



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Regional Stormwater Management Coordinating Council

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

9:30 AM, Transportation Council Room

NCTCOG Offices, CPII

616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

Chair: Echo Rexroad, City of Grand Prairie

Vice Chair: Cody Whittenburg, City of Fort Worth

1. Welcome and Introductions.

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION/ACTION ITEMS

2. **RSWMCC Meeting Summary.** The November 2, 2016 meeting summary is available on the web for viewing.

3. Special Presentation.

Cody Whittenburg, City of Fort Worth, presented on the EPA's *Trash Free Waters* software development. Cody demonstrated the website, located at the URL www.trashfreetrinity.com. He explained it is still under construction but he showed an interactive map and list of resources. Cody then asked for everyone to review the website and give comment if they have any suggestions, and also to submit data if they have existing databases of litter hot spot locations.

INFORMATION ITEMS

4. Regulatory Update.

NCTCOG Staff and the council discussed the possibility of developing a way to track relevant legislative items. Staff said they will look into creating a matrix as they did in the past. Staff then briefed the Council on recent regulatory developments, including:

- The NPDES EPA MS4 General Permit Remand Rule was finalized. Option 3 "Permitting Authority Choice Approach" (formerly called the State Choice Approach), was selected. The final ruling was published in the Federal Register on December 9, 2016, in the edition 81 Federal Register 237.
- The 2017 NPDES General Permit: Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activities (CGP) took effect on February 16, 2017.
- The TCEQ standards for Graywater and Alternative Onsite Water Reuse proposed in HB1902 were effective as of December 29, 2016.

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- The TCEQ is in the process of renewing the 2013 Construction General Permit (CGP) ([TXR150000](#)) for construction activities, which will expire on March 5, 2018.

5. Cost Shares.

NCTCOG staff brought attention to the FY2017 cost share forms that are posted on the website.

INFORMATION ITEMS

6. FY2017 Work Program. Staff will discuss past, on-going and planned activities of each of the Task Forces and other components of the regional stormwater management program.

- [Public Education Task Force](#)
NCTCOG staff, Allison Henry, first gave an update on the following projects in the 2016 Work Program: the new Smartscape Website is still undergoing updates and is expected to be launched in March. The Do the Right thing Calendar Contest will begin in April and closes in June, with public voting in August. The FY2017 Work Program currently being worked on by the Task Force is an extension of the Educator's ToolBox.
- [Pollution Prevention Task Force](#)
NCTCOG staff, Allison Henry, said the 2016 Work Program project to update training videos for Potable Water Discharges and Sanitary Sewer Overflows is nearly complete. The videos are available, and they will transitioned in to the new online training platform soon. For the FY2017 project, the task force is now working on updating the "Preventing Storm Water Pollution: What We Can Do" DVD, specifically the sections for Introduction: Preventing Stormwater Pollution – What Can We Do, Streets and Drainage Maintenance; and Fleet Maintenance and Material Handling.
- [Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination Task Force](#)
NCTCOG staff, Mia Brown, gave an update on the FY2017 Work Program including: the Dry Weather Field Screening (DWFS) Protocol Manual was sent out to Task Force members to provide comments. Staff has reviewed and provided edits as well. We will conduct Basic and Advanced IDDE Training in FY2017.
- [Stormwater Monitoring Program](#)
NCTCOG staff, Allison Henry, updated the group with the following information: we are still awaiting the permit approval from TCEQ, monitoring will begin again in Jan 2018, and NCTCOG will be working with entities to select a consultant in 2017.
- [Other Program Activities](#)
 - Integrated Stormwater Management (iSWM): Grand Prairie received the Silver Award at their City Council Meeting January 10, 2016, Kennedale is near the end of review for Silver Status, and NCTCOG staff and the subcommittee are working to develop a work program with their new Consultants – Half Associates, Inc.



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- Wastewater & Treatment Education Roundtable: Regional Training event planning is starting next week (the topic is “Field Technician Training”). No details have been set yet as far as date, time, duration, cost, etc.
- The Holiday Grease Roundup ended January 9 (numbers are still coming in, but so far over 2,100 gallons of FOG have been recorded to be collected by the participants).
- TMDL Water Quality: Staff updated the group on the survey aimed to gather information for the Greater Trinity River TMDL I-plan. The general I-plan will be updated to include 4 new TMDLS (Cottonwood Creek, Fish Creek, Kirby Creek, and Crockett Branch). NCTCOG staff asked that if they haven’t done so yet, to please send us your entity’s MS4 permit annual report so we can analyze for BMPs and strategies being implemented.

