

North Central Texas Council of Governments

# SUMMARY

## Regional Stormwater Management Coordinating Council

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Microsoft Teams

Chair: Krista Pender, City of Carrollton

Vice Chair: Kevin Hurley, City of Dallas

### 1. Welcome and Introductions.

## ACTION ITEMS

- 2. Regional Stormwater Management Coordinating Council (RSWMCC) Meeting Summary.** The November 9, 2022 draft meeting [summary](#) is available on the web for viewing.

Echo Rexroad, Plano, gave a motion to approve the November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting summary. The motion was seconded by Tracy Homfeld, Collin County. The meeting summary was approved with no changes.

## DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION ITEMS

- 3. FY23 RSWMCC Vacant Watershed Representative Election Results.** NCTCOG will announce the results of recent voting to fill vacant Watershed Representative positions.

The results of recent voting to fill two vacant Watershed Representative seats with interim representatives was presented. Danae Newman, City of Richardson, will fill a vacated seat on the East Fork and Jeff Haynes, DART, will fill a vacated seat on the Mainstem. Both interim seats will expire on September 30, 2023.

- 4. 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session Update.** NCTCOG staff will present a spreadsheet of relevant legislative bills.

A matrix of legislative bills that NCTCOG is following thus far on behalf of the Regional Stormwater Management Program members was presented to the group. NCTCOG staff are tracking bills related to stormwater, permitting, and other topics of concern. The matrix will be updated periodically throughout the 88<sup>th</sup> Texas legislative session and posted on the [committee page](#). The last day for lawmakers to file bills is March 10, 2023 and the last day of regular session is May 29, 2023. To suggest a bill that you would like staff to follow, please email [stormwater@nctcog.org](mailto:stormwater@nctcog.org).

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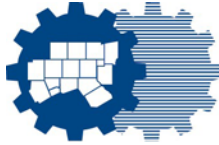
**5. FY24 Cost Share Program Subcommittee.** NCTCOG staff will provide an update on the cost share review subcommittee.

NCTCOG staff are still working on the background details and history of the cost share program in preparation to kick off the subcommittee review of cost share updates. The subcommittee is expected to begin meeting soon. If interested in joining, please contact Stormwater staff, [stormwater@nctcog.org](mailto:stormwater@nctcog.org).

## INFORMATION ITEMS

**6. FY2023 Work Program.** The NCTCOG staff will discuss on-going, and planned task force activities and other components of the regional stormwater management program. Topics include:

- General program activities
- FY2023 Cost Share participation
  - The Regional Stormwater Management Program is currently at 83% funded for FY23. The presentation deck shows cost shares received as of February 6, 2023.
- Public Education Task Force
  - Graphics and resources to support the regional March is Texas SmartScape Month campaign were presented to the group. Any entities hosting plant sales or holding SmartScape related educational classes are encouraged to share them with the NCTCOG staff via email, [info@smartscape.com](mailto:info@smartscape.com), for them to be posted on the website.
  - The [North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge](#) and optional Mayors' Challenge are kicking off on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Participation commitments are due by April 15<sup>th</sup>. An updated [FAQ](#) document is now available. For any additional questions about the program, please contact Stormwater staff, [stormwater@nctcog.org](mailto:stormwater@nctcog.org).
  - All PETF Activity Reports have been completed and sent to members for all reporting periods except for the reporting period for January 24<sup>th</sup> – January 23<sup>rd</sup>. This report will be completed and shared in the coming weeks.
  - The PETF special project for FY23 has updated drafts of the video story boards and scripts for “Why Stormwater is Important” and “What to Look for Around Town”. A draft of Teacher Resources and a Video Vocabulary bank are also in development. Feedback from the January PETF meeting will be incorporated into drafts and shared ahead of the April PETF meeting.
- Pollution Prevention Roundtable
  - Drafts of the FY23 special project, template reminder messages for pollution prevention/good housekeeping, for the Pollution Prevention Roundtable are underway. Staff is incorporating input from the December meeting and will share the updated drafts ahead of the March meeting.
- Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination Roundtable
  - The next meeting of the IDDE Roundtable will focus on discussing upcoming training workshops. The group will also discuss upcoming projects – information on horse management BMPs and construction covers/construction BMPs.
- Stormwater Monitoring Program
  - The Stormwater Monitoring Program 5<sup>th</sup> Permit Term concluded on November 30, 2022. NCTCOG staff met with TCEQ, the EPA, and Monitoring Program participants on January 30, 2023 to discuss continuation of the program. Staff are developing a program proposal for a new term with the assistance of the



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program participants. Staff is also developing an RFP for the procurement of a consultant for a new term.

