



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable

Thursday, October 16, 2025

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Plano Environmental Education Center

4116 W. Plano Parkway, Plano, TX 75093

[RSVP to Meeting](#)

Chair: Andrea Chick, City of Plano

Vice Chair: Kimberly Morris, City of Lewisville

1. **Welcome and Introductions.**
2. **Meeting Summary.** The [July 24, 2025 meeting summary](#) is available online for your review.

The [July 24, 2025 meeting summary](#) was approved.

3. **Educational Item Show and Tell.** Attendees are encouraged to bring booth games, outreach giveaways, and other related wastewater educational materials to the meeting to share. Attendees will discuss best practices for engaging the public regarding wastewater issues at outreach events.

Attendees shared an array of innovative and interactive booth games, ranging from sorting games to “potty tosses,” as well as additional outreach efforts such as flyers, newsletters, and more. Thank you to all that participated in the show and tell!

4. **FY2026 Work Program Update.** NCTCOG will share an update on the FY2026 Work Program, invoicing process, and anticipated tasks. NCTCOG will also provide a recap of FY2025 achievements and request feedback from attendees on deferred funds expenditures.

NCTCOG shared an update on the invoice process for the FY2026 Work Program and anticipates that invoices will be distributed in late October or early November 2025. NCTCOG informed attendees that the final FY2025 Work Program Summary will be posted online in November 2025. Attendees discussed potential avenues for spending deferred funds from past Work Programs in the future, including translations of existing educational explainer videos into Vietnamese and purchase of branded giveaway materials, such as FOG bags, funnels, scrapers, and more, that could easily be paired with an educational flyer explaining program benefits.

5. **Holiday Grease Roundup Update.** NCTCOG will provide an update on the 2025 Holiday Grease Roundup.

NCTCOG provided an update on the 2025 Holiday Grease Roundup, which is scheduled for November 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026. 48 partners have committed for the 2025 event and marketing materials are available on the WATER webpage. Attendees also discussed next steps for seeking additional grease/cooking oil collection vendors for the 2026 Holiday Grease Roundup.

6. **Defend Your Drains North Texas Promotional Activities Discussion.** NCTCOG will provide an update on activities and analytics from the Defend Your Drains website and social media activities.

NCTCOG provided a brief update on social media and website traffic. Attendees discussed the potential need for a panel or discussion opportunity to hear how other entities communicate with their Communications Department or Public Information Officer (PIO) to get wastewater information posted on official city channels, best practices for communications and meeting ADA requirements, and more.

7. **General Updates.** NCTCOG will provide general updates on relevant programs and events.

The Houston-Galveston Area Council and other partners launched the Texas Water Careers website (<https://texaswatercareers.com/>) that has the mission to inspire, train, and mentor the next generation of water and wastewater professions, change the narrative around utility careers, highlight the value of water and wastewater roles, and create real pathways for success in the industry.

8. **Roundtable.** The group will share what is happening in their communities.

No roundtable items were discussed.

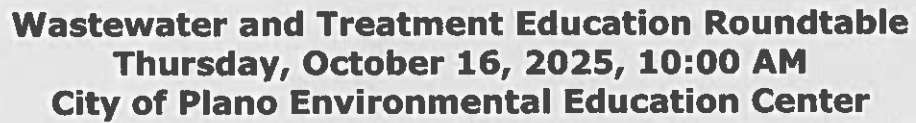
9. **Schedule for the Next WATER Meeting.** The next WATER meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 15, 2026, location to be determined.

The January 15, 2026 meeting will be held virtually, via Microsoft Teams. The April 2026 meeting and networking lunch is tentatively scheduled to be held in person at the City of Mansfield's Chris W. Burkett Service Center.

10. **Adjournment.**

Following the meeting, attendees are invited to participate in a boxed lunch networking session. Lunches will be provided by WATER at no cost to the attendees. Please [RSVP](#) by October 13, 2025, with any dietary restrictions. If you would like to bring your own lunch, a refrigerator and microwave will be available at the meeting location. If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Hannah Ordonez at (817) 695-9215 or hordonez@nctcog.org.

If you plan to attend this public meeting and you have a disability or language need that requires special arrangements, please contact Ashley Barnett at (817) 608-2363 or ABarnett@nctcog.org at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.

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