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# SUMMARY

Trinity River COMMON VISION Steering Committee

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

9:30 AM, Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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1. **Welcome and Introductions** (Jai-W Hayes-Jackson)

The meeting began with an introduction of all present.

## PROGRAM UPDATES

2. **Presentation on Trinity River COMMON VISION**

- a. Overview of Trinity River COMMON VISION and the Corridor Development Certificate (CDC) Program (Edith Marvin)

Edith Marvin presented an overview of the Trinity COMMON VISION program history and the goals of the program. Program participants currently include ten cities, four counties, and two special districts in North Central Texas.

3. **Trinity River COMMON VISION Work Program Overview and Activities Update.**

NCTCOG staff will provide an overview and update of the listed activities of the Trinity River COMMON VISION Program:

- Update of the CDC Manual to the 5th Edition (Lisa Biggs)

Lisa Biggs (City of Fort Worth) described major revisions for the 5<sup>th</sup> edition manual and the update process for having the combined model. Updates will include:

- CDC certificate will be valid for two years with 3, one-year extensions
- Added model maintenance fee to go with new requirements post construction
- Added FAQs for floodplain administrators and for the public
- More logical structure

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Next steps: Complete final revisions to compile a draft. The goal is to have the revised manual completed and rolled out at the same time as the new consolidated NFIP-CDC model this fall. Another goal is to update the manual every year.

- Update to the newly georeferenced NFIP/CDC Consolidated Model to include future flows and permitted projects (USACE)

Jerry Cotter (USACE) describes the big picture of the effort to consolidate model. Efforts address two sets of technology, tools, and data that support NFIP and the CDC program to limit loss of valley storage. The goal is to consolidate so the models get updated after construction occurs and to merge technologies, tools, and data to accomplish this. Rather than the current practice of updating with new projects every five years or so in a big, costly effort, one model will serve multiple purposes. The actions required to do this include:

- Restructuring the models,
- Adding East Fork and Lower Main Stem,
- Developing technology needed.

The Main Stem model is being extended through Ellis County. Release of the Main Stem model is projected as Fall 2022. The East Fork will be released in approximately a year.

- East Fork Trinity and Denton Creek Community Integration (Jai-W Hayes-Jackson)

Jai-W Hayes-Jackson (NCTCOG) provides a history of efforts to reach out to these communities and the plan to do more outreach.

Edith Marvin (NCTCOG) expressed support from Dallas County in trying to move this program forward.

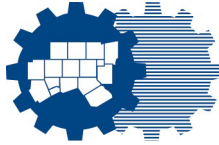
Lissa Sheppard (Dallas County) volunteered to include outreach as a part of the Dallas County Inland Port Flood Planning Study to help the projected communities understand the importance of joining the CDC program.

- CDC Permitting Update (Jai-W Hayes-Jackson)

Jai-W Hayes-Jackson (NCTCOG) told the committee that 19 CDC applications have been received in FY22 as of September 21, 2022, bringing the total applications since the beginning of the program to 249.

- FEMA 4-day National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Course (Jai-W Hayes-Jackson)

NCTCOG will be hosting FEMA L-273 NFIP course and exam for the 26<sup>th</sup> year. The four-day course will be November 14-17 and the exam on November 18. COMMON VISION members receive priority registration that opened Monday September 19<sup>th</sup> and will go through October 3. Registration will then open to general public.



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- Elected Officials Seminar and Community Rating System (CRS) Meeting (Erin Blackman)

Erin Blackman (NCTCOG) presented an update on the combined Elected Officials and CRS Users Group meeting. Registration for this meeting is required. The meeting will be in person at NCTCOG, October 25, 9:30-11:30 AM.

- OneRain Flood Early Warning System (Jai-W Hayes-Jackson)

Jai-W Hayes-Jackson (NCTCOG) described program and provided Sue Swenor's (OneRain) contact information.

### ACTION ITEMS

4. **Summary of September 2021 Common Vision Steering Committee Meeting.** The summary of the 2021 meeting is [available online](#) for review. (Jai-W Hayes-Jackson)

Jai-W Hayes-Jackson (NCTCOG) asks for a motion and a second.

Motion – Mayor TJ Gilmore (City of Lewisville); 2<sup>nd</sup> – Craig Ottman (TRWD). None opposed. Summary approved.

5. **Approval of FY 23 Trinity River COMMON VISION Work Program and budget.** The Flood Management Task Force (FMTF) met May 27<sup>th</sup> and assisted NCTCOG with the selection of work program items presented for the upcoming fiscal year. The FMTF approved the FY 23 Work Program on August 19<sup>th</sup> and recommended Trinity River COMMON VISION Steering Committee approval. (Jai-W Hayes-Jackson)

Edith Marvin (NCTCOG) describes the work plan, which includes tasks the COMMON VISION program plans to accomplish over the next year. The cost for the work program activities will be \$170,692.

Edith Marvin asks for a motion and a second to approve the work program.

Motion – Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell (Denton County); 2<sup>nd</sup> – Councilmember Jared Williams (City of Fort Worth)

None opposed. Work plan approved.

### RELATED ACTIVITIES

- Trinity River National Water Trail Update (Jai-W Hayes-Jackson)

Jai-W Hayes-Jackson (NCTCOG) gave an update on the efforts of the Trinity Coalition and NCTCOG to form the Trinity River National Water Trail Task Force. The Task Force was formed to support the Trinity River Paddling Trail's new National Water Trail designation through the National Park Service, as granted in October 2020. The next meeting will be November 1, 2022.

