

SUMMARY

Flood Management Task Force
Friday, November 15, 2024



- **Welcome and Introductions.**

- City of Arlington: Lee Jeffrey
- City of Carrollton: Matthew Brennan
- City of Coppell: Cole Baker
- City of Denton: Jennifer Rovezzi
- City of Fort Worth: Julian Behrens
- City of Irving: Garry Fennell
- City of Seagoville: Bill Medina
- Dallas County: Lissa Sheppard, Nathan Davison
- Denton County: Stephen Belknap, Stephen Moore
- Tarrant County: Joseph Jackson
- TRA: Heather Firn
- TRWD: Craig Ottman, Ashley Lowrie, Zach Huff
- USACE: Michael Danella

Jai-W Hayes-Jackson presented highlights from the FY24 Steering Committee meeting and made an announcement regarding cost shares. Jai-W Hayes-Jackson has sent out cost shares that have been corrected in a format that should be acceptable to all members. If your community needs a physical copy, please contact Jai-W Hayes-Jackson to request one.

Jai-W also provided details from the FY24 Steering Committee meeting. The FY 2025 Work Program and Budget were approved. New activities that were added include migrating the Trinity River CDC site to NCTCOG's website, coordination for flood science training, and tracking updates on relevant bills during the Texas legislative session. NCTCOG also requested the use of COMMON VISION deferred funds to support USACE's involvement in the flood science training and TSI North Study Area which was approved.

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION/ACTION ITEMS

- **Meeting Summary.** The August 16, 2024, meeting summary is [available online](#) for review.
 - Motion to approve: Lissa Shepard
 - Second: Stephen Belknap
 - August meeting summary was approved unanimously
- **FY 2025 Trinity River COMMON VISION Work Program Activities Discussion.**
 - a. **NFIP and CDC Model Consolidation Team.** USACE staff will update the FMTF on scopes of work and next steps related to the consolidated NFIP-CDC model and maintenance process. (Matt Lepinski)
Mike Daniela updated the Task Force on the NFIP-CDC Model Maintenance and Extension efforts. Jai-W Hayes-Jackson informed the Task Force they will have until February 1st to provide input on the model and asked if this was sufficient time to review the model. Lissa Sheppard asked if the comment period could be split: one deadline for initial comments to be returned to USACE and the second deadline for reactionary comments to USACE's model revisions. Mike states that comments can be accepted and reviewed by USACE earlier but suggested getting them in ASAP with

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holidays coming up. Responses may be delayed with winter holidays. The comment period will be until February 1, 2025, with the intention to approve the model at the February 21st meeting. Jai-W will set up a comment form for the Task Force members by the middle of December. Jai-W Hayes-Jackson will also follow up with Matt Lepinski from USACE and send a follow up email about the extension model and relation to the land use files.

- b. **Update the CDC Manual to the 5th Edition.** The NFIP-CDC Model Consolidation Team will share progress on updates to the CDC Manual. (Jai-W Hayes-Jackson) Jai-W Hayes-Jackson will work on getting the Task Force a draft of the manual for review as soon as possible.
- c. **East Fork/Denton Creek Update and Expansion of the CDC Program West.** NCTCOG staff will update the FMTF on the initiatives to bring additional communities into the Common Vision program. The FMTF will evaluate opportunities to expand the Corridor Development Certificate Program into the TSI Project area. (Jai-W Hayes-Jackson)

NCTCOG is working with the City of Weatherford on a pilot study on how to extend the CDC model westward. More information will be shared in future meetings. The goal is to determine the best way to extend the CDC model into the west region of North Texas.

NCTCOG is renewing its outreach efforts to the Denton Creek and East Fork communities. There will be a meeting for communities to ask questions about the COMMON VISION Program and gauge interest.

FEMA notified NCTCOG that there are some communities that are currently using the NFIP-CDC consolidated model but does not reference it in their ordinances. FEMA suggests that communities update their ordinances to reflect which models they will be using. Jai-W Hayes-Jackson asked the Task Force for general feedback and requested model language for ordinances that can be posted on NCTCOG's website. Jai-W will send out a follow up email.

- d. **Update on Flood Warning Systems.** NCTCOG staff will give updates on efforts related to the TXShare contract for the Flood Warning Systems. (Jai-W Hayes-Jackson)
NCTCOG staff are working on the FloodDataNTX website and estimate it to be live in December. Jai-W Hayes-Jackson is contacting vendors to present at the February Task Force meeting. Jai-W will also send an email to request CDC regulatory zone layer files for CDC Regulatory Areas from each community.

- e. **Legislative Agenda Program.** NCTCOG staff will provide updates on relevant bills during Texas legislative sessions. (Jai-W Hayes-Jackson)
Jai-W Hayes-Jackson will send updates on newly introduced Texas legislative bills monthly. Jai-W asked the Task Force if there are any additional topics that should be included in the updates. Lissa Sheppard suggests extending the updates to development related topics.

