

North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable

Thursday, January 15, 2026

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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Conference ID: 352 475 296#

Chair: Andrea Chick, North Texas Municipal Water District

Vice Chair: Kimberly Morris, City of Lewisville

1. Welcome and Introductions.

2. Meeting Summary. The [October 16, 2025 meeting summary](#) is available online for your review.

The October 16, 2026 meeting summary was approved.

3. FY2026 Work Program Update. NCTCOG will share an update on the FY2026 Work Program, invoicing process, and anticipated tasks.

NCTCOG informed attendees that invoices were distributed via email in late December 2025. If you did not receive an invoice or have questions about participation in the WATER Work Program, please contact Hannah Ordonez at hordonez@nctcog.org. NCTCOG also shared that cost-sharing amounts are expected to remain the same, based on the 2026 NCTCOG Population Estimates.

4. Holiday Grease Roundup Update. NCTCOG will provide an update on the 2025 Holiday Grease Roundup.

NCTCOG provided an update on the 2025 Holiday Grease Roundup, which is slated to conclude on January 31, 2026. This year, the Holiday Grease Roundup had 49 participating partners. A post-event survey will be distributed to participating partners in February 2026.

5. Defend Your Drains North Texas Promotional Activities Discussion. NCTCOG will provide an update on activities and analytics from the Defend Your Drains website and social media activities. NCTCOG will also provide an update on the Vietnamese educational explainer video translations.

NCTCOG shared that the Vietnamese translations and voiceovers for the wastewater educational explainer videos are complete and is aiming to have all ten videos completed by Fall 2026. NCTCOG also provided a brief update on social media and website traffic.

6. Municipal Staff Training Discussion. NCTCOG will seek feedback from attendees on potential training topics.

Attendees discussed the need for a workshop or panel discussion on wipes education, including a session on why wipes are a large issue for wastewater facilities and then an open-floor discussion on successes and challenges for educating the public about the issue of wipes in pipes.

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

The WIPES Act (Wastewater Infrastructure Pollution Prevention and Environmental Safety Act) has been introduced to the Senate in September 2025, with no further action.

The Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Program is seeking feedback on the revised Implementation Plan Strategies. **Strategies 1.0 Wastewater and 5.0 On-Site Sewage Facilities** are posted on the TMDL Coordination Committee webpage for review. Please provide feedback to Joy Douglas at jdouglas@nctcoog.org.

The 2026 North Central Texas Watershed Stakeholders Meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2026 at 10:00 AM, in the Pitstick Conference Room, NCTCOG Offices. RSVP for this event here: <https://www.addevent.com/event/93thd6zv8f9k>.

The 27th Annual Public Works Roundup is scheduled for August 20, 2026 at the Hurst Conference Center. NCTCOG is seeking topic and presentation ideas by March 31, 2026 via this survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/uEcL9vU95U>.

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

The North Texas Municipal Water District had a successful Holiday Grease Roundup event through additional social media posts and other efforts. NTWMD will also be hosting a ribbon cutting event for their newest wastewater facility in New Hope, TX and offered to host a future WATER meeting at this location.

The City of Frisco shared information about their recently launched composting program, which collected 90 pounds of compostable material in the first two days of the program!

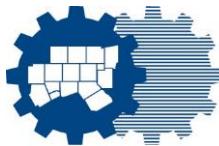
The Texas A&M Forest Service has grants available for Community Forestry, including grants for Municipal Forests, Workforce Development, Watershed Protection Implementation, and more. Additional information is available online here: <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/grants-financial-assistance/community-grants-and-programs/community-forestry-grants/>.

The City of Keller has collected double the amount of cooking oil/grease in this year's Holiday Grease Roundup as compared to last year's event.

The City of Arlington expressed additional participation in their Holiday Grease Roundup but also expressed concerns with the customer service from the current grease collection vendor partner.

The City of Lewisville shared some of their practices from this year's Holiday Grease Roundup, including the addition of a QR code survey at their drop off location for participants to be entered into a prize.

The City of Mansfield will be starting tours of their pump stations and water tours to small groups soon.



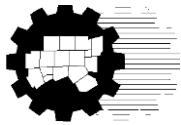
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9. **Schedule for the Next WATER Meeting.** The next WATER meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 16, 2026, at the Chris W. Burkett Service Center in Mansfield.

10. **Adjournment.**

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Hannah Ordonez at (817) 695-9215 or hordonez@nctcog.org.

If you plan to attend this public meeting and you have a disability or language need that requires special arrangements, please contact Ashley Barnett at (817) 608-2363 or ABarnett@nctcog.org at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.



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GUESTS:

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Tuan Ngo	City of North Richland Hills
Josh Newcomb	City of Arlington
Andrea Chick	North Texas Municipal Water District
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