- Upper Trinity River Basin Transportation Stormwater Integration (Edith Marvin)

Edith Marvin (NCTCOG) gave an update on the past year of the Transportation Stormwater Integration project. With upstream areas of the Trinity River rapidly growing in population, study areas were chosen that are still developing so the project can get in front of the development and conduct stormwater planning typically not done in advance. Partners include USACE, UTA, Texas A&M, and TRWD. The project will provide maps and models of 2070 flows to estimate runoff after the area is developed. A goal is to have transportation systems support stormwater systems. The study team is planning to provide policies and guidelines that communities can adopt during development. This will be a 3-year project. The first outreach meetings were held in August.

Jerry Cotter (USACE) expressed that this is an incredibly complex project and that the USACE is excited to be working to prevent flooding than what is more typical -- reacting to flooding.

- Funding Opportunities for Flood-Related Projects (Edith Marvin)

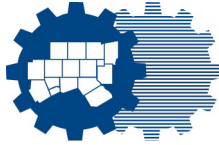
Edith Marvin (NCTCOG) said that as projects are identified, there is funding available from Texas Water Development Board, Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas General Land Office, and FEMA. NCTCOG can partner with communities who want to implement a project. NCTCOG is also coordinating with the Trinity River Regional Flood Planning Group to ensure the projects can be included in their plan so the projects are eligible for funding.

- Participation in FEMA's Cooperating Technical Partnership (CTP) Program (Jai-W Hayes-Jackson)

Jai-W Hayes-Jackson (NCTCOG) gave an overview of the completed Discovery projects, as well as the upcoming Discovery meetings for the Upper West Fork Trinity watershed in January 2023. Pre-Discovery meetings will occur the last week of September 2022. Discovery projects are studies in which NCTCOG and its current contractor, Half Associates, seek information from communities about their flooding issues. These issues are documented to progress toward flood risk mapping. FEMA funds up to 75% of these studies.

- Integrated Stormwater Management (iSWM) Update (Casey Cannon)

Casey Cannon (NCTCOG) gave an overview of the iSWM program. Goals of the program include helping communities address flooding and streambank erosion. Additional goals include development and maintenance of resources such as technical and criteria manuals that cities and counties can adopt. iSWM has a certification process so cities and counties that adopt criteria can be recognized.



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- The role of USACE as Technical Advisor (USACE)  
Jerry Cotter (USACE) gave a broad overview of the technical projects that USACE has undertaken in support of the Trinity River COMMON VISION program. Jerry also provided details on three recent and ongoing studies conducted by the USACE Fort Worth District: the Trinity River Watershed Hydrology Assessment, the Regional Storm Shifting Study, and the Texas Storm Study.

Communities can take advantage of this technology. USACE spent \$2.5 million on re-determining what the 100-year rainfall is. Jerry showed that the current 100-year floodplain is not capturing everything that is going on and that adjustments are being made. A \$1 million Watershed Hydrology Assessment is also being incorporated. There will be 100% coverage for state for hydraulic models. All these tools and data can be used on other projects. Technology and data developed in the past 10 years are tremendous, but communities need to take advantage of them.

### OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

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

Jai-W Hayes-Jackson (NCTCOG) invites communities to speak.

- City of Grand Prairie – Ryan Harrell: Appreciated Jerry’s discussion of technology. Upcoming development is going on around the Trinity River. Interested in applying USACE studies to it.
- City of Fort Worth – Councilmember Jared Williams: Thanks for COMMON VISION efforts, grateful to be a partner. Proud of work that was presented.
- City of Lewisville – Jeff Kelly: Have CDC new application coming in.
- Dallas County –
  - i. Alberta Blair: Appreciated the presentation, may want to talk to Edith about giving update to Southern Dallas cities.
  - ii. Tushar Solanki: Conducting a TWDB study; continued to invite NCTCOG to reach out to all stakeholders and communities, gearing up for first public meeting in next couple of months.
- TRA – Glenn Clingenpeel: The first draft of the Trinity River Flood Plan was approved; expect comments back in October 2022.
- USACE – Jerry Cotter – Funding is available to help communities take advantage of new technologies.

7. **Adjournment.**

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

<b>Attendance List</b>	
Matt Brennan	City of Carrollton
Tam Vu	City of Dallas
Council Member Jared Williams	City of Fort Worth
Lisa Biggs	City of Fort Worth
Clair Davis	City of Fort Worth
Ryan Harrell	City of Grand Prairie
Noreen Housewright	City of Grand Prairie
Garry Fennell	City of Irving
Mayor TJ Gilmore	City of Lewisville
Jeff Kelly	City of Lewisville
Lissa Sheppard	Dallas County
Alberta Blair	Dallas County
Tushar Solanki	Dallas County
Jurmerline Randle	Dallas County
Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell	Denton County
Jacob Lesue	Dewberry
Jerri Daniels	Dewberry
Garrett Moore	Kaufman County
Jai-W Hayes-Jackson	NCTCOG
Edith Marvin	NCTCOG
Kate Zielke	NCTCOG
Erin Blackman	NCTCOG
Casey Cannon	NCTCOG
Blake Crosby	Rodriguez Transportation Group
Glen Clingenpeel	TRA
Lisa Hembry	TRA
Mangham Webster	TRA
Craig Ottman	TRWD
Zach Huff	TRWD
David Mass	TX GLO
Jerry Cotter	USACE
Mike Danella	USACE

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