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SUMMARY

TMDL Implementation Plan Updates and Next Steps Meeting

Monday, November 3, 2025

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Virtual Meeting, via Microsoft Teams

1. Welcome and Introductions.

Meeting attendees introduced themselves via the chat, and included the following:

Susan Alvarez, North Central Texas Council of Governments
Nixalis Benitez, City of Fort Worth
Heather Berryman, Fort Worth
Erin Blackman, North Central Texas Council of Governments
Sophia Briones, City of Dallas
Clifford Creeks, City of Dallas
Madelline Cullison, City of Arlington
Nolan Cummings, Consultant
Joy Douglas, North Central Texas Council of Governments
Brigette Gibson, City of Arlington
Samantha Gonzalez, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Kevin Hill, City of Dallas
Jeremy Hogg, City of Hurst
Alyssa Knox, North Central Texas Council of Governments
Caleb Luebbert, City of Euless
Webster Mangham, Trinity River Authority
Hope Mathis, City of Fort Worth
Carlos Navarro-Servin, City of Dallas
Meagan Palliwoda, City of Fort Worth
Julianne Ragland, City of Fort Worth
Randy
Anthony Rust, Trinity River Authority
Hannah Smith, City of Keller
Jorge Torres-Arellano, City of Dallas
Christopher Wilson, City of Grand Prairie

2. Overview of TMDL Implementation Plan (I-Plan).

Joy Douglas (NCTCOG) provided a brief presentation on the purpose of the meeting and information on the TMDL I-Plan redevelopment process. Joy mentioned that the purpose of the TMDL I-Plan is to ensure the bacterial impairment mitigation efforts developed by and for the cities and counties in the project area are being addressed and managed in accordance with the nine strategies laid out in the I-Plan. The I-Plan puts the TMDL into action by outlining the steps necessary to reduce pollutant loads and restore water quality in impaired water bodies. The I-Plan pinpoints the sources of pollutants within the watershed, sets reduction goals, establishes specific targets for reducing pollutant levels, details the regulatory and voluntary activities needed to achieve these goals, and involves local



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communities, governments, and organizations in the implementation process. The I-Plan is essential for translating the scientific goals of the TMDL into practical, actionable steps to improve water quality.

3. **Recap of TMDL I-Plan Strategy Meetings.** NCTCOG will provide an overview of the seven Task Force meetings that took place, including status updates and preliminary feedback received. Attendees will have the opportunity to provide feedback on each of the individual strategies.

Joy Douglas highlighted the efforts to seek feedback on the I-Plan strategies to date. During late winter and spring of this year, NCTCOG hosted seven strategy Task Force meetings. The strategies include voluntary activities designed to improve water quality while establishing antidegradation procedures through regular evaluation of I-Plan components. Within each of the activities are Potential Load Reductions, Technical and Financial Assistance Needed, an Education Component, Schedule of Implementation, Interim Milestones, Progress Indicators, a Monitoring Component and Responsible Entities. As outlined in the I-Plan, periodic revisions need to take place to ensure the sustainability of the measures and goals within the long-range planning document. Joy mentioned the type of feedback received on each of the following strategies and where additional input is needed.

- **1.0: Wastewater:** This strategy includes implementation activities such as sanitary sewer overflow prevention; effluent monitoring; fats, oils, and grease program participation; etc. Task Force members gave revision input on this strategy during their February 2025 meeting. Joy highlighted a few of those revisions, including updating the “schedule of implementation” and “interim, measurable milestone” with more realistic goals for select activities.
- **2.0: Stormwater:** This strategy includes implementation activities such as BMP pilot projects and funding, regional stormwater management program participation, local SEPs, land use business operations, etc. Task Force members gave revision input on this strategy in their February 2025 meeting. Joy highlighted a few of those revisions, including reallocating strategy 2.0.1.2 measures to the 7.0 Education and Outreach strategy due to interest in revamping the Pollution Prevention Peer-to-Peer program.
- **3.0: Planning and Development:** Task Force members did not provide feedback at their March 2025 meeting. This strategy is discussed further in agenda item four.
- **4.0: Pets, Livestock and Wildlife:** This strategy includes implementation activities such as feral hog management, livestock evaluation, avian management planning, etc. Task Force members gave revision input on this strategy during their March 2025 meeting. Joy highlighted a few of those revisions, including updating the “interim, measurable milestone” to access outreach more accurately.
- **5.0: On-site Sewage Facilities:** This strategy includes implementation activities such as OSSF education for homeowners and real estate agents, ATU maintenance, etc. Task Force members gave revision input on this strategy during their April 2025 meeting. Joy highlighted a few of those revisions, including updating the “education component” to include more comprehensive and accessible outreach and educational materials.
- **6.0: Monitoring Coordination:** NCTCOG sought feedback from meeting participants on whether to delete or keep this strategy at the request of Monitoring Coordination I-Plan Strategy Task Force. This strategy is discussed further in agenda item four.
- **7.0: Education and Outreach:** This strategy includes implementation activities such as bacteria specific outreach, TEA curriculum, online BMP library, etc. Task Force members gave revision input on this strategy during their April 2025 meeting. Joy highlighted a few of those revisions, including updating the “education component” to include more comprehensive and



