



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Water Resources Council

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

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.

ACTION ITEMS

2. Meeting Summary.

The [October 11, 2023 meeting summary](#) will be presented for approval.

Billy George, North Texas Municipal Water District, made a motion to approve the minutes. Glenn Clingenpeel, Trinity River Authority, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

3. Best Practices in Water Conservation.

Jason Pierce, Manager of Governmental Affairs and Communications, Upper Trinity Regional Water District (UTRWD), will share on water conservation through the district's irrigation system checkup program.

Jason Pierce, Upper Trinity Regional Water District (UTRWD), presented on using the irrigation check system as a means of water conservation. The presentation included education and outreach efforts to promote smart water use. His full presentation can be found in the [meeting presentation slides](#), beginning on slide 6.

4. Tarrant Regional Water District's Recognized Water Conservation Program Efforts.

Dustan Compton, Conservation Manager, Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD), will share how his organization won the 2023 EPA WaterSense Award.

Dustan Compton, Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD), presented on the TRWD's award-winning practices for promoting water conservation. The presentation included information on regional conservation plans and EPA WaterSense program campaigns. Dustan's full presentation is available in the [meeting presentation slides](#) on slide 22.

DISCUSSION

5. Water Resources Questionnaire. The WRC will be asked to provide feedback on the questions in the [Water Resources Questionnaire](#). This will go to local governments and water professionals at the beginning of February 2024.

The Council did not have any additional comments on the questionnaire, which will be sent to TCEQ for final approval before being distributed throughout the region.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

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

- a. **Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Input.** NCTCOG is collecting feedback from local stakeholders on strategies to develop the [Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan](#) (DFW AQIP).

NCTCOG shared department updates, including a presentation by Susan Alvarez, Director of Environment and Development, on the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant application. Council members were asked to share feedback on the strategies and projects to include in the [Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan](#). Members are encouraged to take the survey on the plan's website or to email Alyssa Knox at aknox@nctcog.org to share ideas.

Organizations seeking implementation funds for specific projects should fill out the [Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Project Inquiry form](#).

- b. **Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable (WATER).**
 - Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Hybrid: In-person at NCTCOG and online; NCTCOG asks that attendees RSVP ahead of time. [RSVP and Add to Calendar](#).
- c. **Public Works Council.** February 15, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. NCTCOG; [Add to Calendar](#).

7. Future Agenda Items. The committee can request future agenda items.

Rachel Ickert, Tarrant Regional Water District, proposed that the WRC discuss support for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant during the next meeting. This could include showing support to NCTCOG's executive board on behalf of the council.

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

Mike Adams, City of Midlothian, shared on the expansion of the city's wastewater treatment plant and the open bid for a two-million-gallon storage tank.

Cynthia Baughman, City of Garland, shared about the wastewater treatment plant converting to UV disinfection, the development of a new water utilities building for staff, and a garden to demonstrate smart scaping.

Bill Gase, City of Arlington Water Utilities, states the city is looking for a new Director of Water Utilities due to the current one retiring.

Haley Salazar, alternate for Stephen Gay, City of Denton, shared about work being done to update the drought contingency plan.

Billy George, North Texas Municipal Water District, discussed eagerly awaiting EPA's release of water regulations regarding PFOA and PFOS.

Michael Nieswiadomy, University of North Texas, encouraged council members to consider at-home monitoring equipment to reduce water use.

Sally Wright, City of Dallas, discussed winter weather preparations, the EPA regulations regarding PFOS and PFOA, and the finished master plan for a water treatment program.

9. Next Meeting. The next WRC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and will be held at NCTCOG. [Add to Calendar](#)

Meeting Dates for the remainder of 2024:

- Wednesday, July 10, 2024 - Online; [Add to Calendar](#)
- Wednesday, October 9, 2024 - NCTCOG; [Add to Calendar](#)

10. Adjournment.

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.

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