



North Central Texas Council of Governments

# SUMMARY

Flood Management Task Force  
Friday, November 8, 2019  
9:30 AM, Metroplex Conference Room  
NCTCOG Offices, CPII  
616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011

## 1. **Welcome and introductions.**

The meeting began at 9:30 a.m. with introductions of all present.

## DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION/ACTION ITEMS

### 2. **Meeting Summary.** The August 9, 2019, meeting summary is available online for review. Comments will be sought at the meeting. (Mia Brown)

The summary was approved as presented.

### 3. **FY 2020 Trinity River COMMON VISION Work Program Activities Discussion.** NCTCOG staff will update the FMTF on FY 2020 Work Program activities. (Mia Brown)

#### a. **NFIP and CDC Model Consolidation Team.** The FMTF will receive updates relevant to the Model Consolidation Team. (Stephanie Griffin)

Stephanie Griffin, Team Chair, gave a timeline of the model consolidation effort, overview of team composition, the 20 tasks, and scope of work. She gave a summary of findings:

- Improved communication between FEMA, USACE, and local jurisdictions will be required during the LOMC process.
- NCTCOG will develop and host a GIS-based website for the consolidated model, which will allow download of the model and eventually a platform for permit tracking. USACE will continue to be responsible for maintaining the model.
- FEMA's comments on CLOMR applications will be shared with USACE and the local jurisdiction.
- The CDC can proceed while a CLOMR is in progress at the applicant's risk.
- If a CLOMR is required, the local jurisdiction is responsible for confirming that the proposed project geometry in the approved CLOMR matches that in the approved CDC and is responsible for making corrections if they do not match.

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- When a project is complete, an as-built survey or record drawing will be required.
- After FEMA approves a LOMR, USACE will insert the completed project into the model.

Mia Brown will email the Final Summary of Findings and Recommendations Memo to the Task Force; review and comment will be due to Stephanie Griffin by Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

- b. **CDC Model and Application Website** NCTCOG staff will give an update on the creation of a data management website for the CDC model. (Mia Brown)

After a review of a variety of products, development of the website to house the CDC model will happen with Orchestly. Work on the website will begin this month, with a goal of beta testing with a small group in early 2020. The initial effort will be to have a website to download the model, with eventual buildout for entities to submit CDC applications online, track their progress, and have a tie to the existing CDC GIS online map.

- c. **East Fork/Denton Creek Update.** NCTCOG staff will update FMTF on the initiatives to bring additional communities into the Common Vision program. (Mia Brown)

The effort to voluntarily bring East Fork communities to the Common Vision program is ongoing with Dallas County as a partner. The City of Seagoville joined in August. The City of Combine took a resolution to council in September to consider joining but declined partly due to a lack of information about the cost share. NCTCOG and Dallas County will continue individual outreach to prospective communities. Efforts to reach out to Denton Creek communities will begin in the near future.

- d. **Ongoing Support Activities.** NCTCOG Staff will give an update on activities related to the Ongoing Support Activities Section of the FY2019 Work Program.

- i. **FEMA L-273 CRS Course.** NCTCOG is working with the TWDB to host the FEMA L-273 course: Managing Floodplain Development Through the NFIP. The course is scheduled for November 18-21, 2019, at NCTCOG. Registration is full. To get on the waitlist, email [yi.chan@twdb.texas.gov](mailto:yi.chan@twdb.texas.gov).

The L-273 course will be held in November 18-21, with a CFM exam opportunity on November 22. Please email the TWDB to get on the waitlist as registration is full.

- ii. **OneRain Regional Flood Warning Software Contract.** NCTCOG staff will solicit feedback on the OneRain Regional Flood Warning Software Contract and desires for future functionality as the contract comes up for renewal in July 2020.

NCTCOG staff are working with OneRain ahead of the July 2020 contract renewal to address issues that prevent the largest cities from joining the cooperative contract. Staff solicited feedback and additional needs that



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communities would like to see in the software. Suggestions included the ability to add layers to the map, for GARR to cover the entire NCTCOG region instead of just the Metroplex, and access to APIs so that data can feed into each entities' system instead of just downloading to a spreadsheet. Comments received in the group indicated that the interface is very user friendly and the data visualization is impressive.

### INFORMATION ITEMS

#### 4. Other Program Related Efforts

- a. **North Texas Floodplain Administrators/CRS Users Group.** NCTCOG and the Texas Floodplain Management Association (TFMA) continue to hold meetings for floodplain administrators and CRS users throughout the region. The next meeting will be December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Pitstick Conference Room at NCTCOG. The meeting will be worth 2 CECs for CFMs. Registration is open at [www.nctcog.org/envir/events](http://www.nctcog.org/envir/events).

