



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Water Resources Council

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

In-Person at NCTCOG

Chair: Stacy Walters, City of Fort Worth

Vice-Chair: Rachel Ickert, Tarrant Regional Water District

1. Welcome and Introductions. Council members will introduce themselves and welcome new WRC members.

The council welcomed the following new members to the WRC:

- Taylor Alvarez, City of Watauga
- Stephanie Griffin, Halff
- Katelyn Hearon, City of Lewisville
- Nosa Irenumaagho, City of Dallas
- Michael Kivlan, Mustang SUD
- David Phan, City of Dallas
- Robert Saucedo, City of Hurst

ACTION ITEMS

2. Meeting Summary. The [July 9, 2025 meeting summary](#) will be presented for approval.

Grace Darling, Arlington Conservation Council, made a motion to approve the meeting summary. Bill Gase, City of Arlington, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan- Comprehensive Action Plan (DFW AQIP-CAP) Water and Wastewater Elements. NCTCOG staff will seek the WRC's approval on the [Water & Wastewater Sector elements of DFW AQIP-CAP](#), a plan developed by NCTCOG to reduce carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) emissions by 2050. If approved, the plan will be brought to NCTCOG's Executive Board for endorsement.

NCTCOG staff presented the Water and Wastewater Sector elements of the DFW AQIP-CAP, which included a CO₂e reduction target for 2050 and the proposed measures to be taken to reach that goal. The full presentation is available on the [meeting presentation slides](#), beginning on slide 8. Larry Patterson, Upper Trinity Regional Water District, commented that he believes the measures are feasible and effective. Additional discussion centered around energy-efficient water and wastewater treatment options to include in the plan. Larry Patterson, Upper Trinity Regional Water District, made a motion to approve the plan's elements. Grace Darling, Arlington Conservation Council, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

- 4. Recognition of WRC Service Milestones.** NCTCOG staff will recognize and appreciate council members who have achieved service milestones (5, 10, 15, or 20 years+) on the WRC.

The WRC recognized Sally Wright, City of Dallas, and Caroline Waggoner, City of North Richland Hills, who have both achieved five years of service on the WRC.

PRESENTATIONS

- 5. PFAS Regulations and Planning: A Proactive Response from a Utility Perspective.** Joseph Fielding, Manager of Regulatory Services and Compliance for the Trinity River Authority, will share how the Trinity River Authority is responding to the US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Primary Drinking Water Regulation to prepare for compliance with the final water quality limits in 2029.

Joseph Fielding, Trinity River Authority, shared efforts the river authority is undergoing to prepare for compliance with the EPA's National Primary Drinking Water Regulations, including advanced monitoring and investments in PFAS instruments for testing. The full presentation is available in the meeting presentation slides beginning on slide 21.

- 6. Fort Worth's PFAS Regulatory Initiative.** Jerry Pressley, Assistant Water Director, and Casey Nettles, Environmental Supervisor for the City of Fort Worth, will present on Fort Worth's PFAS Regulatory Initiative, which includes work to become one of the first municipalities in Texas to develop PFAS wastewater discharge limits for industrial users.

Jerry Pressley and Casey Nettles, City of Fort Worth, shared activities the city has undertaken to manage PFAS concerns, with a specific focus on the wastewater sector. Their presentation included regulations for landfill and leachate management, as well as code amendments for industrial users. Their full presentation is available in the meeting presentation slides, beginning on slide 43.

- 7. Pretty Fun Awesome Substances- Developing a Laboratory Program for PFAS.** Brian Neal, Laboratory Supervisor for the Trinity River Authority, will present the techniques and standardized protocols used in laboratories looking to identify and quantify PFAS concentrations.

Brian Neal, Trinity River Authority, presented how the river authority collects PFAS samples for PFAS identification and measurement. His presentation also included an evaluation of different PFAS testing methods approved by EPA. The full presentation is available in the meeting presentation slides, beginning on slide 61.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

- 8. NCTCOG Updates.** NCTCOG will update the WRC on recent and upcoming items of interest.

- a. **NCTCOG Webinar: *Let's Grow! Ensuring Success for Water-Wise Landscapes.***
Thursday, November 13, 2025; 10:00 a.m. [Register here](#)

- b. **Holiday Grease Roundup.** November 1, 2025 - January 31, 2026. Email Hannah Ordonez at hordonez@nctcog.org to get more information.
- c. **Round Table for Local and Regional Data Center Impacts.** October 27, 2025; 10:00 a.m. Virtual, via Microsoft Teams. Email Chris Northup at dnorthup@nctcog.org to register.

