dallas	
Echo Rexroad ✓	City of Plano	
East Fork Watershed		
Tracy Homfeld	Collin County	
Danea Newman	City of Richardson	
William Nahas	City of Allen	
Elm Fork Watershed		
Perry Harts	City of Frisco	<i>Perry Harts</i>
Jason Longbine	City of Lewisville	<i>Jason Longbine</i>
Krista Pender ✓	City of Carrollton	
Mainstem Watershed		
Jeff Haynes	DART	<i>Jeff Haynes</i>
Charles Brewer	City of Hutchins	<i>vacant</i>
Leland Peffley	City of Cleburne	<i>Julie</i>
West Fork Watershed		
Howard Redfearn	City of Mansfield	<i>Howard Redfearn</i>
Gregory Dickens	City of Hurst	
Chad Marbut	City of Weatherford	<i>Chad Marbut</i>