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accessible outreach and educational materials. Task Force members did not provide feedback at their May 2025 meeting.

4. **Request for Feedback on Strategies 3.0 and 6.0.** NCTCOG is requesting feedback specifically on strategies 3.0 (Planning and Development) and 6.0 (Monitoring Coordination) at the request of Task Force members and stakeholders. Attendees will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the two strategies.

Joy Douglas sought detailed feedback specifically for strategies 3.0: Planning and Development and 6.0: Monitoring Coordination because it was requested by the Task Force members to get a consensus from all the stakeholders and partners involved.

The focus of implementation activities for strategy 3.0 consists of green infrastructure and low impact development standards adoption by municipalities for internal projects and ordinances, municipal ordinance evaluation, and construction site standards. The following feedback/discussions occurred:

- Brigitte Gibson (City of Arlington) asked for clarity on the monitoring component and what progress details MS4s were reporting annually to the Coordination Committee. Joy Douglas explained that the reporting could be every five years if that would be more feasible, but we could still track annual reporting internally if that would be more feasible.
- Brigitte Gibson (City of Arlington) noted that measures for tracking should be quantifiable. The construction site standards in strategy 3.0 are dependent on other external factors like staffing capacity and implementation focus for each entity.
- Brigitte Gibson (City of Arlington) asked for direction on what MS4s, stakeholders, and other interested parties should be evaluating during the I-Plan revisions process. Joy explained that the goal is to ensure that the I-Plan remains a living and usable document that implements the goals of bacterial impairment reduction. Sam Gonzalez (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) concurred and further elaborated saying that we want to make sure that the I-Plan document continually accommodates the needs of the rapidly growing Texas population.

The focus of implementation for strategy 6.0 consists of routine sampling and data assessment for BMP efficacy, source identification, and monitoring coordination forum. Further deliberation was requested for this strategy by the Monitoring Coordination Task Force members during their April 2025 meeting. It was suggested that this strategy be deleted and redistributed amongst the other eight strategies. The following feedback/discussions occurred:

- Megan Paliwoda (City of Fort Worth) asked if there was a benefit to getting rid of strategy 6.0 and redistributing to the others. Joy Douglas explained that the benefit would be less redundancy. Megan indicated that there could be important elements that don't carry over and are specific to strategy 6.0 due to sampling activities of different entities/MS4s. Joy concluded that it would be best to rework the redundant parts and reallocate them into other strategies as needed, but maintain the existing implementation scope in the I-Plan.

5. **Anticipated Timeline and Future Meetings.** NCTCOG will present the anticipated timeline for redevelopment of the I-Plan Strategies and overall document, along with future Task Force meeting dates and other activities.

Joy Douglas presented the following timeline of the next steps:



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- Through Fall 2025 and early Winter 2025/2026: NCTCOG will continue drafting revisions to I-Plan strategies, and make necessary updates to maps, tables, and other pertinent information.
- January 16, 2026: The final deadline for stakeholders to provide feedback on the I-Plan strategies.
- Spring 2026: NCTCOG will finalize draft revisions that incorporate feedback as appropriate. NCTCOG will provide another opportunity for stakeholders to view the final draft revisions.
- Summer 2026: NCTCOG will present the finalized draft revisions to the TMDL-CC.

6. **Adjournment.**

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Joy Douglas at (817) 422-5876, or by email at jdouglas@nctcog.org.

If you plan to attend this meeting and you have a disability or language need requiring special arrangements, please contact Ashley Barnett at (817) 608-2363 or abarnett@nctcog.org, 72 hours prior to the meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.