### 7. Other NCTCOG Program activities:

- Integrated Stormwater Management (iSWM) Program Activities
  - The iSWM Subcommittee is finalizing selection of Half Associates as the technical consultant for the program. Their next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2023 via Microsoft Teams. Please contact program staff, Casey Cannon, [ccannon@nctcog.org](mailto:ccannon@nctcog.org), with any questions.
- Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Program Activities
  - Two new educational explainer video resources are now available – “Don’t Feed the Birds” and “No Muss, No Fuss – Be Wise When You Flush”. Under development are OSSF mailers/postcards for residents and a Doo the Right Thing educational explainer video. For questions about the TMDL program, contact Hannah Allen, [hallen@nctcog.org](mailto:hallen@nctcog.org).
  - Upcoming TMDL meetings:
    - Upper Trinity River Basin Coordinating Committee: February 28, 2023 at 9:30 AM via Microsoft Teams
    - TMDL Monitoring Coordination Forum Subcommittee: March 9, 2023 at 9:30 AM via Microsoft Teams
    - Joint TMDL Stormwater & Wastewater Technical Subcommittee: March 21, 2023 at 9:30 AM via Microsoft Teams
- Trash Free Waters
  - NCTCOG will be purchasing materials in the near future to aid in piloting the Recreational Litter Cleanup Toolkit and Trash Free Texas Restaurant Program Toolkit. These materials will be made available for free to interested communities. Contact Crysta Guzman, [cguzman@nctcog.org](mailto:cguzman@nctcog.org), or Elena Berg, [eberg@nctcog.org](mailto:eberg@nctcog.org), if interested.
  - Registration is open for a Trash Free Texas webinar, “Empower Your Volunteers and Reach New Audiences”. The webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable (WATER)
  - The next meeting of WATER is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup>, location to be determined.
  - Save the date for the next Holiday Grease Roundup scheduled to run November 13, 2023 through January 12, 2024.
  - For questions related to the WATER program, please contact Hannah Allen, [hallen@nctcog.org](mailto:hallen@nctcog.org).
- Upcoming events and conferences
  - Upcoming Events:
    - NCTCOG Webinar - Let It Grow: A Showcase of No Mow Zones in North Central Texas – is scheduled for Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Registration is now open.

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- Stormwater Pollution Prevention Practices During Construction for **Plan Reviewers** ([February 21](#), [April 18](#), [June 13](#)) and **Field Inspectors** ([February 22](#), [April 19](#), [June 14](#)), NCTCOG Offices
- [Upper Trinity Conservation Symposium](#), Denton, February 23
- [Texas Water Conference](#), Houston, April 11-14, 2023
- TCEQ [Environmental Trade Fair & Conference](#), Austin, May 16-17, 2023
- [NAFSMA 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting](#), Seattle, July 24-27, 2023
- [International Low Impact Development Conference](#), Oklahoma City, August 6-9, 2023
- [New Dates! StormCon](#), Dallas, August 29-31, 2023

**8. News and Resources.** NCTCOG staff will provide some informational items from related programs.

- EPA's MS4 Compendium Series: [Off-Site Stormwater Management](#)
- National Wildlife Federation's [Green Infrastructure Funding Microsite](#)
- White House Report - [Opportunities To Accelerate Nature-based Solutions: A Roadmap For Climate Progress, Thriving Nature, Equity, & Prosperity](#)
  - Report Companion - [Nature-Based Solutions Resource Guide](#)
- City of Abilene Educational Video - [No Dumping, No Doubt](#)
- The Celebrating Leadership in Development Excellence (CLIDE) awards is now accepting applications. Please visit the website, [www.developmentexcellence.com](http://www.developmentexcellence.com), to learn more or contact Carolyn Horner, [chorner@nctcog.org](mailto:chorner@nctcog.org), with questions.

## OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

**9. Future Agenda Items.** RSWMCC Members and NCTCOG staff may suggest future agenda items.

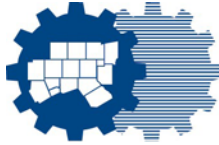
No future agenda items were suggested by members. NCTCOG staff will keep an eye on any developments in the Sackett v. EPA case before the Supreme Court and any updates concerning WOTUS.

