

North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Water Resources Council

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Via Microsoft Teams

[Link to Join Meeting](#)

Call-in at: 1-903-508-4574

Conference ID: 685 312 231#

Chair: Glenn Clingenpeel, Trinity River Authority

Vice-Chair: Stacy Walters, City of Fort Worth

1. Welcome and Introductions.

ACTION ITEM

2. Meeting Summary. The [January 12, 2022, meeting summary](#) will be presented for approval.

Billy George, North Texas Municipal Water District, made a motion to approve the January 12, 2022 meeting summary, and Grace Darling, Arlington Conservation Council, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

3. The Impact of U.S. EPA's Lead and Copper Rule Revisions on Water Utilities. Dan Crowley, Director – Governmental Relations, Regional and Federal Affairs, San Antonio Water System, on behalf of the American Water Works Association's Water Utility Council, will present and provide insights.

Mr. Crowley noted that water service line inventories are due by October 16, 2024, and U.S. EPA is currently developing a more stringent rulemaking for the LCRR. He suggested affected parties start planning now.

4. Filling the Water Workforce Pipeline: WEAT (Water Environment Association of Texas) Operator Apprenticeship Program. Julie Nahrgang, Executive Director, WEAT, and Dylan Christenson, Co-Chair of WEAT's Workforce Development Committee, will present on this program. With over 35% of the water workforce eligible to retire in the next five years, attracting, training, and retaining skilled water workers is one of the most pressing problems facing the water sector. WEAT's Department of Labor Apprenticeship program brings together state agencies, federal funding, educational institutions, water workforce employers, and passionate volunteers and staff to facilitate a water workforce development solution: the Department of Labor Water/Wastewater Apprenticeship Program.

Ms. Nahrgang and Mr. Christenson shared their journey in creating this apprenticeship program, which seeks to attract, train, and retain a skilled workforce for the water sector, and encouraged

ways for those in the water workforce, which includes a greater number of retirees than in other fields, to share journeys and information about their jobs with the younger generation. The WEAT Operator Apprenticeship Program is registered with the U.S. Department of Labor. If you are interested in becoming an employer partner, contact WEAT.

DISCUSSION

5. 2022 Water Resources Questionnaire Results. NCTCOG will present the results of the annual questionnaire, which closed on March 11, 2022.

NCTCOG presented the results from the questionnaire, which was distributed to water resource professionals in the region from February - March 2022. The results show that about 75% of respondents are engaged in outreach on water resources topics. Most respondents use social media or utility bill inserts to reach their target audiences outside of in-person events. Out of eleven water resources topics, the one that rated highest for level of concern among respondents was litter in waterways, which was fourth place on last year's questionnaire. And, respondents showed agreement on the need for more public education about the impacts of nonpoint sources on water quality.

6. 2022 Update to the North Central Texas Water Quality Management Plan. NCTCOG will provide on update on the progress of this deliverable.

The draft of the 2022 Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) is still on track and will be available for a 30-day public review in June 2022.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

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

- a. **Upcoming Webinar.** *Avian Management*, May 10, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. More details to come.

The link to register for this webinar is now available [here](#).

- b. **North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge**

- Register by April 15th at www.communitycleanupchallenge.com! Trash totals from cleanup events held between March 1 – May 31, 2022, are eligible.

- c. **Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable (WATER).**

- Next meeting – April 28, 2022, 10:00 a.m., Virtual. [Add to Calendar](#)

The webpage to connect with NCTCOG's Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable can be found [here](#).

- d. **Total Maximum Daily Load Meetings and Updates.**

- Now available! Educational explainer video, [Septic System Maintenance for Homeowners](#)
- Now available! FAQ document, [Industrial Facilities and TMDLs: What You Need to Know](#)
- TMDL Coordination Committee, June 15, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. [Add to Calendar](#)

- Upper Trinity River Basin Coordinating Committee, August 16, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. [Add to Calendar](#)
- TMDL Program Contact: Hannah Allen, Environment and Development Planner III, hallen@nctcog.org.

8. Future Agenda Items. The committee will have an opportunity to request future agenda items.

The following topics were suggested:

- The potential unintended consequences on funding flexibility created by SB 13 and SB 19 from the 87th Texas legislative session; and
- U.S. Geological Survey's National Water Dashboard.

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

Below are highlights from the roundtable discussion.

- Updates and discussion about the listing of aquatic species under conservation agreements,
- Challenges for water/wastewater treatment and equipment repair caused by the increase in commodity prices,
- America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 now requires Consumer Confidence Reports to be completed twice a year and this results in increased efforts and costs for water utilities,
- Legal ability to make price adjustments quickly and how this affects bidding and the language in contracts.

10. Next Meeting. The next WRC meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 13, 2022**, at 10:30 a.m. at NCTCOG Offices. [Add to Calendar](#)

Meeting Dates for the Remainder of 2022:

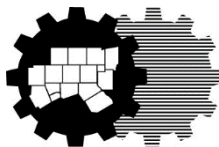
- Wednesday, October 12, 2022 – Virtual. [Add to Calendar](#)

11. Adjournment.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Elena Berg by phone at (817) 608-2363 or by email at eberg@nctcog.org.

If you plan to attend this public meeting and you have a disability that requires special arrangements at the meeting, please contact Brian Geck by phone at (817) 608-2361 or by email at bgeck@nctcog.org 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.

**616 Six Flags Drive, Centerpoint Two
P.O. Box 5888, Arlington, Texas 76005-5888
(817) 640-3300 FAX: 817-640-7806
www.nctcog.org**



Water Resources Council
Wednesday, April 13, 2022 – 10:30 AM
Microsoft Teams Video Conference Call

SIGN IN SHEET

NAME		ORGANIZATION
Mike Adams	Present	City of Midlothian
Tiffany Bruce		Town of Flower Mound
Dan Buhman	Alternate: Nicole Rutigliano	TRWD
Patty Cleveland		TRA
Glenn Clingenpeel	Present	TRA
Craig Cummings		City of Arlington
Caroline Waggoner (for Mike Curtis)		City of North Richland Hills
Grace Darling	Present	Arlington Conservation Council
Greg Dickens	Present	City of Hurst
Billy George	Present	NTMWD
Joshua Howard	Present	Johnson County Special Utility District
Sabaa Ismail		Walter P Moore
Tim James		Half Associates
Gabe Johnson		City of Grand Prairie
Wilson Kakembo	Present	Town of Addison
Wes Kucera		City of Garland
Terry Lowery		City of Dallas
Kevin Mercer		Denton County FWSD 6 & 7
Terry Naulty (for Frank Pugsley)		City of Denton
Michael Nieswiadomy	Present	University of North Texas
Larry Patterson	Present	UTRWD
Zachary Peoples		City of Dallas
Steve Pettit	Present	City of Irving
Jerry Pressley	Present	City of Fort Worth
Jeff Price		City of Mansfield

NAME		ORGANIZATION
Eric Robison	Present	City of Richardson
Kelly Rouse		City of Lewisville
Craig Schkade		Hillwood Properties
Meghna Tare	Present	UT - Arlington
Danielle Tucker	Present	DEVA Service's
Stacy Walters	Present	City of Fort Worth
Sally Wright	Present	City of Dallas

