

SUMMARY

Greater Trinity River Bacteria TMDL I-Plan Monitoring Coordination Forum Meeting

Wednesday, January 25, 2017, 1:30 p.m.

Tejas Conference Room – NCTCOG, CenterPoint III, 3rd Floor - 600 Six Flags Drive, Arlington TX 76011

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** NCTCOG staff and meeting participants will be introduced.

Staff and meeting participants introduced themselves.

Discussion

2. **Greater Trinity River Bacteria TMDL I-Plan Monitoring Coordination Forum Meeting Summary.** The May 3, 2016 meeting summary will be presented for approval. [The meeting summary is available online for review.](#)

The Monitoring Coordination Forum (the Forum) reviewed and approved the previous meeting's summary.

3. **Strategy 6.0 – 6.2 Status and Discussion.** NCTCOG will review the June 2016 status of the strategies with the Monitoring Coordination Forum and request feedback on progress and priorities for each strategy.

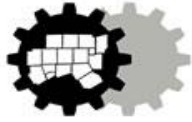
NCTCOG requested the Forum review the June 2016 status of the Monitoring Implementation Strategies (6.0 – 6.2) and provided a draft overview on the current status of each implementation strategy. The Forum discussed goals for moving forward on strategy 6.0 Routine Sampling and 6.2 Source Identification and monitoring review, which include the analysis of the efficacy of the implementation strategies and available methods and techniques for source reduction. The Forum will work to gather bacteria monitoring data from individual communities and the Clean Rivers Program to develop the efficacy report. That information will be used to identify priority areas/watersheds/segments to recommend for source identification studies.

4. **Review Texas Integrated Report Geometric Means for TMDL Streams Data.** TCEQ will provide an overview of the draft 2016 and estimated 2018 Texas Integrated Report Geometric Means for TMDL Streams.

Dania Grundmann/TCEQ provided an overview of the geometric means for the TMDL segments. Overall, the segments are showing improvement. Dania/TCEQ was interested in learning more about why some segments had limited data for monitoring. Angela Kilpatrick/Trinity River Authority suggested that there may be a lag in the data going into the SQWM IS system.

5. **Review of TMDL Area Water Quality Monitoring Site Maps.** NCTCOG will provide an updated version of the TMDL Area Water Quality Monitoring Site Map for review and discussion.

NCTCOG requested feedback on the water quality monitoring maps. The Forum asked for clarification on the E. coli map regarding what constituted "current". NCTCOG shared that sites that have monitoring activity as far out as 2014 were included in the current monitoring category. The Forum approved of the map aesthetic, which will be the template for all map updates in the 2017 TMDL I-Plan Update.



6. **Discussion of Sharing of Water Quality Data between Entities.** The TMDL Monitoring Coordination Forum will discuss how to spread available resources and if there are any impediments to doing so.

Angela/TRA discussed how this issue has been sorted out through the Clean Rivers Program and they have been able to better allocate their resources to segments that need monitoring.

7. **Discussion of TMDL Annual Status Report Information and Data Request.** NCTCOG is seeking input on questions and data to request from TMDL stakeholders from a water quality monitoring perspective as a part of the TDML Annual Status Report Questionnaire.

The TMDL communities provided feedback on the information and data request, suggesting to NCTCOG that the two separate request sheets would be overwhelming for their staff. NCTCOG and TCEQ emphasized the importance of gathering this information to show progress in implementation. This supports the iterative process of the TMDL program and will help identify topics for the TDML communities direct their resources. At the guidance of the Forum, NCTCOG will request the MS4 annual reports for FY13, 14 and 15 in lieu of the data sheet.

8. **Call for Water Quality Monitoring Data.** NCTCOG requests water quality monitoring data for the monitoring sites identified in the TMDL area. TCEQ assisted in identifying the following parameters to collect data that reflect bacteria levels: Flow; Routine Bacteria Data; Flow Severity; E. coli

NCTCOG is seeking water quality data for bacteria parameters so that the Forum can begin the development of the efficacy of implementation strategies report. The parameters include flow, routine bacteria data, flow severity and E. coli. Dania/TCEQ shared that it is important to have flow data because it provides context and can indicate if the bacteria reading was due to a storm event, however the state geomean standard applies regardless of flow.

9. **Lab Accreditation.** Are there any entities that are collecting data that is not going into SWQM IS due to lack of lab accreditation?

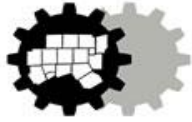
Fort Worth is the only entity that is performing additional monitoring but not putting the information into SWQM IS. Dania/TCEQ is going to follow up with Casey Nettles/Fort Worth.

Roundtable

10. **Staff Updates and Roundtable Discussion.** Members and staff share what is happening in their community.

NCTCOG shared the upcoming Upper Trinity River Basin Coordinating Committee Meeting, January 26th 2017, and an OSSF Webinar, February 23rd, 2017. NCTCOG requested feedback on the first quarterly newsletter. The Forum said they did not see it so NCTCOG will include it in the follow up email.

Dania/TCEQ gauged the group's interest on bringing in presenters on any topics they are interested in learning more about. The Forum seemed suggested learning more about the bacteria sourcing project Tarrant Regional Water District is currently working on for Zoo Creek in Fort Worth would be good background information for Implementation Strategy 6.2.



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North Texas Tollway Authority and the City of Fort Worth's MS4 permits are being updated currently and now includes new language to develop goals to minimize TMDL related activities. Casey/Fort Worth asked for more guidance on PCB in the MS4 permits from TCEQ.

11. **Adjournment.** The next TMDL Monitoring Coordination Forum Meeting is scheduled for ~~Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in the Tejas Conference Room.~~

The Forum was interested in meeting again prior to the annual Coordination Committee meeting to review the TMDL Annual Implementation Status Report and other available information. The Forum agreed to meet **Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in the Tejas Conference Room.**

If you plan to attend this meeting and you have a disability requiring special arrangements, please contact Rachel Evans at 817-695-9223 or revans@nctcog.org, 72 hours prior to the meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.

