

North Central Texas Council of Governments

# SUMMARY

## Water Resources Council

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

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 15, 2025 meeting summary](#) will be presented for approval.

Larry Patterson, Upper Trinity Regional Water District, motioned to approve the October 15, 2025 meeting summary. Sally Wright, City of Dallas, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## PRESENTATIONS

### 3. Integrating Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure (TSI) Project and Upcoming Workshops.

Erin Blackman and Jeffrey Neal, NCTCOG, will present on the Integrating Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure (TSI) Project, which seeks to reduce future flood risk within and downstream of the most rapidly developing parts of the region. Their presentation will include a current project status update, as well as upcoming opportunities for interested parties to provide feedback and get further involved.

Erin Blackman and Jeffrey Neal, NCTCOG, showcased the Integrating Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure (TSI) Project. Their presentation provided a thorough background on the project's goal to reduce future flooding risks resulting from increased urbanization and showcased the value of flood risk mitigation. Project activities include developing flood vulnerability and susceptibility maps to help identify priority areas for implementation efforts, as well as providing optional policy recommendations for local governments to implement into existing codes and ordinances. At the end of their presentation, Erin and Jeffrey shared the dates of future workshops that the WRC is invited to attend to share their input and expertise. The full presentation is available on the [meeting presentation slide deck](#), beginning on slide 6.

## DISCUSSION

### 4. Review of New Elements of the 2026 Water Quality Management Plan Update (WQMP).

NCTCOG will share relevant items being incorporated into the 2026 WQMP, and the WRC will review feedback from the 2025 WQMP to make appropriate additions to this year's update.

NCTCOG shared new components to the Draft 2026 WQMP Update, which includes a new current pollutant inventory and an inventory for parameters of concern. Water and wastewater service boundary maps created from the Public Utility Commission of Texas's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) data were also shown. NCTCOG compared the CCN maps to maps used in past WQMP updates that showcase major water and wastewater service boundaries. The WRC was asked to share their feedback and preference for either map. Mike Adams, City of Midlothian, requested the use of both maps in this year's update, as some utilities do not have a CCN and therefore would not be showcased on the CCN map. Larry Patterson, Upper Trinity Regional Water District, concurred and requested the use of both maps. NCTCOG reviewed a comment received during the public comment period for the 2025 WQMP Update that requested the plan include concrete goals to improve water quality. Stacy Walters, City of Fort Worth, stated that it would be necessary to look at the concentrations of pollutants across the region first before committing to active goals. The WRC agreed to table the goal discussion until the *2026 Texas Integrated Report of Surface Water Quality for Clean Water Act Sections 305(b) and 303(d)* is published.

**5. Results of the 2025 North Central Texas Water Resources Questionnaire.** NCTCOG staff will review the results of the 2025 North Central Texas Water Resources Questionnaire distributed in the spring. The council will share ideas on incorporating the results into water quality activities in FY27.

NCTCOG reviewed the results of the 2025 North Central Texas Water Resources Questionnaire and discussed potential activities for FY27, which include promoting the Water for North Texas Online Library more frequently. Sally Wright, City of Dallas, requested further activities to promote a singular, consistent water conservation message to support congruent messaging region-wide. Mike Adams, City of Midlothian, suggested using existing channels, such as their city's conversation site, to further promote COG-developed resources. Mike Nieswiadomy, University of North Texas, commented that many of the resources on the Water for North Texas Online Library are outdated and suggested that removing old resources could help make the website more relevant.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

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

- a. **NCTCOG Webinar: *What's Bugging You? Battling Invasive Pests in Community Forests.*** Thursday, February 26, 2026; 10:00 a.m. [Register here](#)
- b. **2026 North Central Texas Watershed Stakeholders Meeting.** Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 10:00 a.m., NCTCOG Campus, William Pitstick Conference Room. [Register here](#)
- c. **Model Development Code and Floodplain Ordinances Workshop.** Thursday, January 29, 2026. 10:00 a.m. NCTCOG Campus, Transportation Council Room and virtual, via Microsoft Teams. [Register here](#)

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

Stacy Walters, City of Fort Worth, requested an agenda item on the EPA's proposed National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) for perchlorate, which will impact public water systems serving more than 10,000 people. Of particular interest is monitoring for perchlorate to comply with potential Maximum Contaminant Levels.

Matthew Jalbert, Trinity River Authority, requested information on future legislation that may come out of the 90th Texas Legislative Session in 2027, specifically regarding the direction of compliance rulings for biosolids and PFAS.

