

North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Water Resources Council

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

NCTCOG Offices

1. Welcome and Introductions.

PRESENTATION

- 2. Water Planning with Municipal Utility Districts.** Stephen Gay, Director of Water Utilities, City of Denton, and Kyle Pedigo, Water Utilities Planning and Engineering Division Manager, City of Denton, will discuss strategies for engaging developers of Municipal Utility Districts to support long-term planning.

Stephen Gay, City of Denton, presented strategies for engaging Municipal Utility Districts (MUDs) being developed in the city's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction. Highlights included ways to partner with MUDs at the onset of development to promote greater water stewardship while reducing costs, such as securing water rights and varying service rates. The full presentation is available on the [meeting presentation slides](#), beginning on slide 4.

ACTION ITEM

- 3. Meeting Summary.** The [January 15, 2025 meeting summary](#) will be presented for approval.

Grace Darling, Arlington Conservation Council, made a motion to approve the minutes. Larry Patterson, Upper Trinity Regional Water District, provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

- 4. 89th Texas Legislative Session: Discussion and Updates.** NCTCOG will provide an update on water-related bills of interest. WRC members are invited to share what they are tracking and any feedback.

NCTCOG provided an update on water-related bills advancing during the legislative session and asked the WRC to share bills they are tracking. Larry Patterson, Upper Trinity Regional Water District, discussed a bill that would form the Wise Regional Water District. This bill was introduced in the House but has not been voted on. He also discussed the debate on Senate bills regarding the New Water Fund. Valerie Miller, Olsson, stated that the American Planning Association is following several bills related to Extraterritorial Jurisdictions that would have impacts for development and water. She agreed to share the list with NCTCOG.

- 5. 2025 Update to the North Central Texas Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP).** NCTCOG will provide an update on the progress of this deliverable.

NCTCOG provided an update on the development of the 2025 North Central Texas Water Quality Management Plan Update. NCTCOG noted a significant increase in regional Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs), particularly those caused by Infiltration and Inflow, as compared to previous years, and asked the WRC for recommended mitigation strategies to be included in the plan. Stacy Walters, City of Fort Worth, recommended evaluating areas of repeat SSOs and working to improve conveyance and collection systems. Bill Gase, City of Arlington, recommended the use of drones where physical access may be limited to further assess collection systems. Mike Adams, City of Midlothian, stated that many Infiltration and Inflow SSOs come from new developments and recommended further education for builders on how to keep the system closed and tight.

- 6. 2025 Water Resources Questionnaire.** NCTCOG will allow the WRC to review and provide input on the 2025 North Central Texas Water Resources Questionnaire before distribution.

NCTCOG provided an overview of changes to the 2025 North Central Texas Water Resources Questionnaire. Updates were made to streamline the survey, including converting many open-ended questions to multiple-choice. NCTCOG will also ask participants to provide feedback on previous webinar topics to ensure that future webinars stay useful for stakeholders. The questionnaire will be distributed in late spring to early summer.

- 7. FY26 Call for Nominations, Reappointments, and Nominations Subcommittee Process.** NCTCOG will discuss the process and details regarding the FY26 WRC roster, including term reappointments and filling vacant seats. The council will vote to approve the proposed new roster at its July meeting.

NCTCOG explained the FY26 nominations process. Members up for reappointment will receive an email from NCTCOG asking them to reaffirm their desire to serve a two-year term on the WRC. Members not up for reappointment this year will be asked to serve on a one-time Ad Hoc Nominations Subcommittee to help fill any open seats on the WRC roster. The WRC will vote to approve the FY26 roster at its July meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

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

- a. Updates on Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan- Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (DFW AQIP- CCAP)**

NCTCOG shared the finalized 2022 Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory for the Water and Wastewater Sector. The WRC is encouraged to provide feedback on measures to include in the DFW AQIP-CCAP by filling out the [survey](#) on the plan's website.

- b. Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plan Revisions**

NCTCOG is seeking feedback on the implementation strategies within the current TMDL I-Plan, including suggestions for changes or additions to the strategies, or removal entirely. Comments and feedback can be sent to Hannah Ordonez at hordonez@nctcog.org.

c. Water and Energy Conservation Signage

NCTCOG is offering, free of charge, a one-time supply of water and energy conservation signage for municipally owned buildings. View and order the signs until May 7th using the [online order form](#). Entities are limited to 10 total signs. Comments and questions can be sent to Alyssa Knox at aknox@nctcog.org.

d. Public Works Roundup. Call for Presenters Now Open and Registration Coming Soon.

Thursday, September 4, 2025, at The Hurst Conference Center (1601 Campus Dr, Hurst, TX 76054) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. [Submit a presentation abstract here.](#)

e. NCTCOG Webinar: *AI: Challenges and Opportunities for Water Resources*.

Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. [Register here.](#)

f. Region C Initially Prepared Plan Public Hearing. Monday, May 19, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in the Transportation Council Room on the NCTCOG Campus.

g. Engaging in the integrated Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure Study (TSI).

The TSI project team is using innovative modeling to identify projects that will reduce future flood risk in and downstream from rapidly developing areas. Visit the [project website](#) or email tsi@nctcog.org to provide feedback.

