



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable

Tuesday, November 6, 2018
10:00 a.m., Regional Forum Room
NCTCOG Offices, CPII
616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011

Chair: Duy Vu, City of Cedar Hill
Vice Chair: Elijah Dorminy, City of Irving

1. **Welcome and Introductions.**

NCTCOG welcomed all members and guests to the Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable (WATER) meeting.

2. **FY2019 Work Program Discussion.** NCTCOG will provide an update regarding the FY2019 WATER Work Program including the preliminary budget and priorities for FY19.

NCTCOG is still accepting commitment forms for this fiscal year. There is a current committed funding level of \$36,950.

The FY2019 Work Program and the Commitment Response Form can be found [here](#).

3. **2018 Holiday Grease Roundup Update.** NCTCOG will provide an update on the FY19 Holiday Grease Roundup.

NCTCOG provided an update regarding the upcoming Holiday Grease Roundup. The Roundup will take place from November 26, 2018 to January 7, 2019. Promotional materials have been distributed. Containers and collection will be provided free of charge by American BioSource.

If any participating city or organization has not received the promotional materials or wishes to participate, please contact Hannah Allen at hallen@nctcog.org.

Information on pickup locations based on cities can be found on the [Defend Your Drains Holiday Grease Roundup campaign webpage](#).

4. **Regional Training Update.** NCTCOG will provide details from the Grease Interceptor Inspector Training that was held on October 1 and 2, 2018. NCTCOG will seek feedback on the training schedule and topics going forward.

NCTCOG provided details regarding the recent Grease Interceptor Inspector Training taught by Neal Klimek, of Knowgrease Services Inc. on October 1 and 2, 2018. The training had 25 attendees with a wait list of 6 people. Topics covered included wastewater collection system concerns, commercial inspections, grease vessel information and site visits. NCTCOG also provided details from the evaluations received from attendees. Of 13 responses, 100% answered the class met their expectations but many believed the training could be shortened to 1.5 days.

The group suggested potential future training topics including pretreatment/back-flow, wastewater/potable water sampling and a Clean Hands program.



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5. **Social Media Campaign Update.** NCTCOG will provide an update on the social media campaign and will discuss the revisions to the Defend Your Drains website. Additionally, NCTCOG will present an update on the Defend Your Drains deliverables.

NCTCOG intends to begin paid Facebook advertising in January 2019.

An overview of WATER group was given to the Water Resources Council (WRC) at the last meeting. The WRC suggested the WATER group consider a campaign targeting wipes due to the significant issues flushing wipes down the toilet is causing in the region. Promotional materials and images will be presented at the next WATER meeting for the group's review and feedback.

There was an in-depth discussion on incorporating other forms of advertisement, in addition to social media, in order to reach people who don't use social media. Radio or billboard ads were suggested as effective ways of advertising.

North Texas Municipal Water District also requested for a social media schedule be created and utilized to help the region with more consistent messaging.

6. **General Updates.** NCTCOG provides general updates on relevant programs and events.

The Water for Texas Conference will be held in Austin, Texas from January 23 to 25, 2019.

The FY2019 cooperative purchase will be facilitated similar to the North Texas SHARE contracts. NCTCOG will go to bid on a number of items, and the contract to purchase those items for the price procured will be available to all NCTCOG member governments for the time of the contract. Paper products such as bookmarks, brochures, and flyers will no longer be available for purchase, but the files will be made available at no cost. More information will be released at the next Public Education Task Force meeting on January 16, 2019.

The WRC's Water Resources Educational Clearinghouse Advisory Group's kick off meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2019. The Advisory Group will aid NCTCOG in constructing and maintaining a website platform that will house water-related resources from across the region. Members were asked to contact Hannah Allen at hallen@nctcog.org if they are interested in participating in the Advisory Group.

7. **Member Highlight Presentation: City of Irving.** Elijah Dorminy will share information about the City of Irving's Fats, Rags, Oils and Grease (FROG) program and their recent SSO Estimation project.

Elijah Dorminy, City of Irving, presented an overview of the city's Fats, Rags, Oils and Grease (FROG) program. They are currently reorganizing the program to have a more holistic approach that incorporates several staff. In addition to public outreach, the City of Irving also conducts targeted apartment outreach, grease trap inspections, and a curbside pickup program. The City of Irving has seen a decrease in apartment sanitary sewer overflows since informational flyers have been distributed. The department is also looking to incorporate new ordinance changes and GPS mapping all existing grease traps in their program.

