



## North Central Texas Council of Governments

# SUMMARY

### **Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable**

Thursday, October 20, 2022, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Metroplex Conference Room, NCTCOG Offices

616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011

Chair: Duy Vu, City of Cedar Hill

Vice Chair: Ignacio Beltran, City of Irving

1. **Welcome and Introductions.**
2. **Meeting Summary.** The [July 21, 2022 meeting summary](#) is available online for your review.

The July 21, 2022 meeting summary was approved.

3. **Member Highlight Presentation.** Duy Vu, City of Cedar Hill, will present Cedar Hill's new household hazardous waste (HHW) home pickup program through WM's At-Your-Door.

Duy Vu, City of Cedar Hill, shared a presentation on the new program for collecting household hazardous waste at residential homes through WM's At-Your-Door service. The presentation included statistics on participation, amounts collected, and more. The presentation is [available online for review](#).

4. **Annual Holiday Grease Roundup Update.** NCTCOG will provide an update on the upcoming Holiday Grease Roundup event, scheduled for November 14, 2022 through January 9, 2023.

The Ninth Annual Holiday Grease Roundup has 43 participants and 65 drop off locations and is scheduled for November 14, 2022 through January 9, 2023. NCTCOG is working to update the website and associated marketing materials and will distribute as appropriate.

5. **Promotional Activities Update.** NCTCOG will provide an update on promotional activities and provide analytics from the Defend Your Drains website and social media activities. Additionally, NCTCOG will request feedback on future promotional activities from members during the meeting.

NCTCOG shared analytics from the Defend Your Drains North Texas social media posts and website. Attendees discussed the social media calendar/schedule and Spanish video translations.

6. **Statewide FOG and Non-Flushables Campaign Discussion.** NCTCOG and attendees will discuss the [Water Environment Association of Texas's \(WEAT\) statewide campaign](#) that includes digital marketing materials, animated videos, and more. NCTCOG will also request feedback from attendees on potentially participating as a partner in this campaign.

Attendees discussed potential participation in the Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT) Unflushables campaign. Attendees instructed NCTCOG to continue seeking additional information on this campaign and potential impacts on Defend Your Drains North Texas messaging.

7. **Regional Training Discussion.** NCTCOG will request input from attendees on potential topics and scheduling for the FY2023 regional training.

Attendees selected Field Technician Training for the FY2023 training topic. This training will likely be held in Irving in Spring 2023 and will include presentations from the Cities of Irving and Grand Prairie.

8. **FY2023 Work Program Update.** NCTCOG will provide a brief update on the FY2023 Work Program, including preliminary budget and commitments received. NCTCOG will also present the FY2022 WATER Work Program Summary.

NCTCOG presented the [FY2022 WATER Work Program Summary](#), which is available online for review. NCTCOG also provided an update on the preliminary FY2023 budget and tasks. NCTCOG is accepting commitments for FY2023 via email at [hallen@nctcog.org](mailto:hallen@nctcog.org).

Attendees discussed the needs to potentially increase cost-share amounts and how to increase overall participation. NCTCOG will be distributing a survey to determine cost-share needs in 2023.

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

The Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Wastewater Technical Subcommittee is seeking feedback on the draft “*No Muss, No Fuss – Be Wise When You Flush*” educational explainer [video](#) and [script](#).

The North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge [wrap up report](#), [infographic](#), and [post-event survey](#) are now available.

The Trash Free Waters Single-Use Plastic Reduction Workgroup meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2022 at 2:30 PM via Microsoft Teams.

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

The City of Cedar Hill is hosting a community cleanup challenge soon.

The City of Arlington participated in National Night Out and provided wastewater specific giveaways.

The City of Mesquite participated in Movie in the Park night and provided handouts and educational materials utilizing their educational van.

The City of Plano recently completed an educational brochure for their FOG program.

11. **Schedule for the Next WATER Meeting.** The next WATER meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 2, 2023 at 10:00 AM. The location for this meeting is to be determined.

The next WATER meeting is scheduled to be held in person at NCTCOG Offices.

12. **Adjournment.**

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Hannah Allen at (817) 695-9215 or [hallen@nctcog.org](mailto:hallen@nctcog.org). If you plan to attend this public meeting and you have a disability that requires special arrangements, please contact Lili Sheppard at (817) 695-9210 or [lsheppard@nctcog.org](mailto:lsheppard@nctcog.org) at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.



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**MEMBERS:**

NAME	ATTENDED	REPRESENTS
Joe Gildersleeve		City of Arlington
Kimberly Paris		City of Arlington
Traci Peterson	<i>T. Peterson</i>	City of Arlington
Duy Vu	<i>Duy Vu</i>	City of Cedar Hill
Amber Beard		City of Colleyville
Jon Escamilla		City of Colleyville
Jordan Wilson		City of Denton
David Dunn		City of Duncanville
Cindy Mendez		City of Grand Prairie
Jody Cason	<i>Eric Steen</i>	City of Grand Prairie
Gregory Van Nieuwenhuize		City of Haltom City
Oleksandra Bikman		City of Haltom City
Scott Kriston		City of Highland Village
Ignacio Beltran	<i>Ignacio Beltran</i>	City of Irving
Eddie King	<i>Eddie King</i>	City of Irving
Jacie Lewis	<i>Jacie Lewis</i>	City of Irving
Justin Maness		City of Lewisville
Kimberly Morris	<i>K. Morris</i>	City of Lewisville
Jae-Do Tae	<i>J Tae</i>	City of Lewisville
Howard Redfearn		City of Mansfield
Becca Sales		City of Mansfield
Annie Mattia		City of McKinney
Tuan Ngo	<i>Tuan Ngo</i>	City of North Richland Hills
Bobbi Bryan	<i>Bobbi Bryan</i>	North Texas Municipal Water District
Helen Dulac		North Texas Municipal Water District
Brooke Noack		North Texas Municipal Water District
Echo Rexroad	<i>Roman Mullen/Jeff Smith</i>	City of Plano
Teri McBride		City of Richardson
Gayle Copening		City of Richardson
Janice Tower		City of Richardson
Brice Nieto		Trinity River Authority
Mayra Cordova-Garcia		Trinity River Authority
Tommy Weir		City of Wylie
Albert Garza		City of Wylie



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Grace Darling	Ace
Asciatu Whittier	DFW Airp.
Brent Gandy	Mesquite