

North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Water Resources Council

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

In-Person at NCTCOG

William Pitstick Conference Room, First Floor

616 Six Flags Drive

Arlington, Texas 76011

Chair: Glenn Clingenpeel, Trinity River Authority

Vice-Chair: Stacy Walters, City of Fort Worth

1. Welcome and Introductions.

ACTION ITEM

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

Larry Patterson, Upper Trinity Regional Water District, made a motion to approve the October 12, 2022 meeting summary, and Wes Kucera, City of Garland, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

3. 88th Texas Legislative Session: Discussion and Updates. NCTCOG staff will be tracking water-related bills and will provide an update on bills filed so far. Attendees are also asked to share what they are tracking and/or topics of interest.

In addition to the bills listed in the meeting presentation, the WRC mentioned additional bills: HB 2178, and the general appropriations bills. HB 1278 requires newspapers who have websites to also publish public notices from governmental entities on the newspaper's webpage, at no additional cost. A more in-depth discussion of this legislative session is anticipated at the next meeting.

4. Development of the 2023 Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP). NCTCOG will provide an overview of the required tasks and timeline of the 2023 WQMP.

NCTCOG staff reported on the tasks underway for the 2023 WQMP. These tasks include the continuation of efforts to map the locations of permitted on-site sewage facilities in the region, updating the base layer maps with data from the latest *Texas Integrated Report*, and updating the boundaries of water and wastewater service areas in the region. The WRC suggested adding the locations of new or renewed permit outfalls and their size, either as a map or an appendix. NCTCOG will work to include this data. The draft 2023 WQMP will be available for 30-day public review in June 2023, and the final deliverable is due on August 30, 2023.

5. 2023 Water Resources Questionnaire. To be distributed to the region in late January 2023, NCTCOG staff will briefly review the [draft questions](#) and welcome any input from attendees.

The WRC provided this feedback on the questionnaire: 1) Re-word the question on climate resilience to avoid missing responses from those who are already implementing efforts on climate resilience; 2) Add a question on the water benefits of composting; and 3) Request information about internal water programs.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

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

a. Upcoming NCTCOG Webinars

- Topic: Examples of no-mow/buffer zones in the region. Date: TBD.
- Trash Free Texas Project Webinar. Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Link to come via email.
[Note that this webinar was moved to March 1, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.](#)

b. North Central Texas Watershed Stakeholders Meeting.

- Thursday, March 16, 2023. In-Person at NCTCOG, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
[Add to Calendar](#)

c. North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge – Spring 2023.

- Join the challenge and compete to see which entity in the NCTCOG region can collect the most litter. Rally your volunteers and record your data!
- All your entity's events held from March 1 – May 31, 2023 are eligible. Email with more information to come.
- NCTCOG staff contact: Crysta Guzman, cguzman@nctcog.org.

d. Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Program Updates.

- [NCTCOG's TMDL Committees and TMDL Webpage](#)
- NCTCOG staff contact: Hannah Allen, hallen@nctcog.org.

e. Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable (WATER).

- Next [WATER](#) Meeting. Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. In-person at NCTCOG Offices. [Add to Calendar](#)
- NCTCOG staff contact: Hannah Allen, hallen@nctcog.org.

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

The following future agenda items were provided:

- Preparations by entities in the region for climate change impacts of heat, drought, and increased flooding incidents;
- Update on the 88th Texas Legislative Session;
- Update on the current drought conditions and any continuing impact on water supply;
- Update on the development of the new State Water Plan and changes to cost estimates and boundaries;
- TCEQ's Regionalization Guidance (and how it is being implemented with the rapid growth in the region);
- Labor and supply chain issues; and,
- PFAS (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) and their presence in leachate.

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

- An update was provided on the City of Dripping Springs court case, which was discussed at a past meeting. The court in El Paso remanded the Travis County court decision. The Travis County court reversed TCEQ's decision to issue the City of Dripping Springs its requested wastewater discharge permit.
- Celina now has a member on Upper Trinity Regional Water District's Board.
- The Texas Water Development Board is willing to work with NCTCOG on outreach regarding financing for water projects.
- There was an in-depth discussion of water conservation measures in the region and their impact. Members discussed training landscapers, mailings targeted to the top 50 water users, and replacing water meters that were under-measuring water use.
- WRC members shared that 2022 water use was higher than normal.
- Risa Weinberger, Risa Weinberger & Associates, is the lead on a NCTCOG solid waste-funded study to examine: 1) The processing capacity of organic waste in the region; 2) The market for supporting increased recovery of organic waste; and, 3) The locations in the region where there is generation of organic waste, but not substantial processing capacity. An Organic Waste Advisory Group is forming to provide input into this study. WRC members are encouraged to join and help guide the data collection. Only 2-3 meetings of the group are anticipated. If you are interested in participating, please contact Breanne Johnson, NCTCOG, at bjohnson@nctcog.org.
- NCTCOG is applying for a solid waste grant funded through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and administered by U.S. EPA. The application is due on February 15, 2023.
- NCTCOG will be contracting with the State Energy Conservation Office to look at weatherization in utilities.

9. Next Meeting. The next WRC meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 12, 2023** at 10:30 a.m. Online. [Add to Calendar](#)

Meeting Dates for Remainder of 2023:

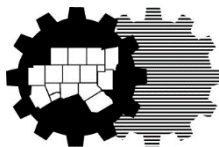
- Wednesday, July 12, 2023 – NCTCOG [Add to Calendar](#)
- Wednesday, October 11, 2023 – Online [Add to Calendar](#)

10. 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 Liliana Sheppard by phone at (817) 695-9231 or by email at lsheppard@nctcog.org 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.

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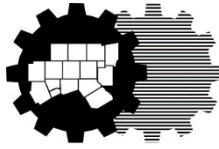


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SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME		ORGANIZATION
Mike Adams	Present	City of Midlothian
Tiffany Bruce		Town of Flower Mound
Dan Buhman		TRWD
Glenn Clingenpeel	Present	TRA
Grace Darling		Arlington Conservation Council
Greg Dickens		City of Hurst
Stephen Gay		City of Denton
Billy George		NTMWD
Joshua Howard		Johnson County Special Utility District
Rachel Ickert	Present	TRWD
Sabaa Ismail		Walter P Moore
Matthew Jalbert, P.E.	Present	Trinity River Authority
Tim James		Halff Associates
Gabe Johnson		City of Grand Prairie
Wilson Kakembo	Present	Town of Addison
Wes Kucera	Present	City of Garland
Terry Lowery		City of Dallas
Kevin Mercer		Denton County FWSD 6 & 7
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	Present	City of Mansfield
Eric Robison	Present	City of Richardson
Kelly Rouse	Present	City of Lewisville

NAME		ORGANIZATION
Craig Schkade		Hillwood Properties
Meghna Tare		UT - Arlington
Danielle Tucker	Present	DEVA Service's
Caroline Waggoner		City of North Richland Hills
Stacy Walters		City of Fort Worth
Sally Wright		City of Dallas



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GUEST SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME	EMAIL	ORGANIZATION
Stephanie Griffin		Half
Scott Galaway		TWDB
Risa Weinberger		Risa Weinberger & Associates
Edith Marvin		NCTCOG
Elena Berg		NCTCOG