9. Future Agenda Items. The committee can request future agenda items.

The WRC did not request any future agenda items. NCTCOG staff suggested they use a portion of the January meeting to work on the 2026 Water Quality Management Plan Update.

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

- Steve Pettit, City of Irving, discussed moving into the new fiscal year.
- David Phan, City of Dallas, communicated budgeting activities from the city's new fiscal year
- Bill Gase, City of Arlington, discussed the remodel of the Pierce-Burch Water Treatment Plant, testing a new pump station, and continued contractor coordination.
- Susan Alvarez, NCTCOG, shared that the PFAS Phase 1 stormwater collection requirements for MS4 permit holders are paused due to TCEQ waiting for further confirmation from EPA. Susan also discussed the recent kickoff of Vision North Texas 2.0, a collaborative project across various sectors to plan for regional growth beyond 2050.
- Galen Roberts (alternate for Billy George), North Texas Municipal Water District, discussed the district's plan for growth. He shared additional construction on the Sister Grove Water Resource Recovery Facility, which will increase capacity to 32 million gallons per day, and the Texoma Two-Step project. Additional information was communicated regarding the 2026 Region C Water Plan, including changes to the timeline for the implementation of the Marvin Nichols Reservoir.
- Michael Nieswiadomy, University of North Texas, discussed Proposition 4, a proposition that, if passed during the November 2025 election, will allocate a portion of existing sales tax to the Texas Water Fund.
- Larry Patterson, Upper Trinity Regional Water District, shared an update on the mediation between Region C & D over the Marvin Nichols Reservoir, whose permit will be done in 2030. He also shared that the water district is breaking ground on a new plant due to the growth of its service area. Additionally, the construction of Lake Ralph Hall is about 85% complete, with hopes to store water in the spring and begin pumping by summer.
- Tiffany Bruce, Town of Flower Mound, discussed changes in Texas legislative funding and its impact on utility funding.
- Eric Robison, City of Richardson, discussed the city's search for a water compliance manager to assist the city in complying with applicable regulations, such as the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements.
- Michael Kivlan, Mustang SUD, shared the impact growth is having on the district, which is building new towers and a new pump station. The district is starting a pilot project on direct potable reuse in early December.
- Grace Darling, Arlington Conservation Council, shared an idea to discuss on-site sewage facility systems and water reuse at an upcoming meeting.
- Maurice Akech (alternate for Sally Wright), City of Dallas, shared how the city is managing PFAS concerns, including monitoring, and is awaiting further EPA guidance.
- Stephanie Griffin, Halff, informed the group that multiple associations have prepared information and educational materials on Proposition 4.

- Stacy Walters, City of Fort Worth, discussed winter weather preparations, as well as preparing for the 2026 FIFA World Cup. She stated the city has received funding for lead line replacement.
- Jerry Pressley, City of Fort Worth, discussed shifting to a tiered use structure to avoid raising rates. Additionally, he shared the city's increased emphasis on conservation and irrigation enforcement to support demand moderation.
- Alyssa Knox, NCTCOG, shared that the department's email system is having an issue managing contact lists. She asked council members to contact her if they do not receive emails at least two weeks before WRC meetings.
- Jennifer Owens, Tarrant Regional Water District, discussed new infrastructure and conservation efforts.
- Ryan Edmundson, Water Resources, Texas A&M Forest Service, reminded members that the forest service is accepting applications for Watershed Protection Plan (WPP) Implementation Grants. These are for WPPs that have tree-related activities as part of their mitigation strategies. Applications are due November 30, 2025.
- Karen Stafford-Brown, RESPEC, shared that the City of Hurst is looking for a Capital Improvement Plan Administrator in the Finance department.

11. Next Meeting. The next WRC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 2026, and will be held virtually, via Microsoft Teams. [Add to Calendar](#)

Meetings for the rest of 2026:

- April 22, 2026, In-person at NCTCOG. [Add to Calendar](#)
- July 8, 2026, via Teams. [Add to Calendar](#)
- October 14, 2026, In-person at NCTCOG. [Add to Calendar](#)

12. Adjournment.

Additional NCTCOG Meetings of Interest

- a. Public Works Council- [Add to Calendar](#)

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Alyssa Knox by phone at (817) 695-9221 or by email at aknox@nctcog.org.

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