Mia Brown told the Task Force that registration was still open for the CRS Users Group on December 3<sup>rd</sup>; the meeting is worth 2 CECs for CFMs. She also informed the group of additional opportunities for CECs before the end of year, including the TFMA Region 4/10 Luncheon on November 13<sup>th</sup> (3 CECs) and the FEMA Region 6 Brown Bag Webinar on November 19<sup>th</sup> (1 CEC, register here: <https://r6virtualbrownbag.eventbrite.com>)

- b. **Cooperating Technical Partnership.** NCTCOG staff will provide an update on the CTP projects that are ongoing and newly submitted. (Mia Brown)

All Fiscal Year 2016 projects (Sliver Creek, McAnear/West Buffalo Creeks, and East Fork Discovery) have been completed. East Fork Trinity base level engineering data will be available on the FEMA Estimated BFE Viewer (<https://webapps.usgs.gov/infrm/estBFE/>) in the near future. Fiscal Year 2017 flood risk identification projects in Benbrook and Weatherford are ongoing, with flood risk review meetings scheduled in November and December. The Richland-Chambers Discovery meeting will be held December 5<sup>th</sup> in Waxahachie. The Fiscal Year 2018 flood risk identification project on Marys Creek is approximately 30% complete and a partner call will be held in January. FEMA awarded NCTCOG two flood risk identification projects for FY19 for 7 miles of Harriet Creek (Denton County) and 19 miles of Waxahachie Creek (Ellis County). Mia Brown is currently reaching out to communities for prospective flood risk identification projects to include in the FY20 draft business plan due to FEMA at the end of December.

- c. **Integrated Stormwater Management (iSWM) Program.** An update on iSWM activities will be provided by NCTCOG staff. (Mia Brown)

The iSWM Subcommittee is currently conducting a series of workshops to bring increased awareness to the program. A Technical Meeting of iSWM Adopters will be held November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 a.m.; it will be the first of three workshops. The first of three workshops to reorganize and re-evaluate site development controls was held October 9<sup>th</sup>. The second of three iSWM Designation Implementation Workshops was held October 22<sup>nd</sup>. In addition, the Subcommittee is working on a draft Atlas 14 implementation approach, BMP installation videos, and updates to the iSWM Principles Regional Review. The next iSWM Subcommittee meeting will be held January 8, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

## OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

5. **CDC Applications.** NCTCOG staff will share CDC applications received since the last FMTF meeting and invite FMTF members to share any upcoming CDC applications. (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown noted that she has received the following items related to CDC applications:

- New CDC Applications
  - GP 072219-1 (MacArthur Reclamation)
  - LEW 090519-1 (Riverview Lake Park)
  - GP 092519-1 (Lone Star Trail Extension - Exemption)
- Technical Review Completed
  - CAR 051319-1 (Southwest Wholesale Nursery)
  - FW 052019-1 (Largent Lake Wetland Mitigation)
  - IRV 053119-1 (Las Colinas Dog Park)
  - GP 070319-1 (Trammel Crow MacArthur)
- Final Action Forms
  - GP 092519-1 (Lone Star Trail Extension – Exemption)

Mia Brown reminded the Task Force that the USACE would like all consultants to use the latest version of the CDC application which can be found on the NCTCOG website (<https://www.nctcog.org/envir/watershed-management/corridor-development-certificate-program>). She also requested that communities copy her when they send their Final Action Forms to the USACE. Mia noted that increased application processing times have been observed over the last year and are due to the time required to process and deposit the check for the review fee at the USACE. Checks are taking one month to cash. NCTCOG is working with USACE to identify solutions that can reduce this time.

6. **Roundtable Topics/Other Business.** The FMTF members and NCTCOG staff may share additional items as time allows.

Mia Brown (NCTCOG) noted that she sent an email to FMTF with a link to the Texas Infrastructure Resilience Fund (TIRF) rules that were published in the Texas Register on October 18<sup>th</sup>. The TWDB will consider publication of Flood Financial Assistance rules and proposed regional and state flood planning rules for public comment in the Texas Register in November and December, respectively. Emails will go out to the FMTF upon publication.



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Edith Marvin (NCTCOG) requested feedback from the FMTF on whether any entities have an interest in defining what state flood planning regions will look like and if they want NCTCOG involved in the discussion. Staff will send an email invite to come together to talk in the future.

Alan Johnson (FEMA) and Samuel Amoako-Atta (COMPASS): The Dallas and Tarrant County maps were finalized in March 2019. To keep maps up to date, another round of revisions will occur for August and September 2020. This will include the Consolidated Model and possibly the ongoing East Fork Trinity study. Please send us updated community boundaries and streets so that the base map data is current. Mia Brown will send a map of the revision area in the follow-up email.

George Marshall (Corinth) stated that they had a series of public meetings after a new study increased the number of homes in the floodplain, and they resulted in many people purchasing flood insurance. He said it was helpful to have FEMA and insurance agents present to answer questions about flood insurance.

Webster Mangham (TRA) emphasized to the FMTF that they should follow the state flood plan process closely so that they have the best chance of their flood related projects being funded in the future.

Stephanie Griffin (Grand Prairie): The city is converting their ALERT system to ALERT2. They have acquired a tabletop flood model and an erosion trailer.

Lissa Shepard (Dallas County) said the meeting in August with the East Fork communities in Balch Springs was a success. The County is also working with FEMA on a project to give communities resources to provide more flood insurance information to their citizens.

Monique Hunter (Kaufman County) said that the County is growing quickly and working to hire a floodplain administrator.

Clair Davis (Fort Worth/TFMA): The TFMA Region 4/10 Luncheon will be November 13<sup>th</sup>; registration closes today.

- 7. Schedule for the Next Meeting.** The next meeting date is tentatively scheduled for Friday, January 17, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., in NCTCOG's Regional Forum Conference Room, CPII.

- 8. Adjournment.**

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Mia Brown by phone at (817) 695-9227, or by email at [MBBrown@nctcog.org](mailto:MBBrown@nctcog.org).

Thank you.

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Guest Sign-in Sheet

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