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INFORMATION ITEMS

- **Other Program Related Efforts**

- a. **North Texas Floodplain Administrators/CRS Users Group.** NCTCOG will share updates for the next CRS Users Group Meeting. (Jai-W Hayes-Jackson)
NCTCOG held the Elected Officials Floodplain Seminar on 11/1/2024. 41 staff and 8 elected officials attended. FEMA, TWDB, and local stakeholders presented information pertaining to elected officials in attendance.

- NCTCOG is planning a 4-day CRS training class with FEMA in 2025.
- General CRS questions and suggestions can be sent to Erin Blackman.

- b. **Integration of Transportation and Stormwater Planning.** NCTCOG staff will provide an update on the scope and funding for the Integration of Transportation and Stormwater Planning Project. (Kate Zielke)

The TSI study team wrapped up its subarea meetings in September 2024. The next meeting will be the Technical Advisory Group Meeting that will be scheduled for January 24, 2025. Details will be sent closer to the meeting.

NCTCOG has met with 9 communities for its equity-based outreach. We are expanding the outreach to specific communities within the COMMON VISION footprint. Jai-W Hayes-Jackson will reach out to the Task Force members to schedule meetings with them.

NCTCOG is planning two workshops for TSI Study:

- Upstream/Downstream Roundtable
- County Floodplain Roundtable: Jai-W Hayes-Jackson asked the Task Force what the best way to reach out to county legal staff to schedule this meeting. Lissa Sheppard, Stephen Belknap, and Joseph Jackson suggested reaching out to county staff for setting up meetings with legal staff. NCTCOG staff will formulate questions in advance of the meeting for feedback from county staff prior to the meeting. Input on additional topics is welcomed.

- c. **Cooperating Technical Partnership.** NCTCOG staff will provide an update on the CTP projects that are ongoing. (Jai-W Hayes-Jackson)
NCTCOG has finished its final two Risk MAP projects and will apply for more FEMA funding once it is available. FEMA's timeline for more Risk MAP funding is 3-5 years from now. NCTCOG will provide more information on CTP funding when it becomes available.

- d. **Integrated Stormwater Management (iSWM) Program.** An update on iSWM activities will be provided by NCTCOG staff including work on cumulative impact for areas less than an acre. (Kate Zielke)

The iSWM Subcommittee met on October 9, 2024, and will meet again on January 29th, 2025. The committee has requested the manual drawing be updated. NCTCOG is working on finding the original drawings so they can be updated.

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OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

- **CDC Applications.** NCTCOG staff will share CDC applications received since the last FMTF meeting and updates to the CDC process. (Jai-W Hayes-Jackson)
The only CDC application currently in process is for Dallas County. Jai-W Hayes-Jackson will follow up with USACE about the application.
- **Roundtable Topics/Other Business.** The FMTF members and NCTCOG staff may share additional items as time allows.
 - Dallas County will be hosting their public meeting for the Inland Port Study, located at Cedar Valley College in Lancaster, TX. Communities involved should consider attending.
 - The City of Arlington made updates to their flood warning sites.
 - The City of Irving has a CDC application that will be submitted soon.
 - Ben Thompson has moved departments within the City of Fort Worth. Juliana Behrens will be the additional contact for the City of Fort Worth moving forward. The city will also be submitting a CDC soon.
 - The TFMA conference committee received 117 abstracts and are reviewing via a two-step review process. The agenda will be out prior to registration.
 - TRA has a Region 3 meeting on December 11, 2024, from 9 – 12 at the General Arlington office. Solicitations for FMXs are due by February 2025. Requests for Amendments are due by December 1, 2024. Authorization of letters for request for amendments needs to come from a community level official. No council or formal action is required. The letter can be an informal email expressing interest in funding; however, documentation is required.
- **Upcoming Meetings.** The next Flood Management Task Force meeting will be held on Friday, February 21, 2025.
The next meeting will be virtual via Microsoft Teams.
- **Adjournment.**

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Jai-W Hayes-Jackson by phone at (817) 695-9212, or by email at JHayes-Jackson@nctcog.org. Thank you.

Attendance List	
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Claire Pollard	Dewberry
Jeremy Dixon	Freese & Nichols
Stepanie Griffin	Half Associates
Larissa Knapp-Scott	LJA Engineering
Jai-W Hayes-Jackson	NCTCOG
Carl Singleton	NCTCOG
Kate Zielke	NCTCOG
Susan Alvarez	NCTCOG
Julie Jones	NDMCE
Joseph Jackson	Tarrant County
Heather Finn	TRA
Craig Ottman	TRWD
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