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

- Taylor Alvarez, City of Watauga, stated they are focused on day-to-day operations.
- Haley Salazar (alternate for Stephen Gay), City of Denton, shared that the city has paused some of its programs, such as the turf buy-back and the irrigation incentive programs, to conduct evaluations with plans to resume the programs in March.
- Katelyn Hearon, City of Lewisville, reported the city is beginning a pilot study with HDR Engineering for upgrades to the C.R. Feaster Water Treatment Plant. Those upgrades include adding ozone treatment and biofiltration. The city is also working to get prepared for any required actions regarding PFAS and the potential microbial and disinfection byproduct rule revisions from EPA.
- Rachel Ickert, Tarrant Regional Water District, shared that the district is working on lots of water supply and flood mitigation projects. Additionally, it will be hosting the Trash Bash, which includes several community clean-up events along various water bodies. Interested parties should visit the [Trash Bash webpage](#) to register.
- Matthew Jalbert, Trinity River Authority, stated the authority is working with the Wise County Mayor's Coalition, which has recently formed the Westport Public Utility Association, to provide a wastewater study in support of regionalization efforts. Additionally, the authority is working on a Chambers Creek Study for regionalization and is collaborating with Tarrant Regional Water District on a water supply study for Ellis County. Finally, it is starting a PFAS pilot study at the Tarrant County Water Supply Plant.
- Michael Nieswiadomy, University of North Texas, shared a news article regarding the Meadows Foundation providing a grant to Sul Ross State University to study water resources systems.
- Jerry Pressley, City of Fort Worth, reported on water loss reduction efforts and work to enforce both irrigation and conservation standards, as well as lead service line replacement efforts. The city is also working to determine potential sources of PFAS by conducting a pilot study in a city landfill, with a goal of constructing a PFAS treatment unit at the landfill.
- Stacy Walters, City of Fort Worth, discussed the city's efforts to work with childcare centers and independent school districts to comply with lead and copper drinking water testing requirements. Regarding PFAS, Fort Worth is reviewing 2025 data to determine treatment strategies to comply with the current re. Right now, systems are required to comply with the current NPDWRs for PFAS by 2027, but if rules change, that deadline could move to 2029 or 2031, so the city is monitoring it closely.
- Jennifer Owens, Tarrant Regional Water District, reported the district is partnering with North Texas Municipal Water District on a strategic vision program to strengthen water conservation programs. The district is also looking to partner with municipalities on a rebate program, potentially related to irrigation, but other ideas are welcome. Interested cities should reach out to Dustan Compton, the district's Conservation Manager.

**9. Next Meeting.** The next WRC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2026, and will be in person on the NCTCOG campus. [Add to Calendar](#)

**Meetings for the rest of 2026:**

- July 8, 2026, via Teams. [Add to Calendar](#)
- October 14, 2026, In-person at NCTCOG. [Add to Calendar](#)

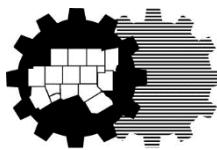
**10. Adjournment.**

**Additional NCTCOG Meetings of Interest**

- a. Public Works Council- [Add to Calendar](#)**
- b. Trinity River COMMON VISION Flood Management Task Force Meeting- [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**

NAME		ORGANIZATION
Mike Adams	X	City of Midlothian
Taylor Alvarez	X	City of Watauga
Michael Brinkman		Garland Water Utilities
Tiffany Bruce		Town of Flower Mound
Glenn Clingenpeel	X	Trinity River Authority
Grace Darling	X- Jamie Brunner as alternate	Arlington Conservation Council
Bill Gase		City of Arlington Water Utilities
Stephen Gay	X- Haley Salazar as alternate	City of Denton
Billy George		NTMWD
Stephanie Griffin	X	Halff
Katelyn Hearon	X	City of Lewisville
Joshua Howard	X	Johnson County Special Utility District
Rachel Ickert	X	TRWD
Nosa Irenumaagho		City of Dallas
Matthew Jalbert, P.E.	X	Trinity River Authority
Michael Kivlan		Mustang SUD
Kevin Mercer		Denton County FWSD 6 & 7
Michael Nieswiadomy	X	University of North Texas
Jennifer Owens	X	TRWD
Larry Patterson	X	UTRWD
Steve Pettit	X	City of Irving
David Phan		City of Dallas
Jerry Pressley	X	City of Fort Worth
Jeff Price		City of Mansfield

NAME		ORGANIZATION
Eric Robison	X	City of Richardson
Robert Sauceda		City of Hurst
Jason Sutton		Town of Addison
Caroline Waggoner	X	City of North Richland Hills
Stacy Walters	X	City of Fort Worth
Sally Wright	X	City of Dallas