



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Resource Conservation Council

Thursday October 19, 2017

1:30PM – 3:00 PM, Transportation Council Room

NCTCOG Offices, CPII

616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

Chair: Stephen Massey, City of Allen

Vice Chair: Jeff Mayfield, North Texas Municipal Water District

1. Welcome and Introductions.

Steve Massey welcomed all members, alternates, guests, and the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff to the Resource Conservation Council (RCC) meeting.

2. **Notification of Conflicts of Interest.** Steve Massey, Chair of the Resource Conservation Council (RCC), will request RCC representatives with a potential conflict of interest relating to an agenda item notify the RCC of the conflict of interest.

Steve Massey discussed possible conflicts of interest. No conflicts of interest were declared.

PRESENTATION

3. **Presentation by The Recycling Partnership.** The Recycling Partnership is a national recycling nonprofit formed in 2003 with the goal of improving recycling in the United States. They utilize public-private partnerships to help local governments get the most out of their recycling programs. Our presenters will be discussing their organization's activities and their goals for the North Texas region.

Justin Gast and Scott Mow from The Recycling Partnership presented "Cranking Up Recycling in Texas" via teleconference. Their organization focuses on improving curbside recycling programs for single family homes. In their presentation, they stressed the importance of partnerships and stakeholder engagement in reaching recycling goals and they discussed key metrics to improving performance, including pounds per household served and set-out and participation rates. There was also a focus on communication and coordination within a region or Materials Recovery Facility-shed (MRF-shed), which is most effective when a MRF-shed has a uniform, common message and accessible educational materials for citizens. In terms of working in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, The



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Recycling Partnership is looking to optimize funding and further improve contamination rates in the area, as well as potentially host trainings and workshops in the coming year.

The Recycling Partnership's presentation can be found [here](#).

ACTION ITEMS

4. **Meeting Summary.** The July 20, 2017 meeting summary is available online for your review. Approval will be sought at the meeting.

Cecile Carson, Keep America Beautiful, made a motion to approve the July 20, 2017 meeting summary. Grace Darling, Arlington Conservation Council, seconded the motion. The RCC was unanimous in its approval.

5. **FY2018 – 2019 Materials Management Funding Plan.** The Grant Selection Subcommittee will present its recommended Materials Management Funding Plan and Regional Project Funding Plan to the RCC for approval.

NCTCOG staff and Kathy Fonville, City of Mesquite, presented the recommended Materials Management Funding Plan and the Regional Project Funding Plan for FY 2018 – 2019 to the RCC for approval. The total budget for FY2018 and FY2019 is \$2,198,474 (\$1,099,237 per fiscal year), with a total of \$1,319,084 allocated to implementation funds (\$659,542 per fiscal year). The implementation funds will be further split into a Regional Project and the Pass-Through Grants (\$659,542 each, allocated 50%/50% between each fiscal year). Kathy Fonville discussed the Grant Selection Subcommittee's recommendation to complete a Regional Recycling Project to improve recycling rates and decrease contamination in the NCTCOG region.

Tiana Lightfoot-Svendsen, City of Garland, made a motion to approve the Grant Selection Subcommittee's recommendation and the Regional Project Funding Plan. Robert Medigovich, Community Waste Disposal, seconded the motion. The RCC was unanimous in its approval.

DISCUSSION

6. **Tentative Call for Projects Timeline.** NCTCOG will present the RCC with the tentative Call for Projects timeline for the FY18/19 biennium.

NCTCOG staff presented the tentative Call for Projects Timeline for the FY18/19 biennium.

7. **Regional Survey Results.** The RCC will discuss the results of the Regional Survey.

NCTCOG staff discussed the final results of the Regional Solid Waste survey. There were a total of 70 survey respondents. Improvement of recycling participation and decreasing



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contamination was given the highest importance by respondents in terms of waste and regional issues. The solid waste grant program was marked the most important in solid waste programs NCTCOG offers. Lack of staff resources and financing are the greatest barriers to the expansion of current solid waste programs. Respondents indicated their greatest need is targeted outreach and education programs.

This information has been used to develop the regional project for FY2018 – 2019, and will further be used to develop pertinent trainings and workshops for the region. The full survey results are able for review at www.nctcog.org/envir/committees/rcc/, under the October 19, 2017 meeting date.

8. **FY18/19 Regional Workshops and Trainings.** NCTCOG will solicit input from members on topics of interest for workshops and trainings for the FY 18/19 biennium.

NCTCOG staff discussed potential topics of workshops and trainings, including illegal dumping, disaster debris management, waste to energy, commercial/business and residential recycling participation. More input will be solicited from the RCC at the next meeting.

9. **Regional Med Take-Back Workshop.** The RCC will discuss the summary notes from the Med Take-Back Workshop and how the RCC would like to proceed.

NCTCOG staff informed the RCC the final summary notes from the Regional Med Take-Back Workshop are available for their review on www.timetorecycle.com/medtakeback.

Additionally, NCTCOG staff discussed the potential next steps to address med take-back, including developing a survey to approach the upcoming 86th Legislative Session with a data-driven plan, and developing an addendum to the existing 2015 North Central Texas Regional Materials Management Plan.

10. **NCTCOG Updates.** NCTCOG will update the RCC on recent items of interest.

NCTCOG staff informed the RCC of potential upcoming educational site visits.

NCTCOG staff also informed the RCC of upcoming Briefing Sessions for the Pass-Through Grant Program:

- Tuesday, November 21, 2017, 2:00 – 4:00 PM, Metroplex Conference Room, NCTCOG Offices
- Tuesday, November 28, 2017, 2:00 – 4:00 PM, City Hall Council Chambers, 385 S. Goliad, Rockwall
- Wednesday, December 6, 2017, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Ellis County Grand Jury Conference Room, 109 S. Jackson Street, Waxahachie
- Friday, December 8, 2017, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, via webinar
- Wednesday, December 13, 2017, 9:30 -11:00 AM, via webinar
- Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 2:00 – 3:30 PM, via webinar



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Event registration pages can be found at www.nctcog.org/envir/events.

NCTCOG staff shared a Waste Disposal Update for NCTCOG provided by Michael Carleton, of Arredondo, Zepeda, and Brunz LLC. This update outlines an increase in amount of waste disposed and new analyses. This memo and findings are available online at www.nctcog.org/envir/committees/rcc/ under the October 19, 2017 meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

11. Future Agenda Items. The Committee may suggest future agenda items.

No future agenda items were suggested.

12. Roundtable Topics/Other Business. The Committee may share additional items of solid waste interest as time allows.

Cecile Carson announced the upcoming Keep America Beautiful 2018 National Conference, taking place in Dallas on January 17 – 19, 2018.

Rick Bailey, Johnson County, announced Johnson County will be sponsoring a bill during the next legislative session to support local control of solid waste management.

13. Schedule for the Next RCC Meeting. The next RCC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 1:30 p.m., in the Transportation Council Room, NCTCOG Offices, CPII, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011.

Due to the Keep America Beautiful Conference in Dallas on January 17 – 19, 2018, NCTCOG staff rescheduled the next RCC meeting to Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 1:30 PM in the Transportation Council Room, NCTCOG Offices. The following RCC meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2018, at 1:30 PM.

14. Adjournment.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Cassidy Campbell by phone at (817) 608-2368, or by email at ccampbell@nctcog.org.

If you plan to attend this public meeting and you have a disability that requires special arrangements at the meeting, please contact Crysta Guzman by phone at (817) 695-9231 or by email at cguzman@nctcog.org, 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.