9. Future Agenda Items. The committee will have an opportunity to request future agenda items.

NCTCOG noted a previous request for a PFAS roundtable. Larry Patterson, Upper Trinity Regional Water District, suggested that the topic be featured during the October meeting, as there are still discussions regarding PFAS happening in the current legislative session. Larry also suggested a presentation on the district's public awareness campaign used in the development of Lake Ralph Hall. Mike Adams, City of Midlothian, suggested an agenda item on managing projects during a time of increased costs. Larry Patterson, Upper Trinity Regional Water District, and Rachel Ickert, Tarrant Regional Water District, concurred that this is a challenge.

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

- Mike Adams, City of Midlothian, said they are working on a plant expansion and will start dredging the intake structure in Joe Pool Lake shortly.
- Michael Nieswiadomy, University of North Texas, discussed promoting smart water meters to support needed homeowner education on conservation.
- Katelyn Hearon, City of Lewisville, introduced herself as she is serving the remainder of Kelly Rouse's term.
- Bill Gase, City of Arlington, shared that they are getting ready to finish new infrastructure at the Pierce-Burch plant and that they are getting a water-sniffing, leak detection dog in the coming months.
- Rachel Ickert, Tarrant Regional Water District, shared that they just updated their capital plan to accommodate growth and aging infrastructure. The district is also working with North Texas Municipal Water District on a strategic plan for water conservation, focusing on the regional potential for landscape ordinances.
- Stacy Walters, City of Fort Worth, said the city is looking at the water conservation plan to prepare for summer, including enforcing watering days and working on getting buy-in for compliance.

- Larry Patterson, Upper Trinity Regional Water District, shared that they are working on water conservation. The district has completed the 32-mile pipeline for Lake Ralph Hall, which has 22 river crossings. Larry has also shared that he received a notice of conflict between Regions C and D regarding the regional water plans.
- Galen Roberts (alternate for Billy George), North Texas Municipal Water District, shared that they have been active in the current legislative session in Austin and working on projects that will capture reuse volume and support improved water conservation. The Leonard Water Treatment Plant is undergoing a Phase II expansion.
- Stephen Gay, City of Denton, is wrapping up a water master plan using a One Water approach that explores direct potable reuse and aquifer storage and recovery. The plan will go to the council in a few months. He shared that they will recommend an increase to impact fees in the coming cycle, but that they were able to keep the increase minimal by leveraging WIFIA, which can defer payments. The city is also undergoing a project to improve capacity at Lake Ray Roberts. Stephen requested that other entities doing rate studies please share their findings.
- Haley Salazar, City of Denton, shared the city's contributions to the Region C Initially Prepared Plan and is currently ranking strategies in the plan to determine Denton's ability to implement and build an alternative supply strategy portfolio. To promote winter water conservation to residents, the city is subsidizing the cost of backflow winterization.
- Valerie Miller, Olsson, stated that she served on the Texas Water Development Board's Water Conservation Committee and developed wholesale water BMPs for getting urban planners and water supply planners on the same page regarding conservation. They are hosting interregional listening sessions across sectors to discuss how development impacts the water sector.
- Susan Alvarez, NCTCOG, shared she is following two bills closely, HB 4313 and HB 4314, as they could preclude the use of federal and local funding for environmental activities.

11. Next Meeting. The next WRC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 9, 2025, and will be held virtually, via Microsoft Teams. [Add to Calendar](#)

Meetings for the rest of 2025:

- Wednesday, October 15, 2025, in person at NCTCOG. [Add to Calendar](#)

12. Adjournment.

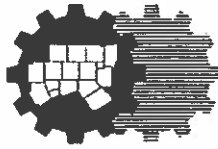
Additional NCTCOG Meetings of Interest

- Public Works Council-** [Add to Calendar](#)
- Regional Stormwater Management Coordination 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.

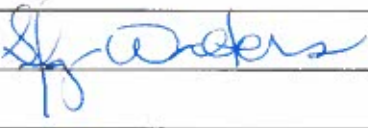
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Wednesday, April 16, 2025– 10:30 AM
In-Person at NCTCOG
SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME		ORGANIZATION
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Darrel Andrews		Tarrant Regional Water District
Michael Brinkman		Garland Water Utilities
Tiffany Bruce		Town of Flower Mound
Glenn Clingenpeel		TRA
Grace Darling	<i>Grace Darling</i>	Arlington Conservation Council
Bill Gase	<i>Bill Gase</i>	City of Arlington Water Utilities
Stephen Gay	<i>Stephen Gay</i>	City of Denton
Billy George		NTMWD
Paul Hackleman		City of Watauga
Katelyn Hearon	<i>Katelyn Hearon</i>	City of Lewisville
Joshua Howard	<i>Joshua Howard</i>	Johnson County Special Utility District
Rachel Ickert	<i>Rachel Ickert</i>	TRWD
Matthew Jalbert, P.E.		Trinity River Authority
Michael Kivlan		Texas Water Utilities
Kevin Mercer	<i>Kevin Mercer</i>	Denton County FWSD 6 & 7
Valerie Miller	<i>Valerie Miller</i>	Olsson
Michael Nieswiadomy	<i>Michael Nieswiadomy</i>	University of North Texas
Larry Patterson	<i>Larry Patterson</i>	UTRWD
Zachary Peoples		City of Dallas
Steve Pettit		City of Irving
Jerry Pressley		City of Fort Worth
Jeff Price		City of Mansfield
Eric Robison		City of Richardson

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Jason Sutton		Town of Addison
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Eduardo Valerio		Dallas Water Utilities
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Stacy Walters		City of Fort Worth
Sally Wright		City of Dallas
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