

North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Water Resources Council

Thursday, January 17, 2019

10:30 a.m., Regional Forum Room

NCTCOG Offices, CPII

616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011

Chair: Wayne Owen, Tarrant Regional Water District

Vice Chair: Glenn Clingenpeel, Trinity River Authority

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** NCTCOG staff and meeting participants will be introduced.

Wayne Owen, Tarrant Regional Water District and Chair of the WRC, welcomed meeting attendees.

ACTION ITEMS

2. **Meeting Summary.** The September 27, 2018 meeting summary will be presented for approval.

The September 27, 2018 meeting summary was reviewed by meeting participants. Greg Dickens, City of Hurst, made a motion to approve the summary and Grace Darling, Tarrant Coalition of Environmental Awareness, seconded the motion. The meeting summary was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

3. **86th Texas Legislative Session Update.** NCTCOG will give a brief presentation on relevant legislative bills

NCTCOG staff gave a brief overview of legislative bills of interest to the group. The following are the legislative bills of interest that were presented by the NCTCOG staff:

- SB 81 – Relating to the naming of a reservoir by certain water districts.
- HB 26 – Relating to the creation of an alert system to notify affected persons of certain releases of water from certain dams.
- HB 100 – Relating to information on projected changes in weather and water availability in strategic plans of certain state agencies.
- HB 245 – Relating to a requirement to make certain environmental and water use permit applications available online.
- HB 488 – Relating to the protection of public freshwater areas.
- HJR 11 – Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board.

There was discussion regarding the implications of the bills and their effects. Members of the group also discussed the following bills:

- HB 807 – Relating to the state and regional water planning process.
- HB 726 - Relating to the regulation of groundwater.

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- HB 720 – Relating to appropriations of water for use in aquifer storage and recovery projects.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. **Development of Committee By-laws.** The WRC will discuss the draft of the committee By-laws.

Wayne Owen, Tarrant Regional Water District, urged the group to look over the draft By-Laws. There was a discussion on the maximum number of committee members and the number of members needed for a quorum.

Greg Dickens, City of Hurst, recommended that “city” should be changed to “district” on page 9. Michael Nieswiadomy, University of North Texas, also suggested that a more formal definition of NCTCOG be included, such as specifying the number of counties and which ones they are. It was noted that the City of Irving and City of Mansfield need to be added to Appendix A.

5. **Water for North Texas Website.** NCTCOG will provide an update on the development of the Water for North Texas Website.

The Water for North Texas Advisory Group held their first meeting on January 16, 2019. The feedback given by the advisory group was that the Water for North Texas Website should not be a traditional website but rather an online, interactive toolkit with regional messages, videos, and educational resources. The next meeting for this advisory group is tentatively scheduled for May 22, 2019.

6. **FY2019 Regional Workshops.** NCTCOG is seeking input from members on topics on interest for workshops.

NCTCOG suggested that a workshop on financing for wastewater infrastructure updates would be helpful for the region.

NCTCOG stated that the Green Infrastructure for Texas (GIFT) workshop, in partnership with Texas A&M Agrilife, could be a potential workshop.

Another suggestion was for a brief workshop to be over the EPA’s Capacity, Management, Operation and Maintenance (CMOM) program in regard to sanitary sewer collection.

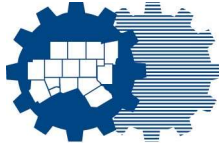
Jeff Price, City of Mansfield, suggested that a webinar or workshop on membrane treatment technology would be a good topic for the group.

7. **Development of the 2019 Water Quality Management Plan.** NCTCOG is seeking input on the 2019 Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) update and will request feedback on the 2019 WQMP goals.

NCTCOG asked the committee to provide feedback on the 2017 Water District Service Area map and whether the boundaries needed to be updated for the 2019 WQMP. There was an interest in including approved and implemented green space plans that are focused on water quality and a list of the benefits these plans will have.

There was a discussion that two separate water quality monitoring maps would need to be generated to account for the different techniques (regulatory- vs. citizen-science based) on which data was collected.

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

No future agenda items were discussed.

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

NCTCOG announced that the Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable (WATER) group appreciated the feedback the WRC group had for them regarding information about wipes. NCTCOG is currently working on a targeted wipes campaign for the WATER group.

NCTCOG announced that the CLIDE Awards application is currently open and applications are due by February 4, 2019. Please contact Crysta Guzman at cguzman@nctcog.org for more information.

10. **Roundtable.** WRC members share what is happening in their communities.

City of Irving is in the process of reviewing their Sanitary Sewer Overflow Initiative (SSOI) with TCEQ.

North Texas Municipal Water District will be performing their chlorination maintenance flush in March 2019.

Greg Dickens suggested that the next committee meeting be changed since there will be a Texas Water conference in Houston that day.

Stacy Walters encouraged NCTCOG to identify local Supplementary Environmental Programs (SEPs) where the region's funding could be directed.

City of Fort Worth has begun its Sanitary Sewer Overflow Initiative (SSOI).

City of Dallas has created a Comprehensive Environmental Climate Action Plan. Trammel Crow will be hosting a workshop on February 28th for 4 cities on climate resiliency. The workshop will review how climate change effects city operations, flood assessment and so on. Interested cities should contact Susan Alvarez at susan.alvarez@dallascityhall.com for more information.

Glenn Clingenpeel, Texas River Authority, announced that native mussels may be identified as threatened and endangered species in the Trinity, East Fork and Elm Fork.

11. **Schedule for the next meeting.** The next WRC meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, April 4, 2019 in the Regional Forum Room at 10:30 AM.**

The next WRC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, 2019 in the William J. Pitstick Executive Board Room from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

12. **Adjournment.**

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Ryann Cline at (817) 608-2363 or rcline@nctcog.org. Thank you

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