8. **Roundtable.** The group shares what is happening in their communities.

City of Garland will be launching their FOG program in 2020 and will have a digital billboard for their Holiday Grease Roundup.



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City of Mesquite recently wrapped a new sewer camera van and is hiring a grease trap inspector.

North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) has had several partner meetings, established their social media calendar and have wrapped two vehicles for DYD outreach. They will be hosting their Holiday Grease roundup at their pre-treatment building.

City of Duncanville is promoting their annually Holiday Grease Roundup.

City of Frisco releases a FOG newsletter every Monday morning to their residents and will table an outreach table at city hall next to the Frisco Public library. They will also be participating at the city's Merry Main Street event, which will have 2 characters, "Santa Clog" and "Rudolph the Draindeer", to continue to promote their FOG program.

City of Cedar Hill will be having an Environmental Collection Day on December 1, 2018.

City of Irving is currently hiring grease trap inspectors.

City of Rockwall recently launched its FOG program in January 2018 and are looking for opportunities for additional training.

Dallas Water Utilities have promoted its FOG program by attending turkey giveaway events.

City of Arlington will be having Grease for Greens events during the week of November 26, 2018.

City of Denton have been distributing educational brochures to facilities on an annual basis and perform approximately 180 grease trap inspections per year.

City of McKinney launched their Stop the Clog program and has hosted 15 green seminars. They will also be hosting their 3rd annual newcomer event in January 2019.

City of North Richland Hills is participating in the city's Month Holiday Magic to promote the Holiday Grease Roundup.

City of Southlake has been identifying new food establishments and providing them with relevant information on FOG maintenance, contact information and more.

City of Mansfield hosted a new event, Turkey Palooza, which showcased several city departments and aided in the kick-off of their FOG program.

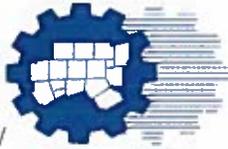
City of Richardson has established FOG ordinances, completed approximately 300 grease trap inspections with just one inspector and recently hired a new social media designer.

9. **Next Meeting Date.** Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Metroplex Conference Room.

10. **Adjournment.**

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

If you plan to attend this public meeting and you have a disability that requires special arrangements at the meeting, please contact Crysta Guzman at (817) 695-929231 or EandD@nctcog.org at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.



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Member Sign-in Sheet

NAME	SIGNATURE	ORGANIZATION
Fiona Allen		Trinity River Authority
Sean Aucoin		City of Frisco
Oleksandra Bikman		City of Keller
Remy Brown		Trinity River Authority
Bobbi Bryan		North Texas Municipal Water District
Dale Burrows		Trinity River Authority
Martha Cavazos Fipps		City of McKinney
Gerald Cosgrove		City of Plano
Martee Davis		City of Plano
Greg Dickens		City of Hurst
Joe Gildersleeve		City of Arlington
John Glover		City of Denton
Heather Goins		City of Denton
Katelyn Hearon		City of Lewisville
Mike Helms		North Texas Municipal Water District
Denise Hickey		North Texas Municipal Water District
Young Hour		Trinity River Authority
Gregg Kidd		City of Cedar Hill
Jimmy Knipp		City of Allen
Michelle Mann		City of Richardson
Katie Masucci		City of Plano
Teri McBride		City of Richardson Health Department
Donald McKinney		City of Duncanville
Valerie McKito		City of Frisco
Jennifer Moore		Trinity River Authority
Tom Moore <i>Elijah Dorkin</i>		City of Irving <i>(Tom Moore no longer w/City)</i>
David Moulton		City of Mansfield
Tuan Ngo		City of North Richland Hills
Brooke Noack		North Texas Municipal Water District
Traci Peterson		City of Arlington

SEE REVERSE

Howard Redfearn		City of Mansfield
Lorrie Reeves		City of Garland
Linden Shultz		City of Arlington
Ray Silva-Reyes		City of Red Oak
Elizabeth Turner		North Texas Municipal Water District
Duy Vu		City of Cedar Hill
Joyce Warren		City of Frisco