**10. Roundtable Discussion.** Discussion of activities within individual jurisdictions as time allows.

**Carrollton:** Still have not received notice to publish public notice; have hired a new Stormwater Coordinator. Would like to know if anyone else has received notice publish yet?

**DART:** No updates to share. To answer Carrollton's question on who has received notice to publish, DART received approval to publish on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Frisco:** To answer Carrollton, received notice to publish around September as well. Have a question for members on mechanical separators - has anyone looked at doing this themselves? Also would like to hear from other members on how they handle trails that are adjacent to waterways. Frisco has lots of trails that follow creeks but as they go under bridges or structures, they get silted up. Has anyone come up with good ideas on how to maintain?



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**Lewisville:** Working on the annual report; have already published their notice; also working on MCM 6 for Industrial as a Level 4.

**Mansfield:** In response to Carrollton's question, published in January and got an affidavit of publication from the newspaper.

**Plano:** Working on annual report due March 1<sup>st</sup>. Have two open positions, please check out the positions on Plano's website. Wondering if anyone has heard if there will be an EPA Region 6 Stormwater Conference this year.

**Collin County:** Working on annual report due in March.

**NTTA:** Permit expires later this year so will be submitting a renewal this month.

**Irving:** Recently checked in with a contact and the EPA is planning to host a 2023 Region 6 Stormwater Conference but no dates or locations are available so far.

**Farmers Branch:** Was able to publish notice last fall; currently working on the annual report.

**Coppell:** Waiting on a technical review from TCEQ; working on the annual report; TCEQ coming in March for an inspection.

**Denton:** Published notice in December; currently working on the annual report.

**Cleburne:** No stormwater updates but is interested in the TFW pilot program for restaurants. Will talk to the downtown restaurants to gauge their interest.

**Arlington:** Working on the annual report; Council approved the ILA for program participation so will be in touch with NCTCOG staff soon.

- 11. Schedule for the Next Meeting.** The next meeting date is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, 2023. The meeting will be in person at NCTCOG offices in the William Pitstick Room, CPII, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor.

**12. Adjournment.**

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Crysta Guzman at (817) 695-9107, or by email at [cguzman@nctcog.org](mailto:cguzman@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](mailto:lsheppard@nctcog.org), 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.

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<b>RSWMCC Attendance</b>		
<b>WEDNESDAY, February 8, 2023</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>In Attendance</b>
William Nahas	City of Allen	X
Brigette Gibson	City of Arlington	X
Wesley Layfield	City of Bedford	X
Andie McClure	City of Carrollton	X
Krista Pender	City of Carrollton	X
Julie Winchell	City of Cleburne	X
Renee Esses	City of Coppell	X
DeMonica Gooden	City of Dallas	X
Kevin Hurley	City of Dallas	X
Jennifer Rovezzi	City of Dallas	X
Joshua Spencer	City of Dallas	X
Nusrat Munir	City of Dallas	X
JoEtta Dailey	City of Denton	X
Robert Diaz	City of Farmers Branch	X
Crystal Flannery-Bachicha	City of Frisco	X
Perry Harts	City of Frisco	X
Mike Wilson	City of Garland	X
Kylie Wieden	City of Grand Prairie	X
Otilia Law	City of Grand Prairie	X
Greg Dickens	City of Hurst	X
Jeffery Shiflet	City of Irving	X
Jason Longbine	City of Lewisville	X
Howard Redfearn	City of Mansfield	X
Julian Holmes	City of Mansfield	X
Echo Rexroad	City of Plano	X
Keith White	City of Plano	X
James House	City of Prosper	X
Matthew Regan	City of Saginaw	X
Tracy Homfeld	County of Collin	X
Maria Moreno	County of Tarrant	X
Mitchell Carpenter	County of Tarrant	X
Jeff Haynes	Dallas Area Rapid Transit	X
Carolyn Horner	NCTCOG	X
Cassidy Campbell	NCTCOG	X
Crysta Guzman	NCTCOG	X
Adam Gotlib (Atkins)	NTTA	X
Kofi Sam (Atkins)	NTTA	X
Vijaya Tummala	EnviroServices & Training Center LLC	X
Valerie Miller	Olsson	X
Michelle Troy	Quiddity Engineering	X
Scarlett Dinh	Westra Consultants	X