7. FY2018 Work Program and Budget.

NCTCOG staff explained that the FY2018 budget and cost shares will be the same as FY2017’s. The draft work program will be available to this council soon for review, and will be brought to the Council for action in May. NCTCOG presented the following:

- Public Education Task Force
The proposed project is to develop a “social media toolbox.” The content of these posts will be related to stormwater and related events happening in the region. Content will consist of videos, templates, and other relevant materials. This project includes creating a social media training for our task force.
- Pollution Prevention Task Force
The proposed work program is to continue to update the “Preventing Storm Water Pollution: What We Can Do” DVDs, specifically the sections for: Construction Activities and Land Disturbances, Parks and Grounds Maintenance, and Solid Waste Management.
- Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination Task Force
The work program will include a continuation of Dry Weather Field Screening (DWFS) Basic Training, Industrial Inspector’s Workshop, and an update to the Field Investigation Guide, last updated in 2011.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

8. **Roundtable Discussion.** Discussion of activities within individual jurisdictions and other topics as time allows.

Grand Prairie – the MS4 report is due at the end of March; a staff position will be open in Environmental Quality soon.

Fort Worth - a staff position will be available since Mike Costa is leaving; they are finalizing revisions for the draft 5 year plan for the stormwater permit.

McKinney – the annual report; participating in Lake Lavon Watershed Protection Program

Cleburne – active with managerial changes; fully staffed in March; working with Bluebonnet RC & D for training; working with Solid Waste division to train on litter; new Agrilife people have taken on roles in Johnson County; the Bluebonnet RC&D program has grants available for Household Hazardous Waste remediation for smaller or rural communities in the Dallas and Tarrant County areas.

DART – suggested the group discuss how homeless camps impact stormwater quality and possible solutions; a satisfactory audit of the TexRail was performed by DART since they are a partner in their jurisdiction.

Dallas County – working on Annual Report.

Frisco – they recently resolved an Illicit Discharge issue related to sewage coming out of a French drain and the house foundation impacting the sewer line, and they will follow up with researching other homes that may have similar potential issues with their foundation work

Arlington – their department is almost fully staffed; Audra Valamides is now back in the stormwater department; there will be a civil engineer position open soon and they will seek someone with modeling experience; they are back to working on the stormwater ordinance as well as working on iSWM compliance.

Garland - working on annual report; permit renewal is waiting on comment from the state

Red Oak – the stormwater fee funds collected will be used toward the manual and storm water design studies; annual report is due next month.

Dallas – submitted city's comments on draft MS4 permit; the NOV is complete and submitted; working to provide good customer service to address concerns with stormwater fee change.

Irving – this summer they will conduct a citywide watershed assessment; they will implement stormwater ordinance changes by the end of the year.

Carrollton – Krista Pender will be hosting a seminar over Stormwater Requirements in February; they are experiencing issues with dog parks and owners not cleaning up after their pet waste.

NCTCOG Staff – there is a webinar on February 23rd over On-Site Sewage Facilities; a Texas Stream Team Training on February 25th in Dallas; the Water Resources council is moving forward with the development of a regional water sources campaign; the Solid Waste Committee, in cooperation with the Drug Enforcement Agency, is planning a Drug Take-Back workshop and the date is TBD; Earth Day events are being planned; NCTCOG is making steps in the Countywide Watershed Program related to higher standards including a survey and will meet on March 14 to make further coordination efforts and eventually plan for a summit with local District Attorneys; upcoming events to be aware of include the Texas Water Conference in April, the TCEQ Trade Fair in May, and the EPA Region 6 Stormwater Conference in September.

9. Schedule for the Next Meeting. The next meeting will be May 24, 2017, in the William J. Pitstick Executive Board Room.

10. Adjournment.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Derica Peters at (817) 695-9217, or by email at dpeters@nctcog.org.



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Member Sign-in Sheet

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Robert Berndt		Tarrant County
Ed Bodiford		TxDOT Fort Worth
Keith Clark		City of Plano
Mandy Clark	<i>Mandy Clark</i>	City of Arlington
Robert Deibert, Jr.		TxDOT Dallas
Garry Fennell		City of Irving
Perry Harts	<i>Perry Harts</i>	City of Frisco
Tad Heimbürger	<i>TAD HEIMBURGER</i>	DART
Matt Holzapfel		City of Mesquite
Tracy Homfeld		Collin County
David Hunter		City of Denton
Kevin Hurley	<i>Kevin Hurley</i>	City of Dallas
Tommy Mapp		City of Princeton
Amitis Meshkani		NTTA
Bob Metzger		DFW Airport
Krista Pender	<i>Krista Pender</i>	City of Carrollton
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Mike Wilson	<i>Mike Wilson</i>	City of Garland
Julie Winchell	<i>Julie Winchell</i>	City of Cleburne
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Robert Woodbury		City of Cedar Hill



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GUEST SIGN IN SHEET

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Tricia Haas	City of McKinney
Mandy Qi	
B. Ral	Irving
Lissa Shepard	Dallas County
Adam Ray	Jones/Carter
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Ray Silva-Reyes	City of Red Oak
ROY JAMBOR	CITY OF CLEBURNE