



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

North Texas Grease Abatement Council

Thursday, November 6, 2014
10 a.m., Fred Keithley Conference Room
NCTCOG Offices, CPII
616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

1. **Welcome and introductions.**

DISCUSSION

2. **2014 Holiday Grease Roundup.** Staff shares event details and marketing materials for the 2014 Holiday Grease Roundup. A Dallas County Schools (DCS) representative provides information on the DCS biodiesel program. Last call for participants!

Staff shared the event details and available marketing materials, then presented a sample of the digital assets. Staff also showed the group the event's webpage, which is in English and Spanish. For cities not using a current vendor, the biodiesel vendor chosen was Dallas County Schools. Susan Falvo, Paul Jacobs, Ricky Fulps, and Ramon Stripling from DCS provided more information about the program's buses and biodiesel consumption, and answered specific questions related to the event. November 14 was agreed upon as the date for NCTCOG staff to give DCS the final list of participants using their services.

3. **Flushable wipes.** TRA provides an update for the flushable wipes campaign and TRA's collection system survey.

Jennifer Moore from TRA discussed the current status of the flushable wipes campaign. The campaign has shifted departments and TRA will be holding an internal meeting November 10 to discuss how to move forward with the campaign. The Clog Monster will most likely not be used. Jennifer also reported on the collection system survey and how it may help target outreach if TRA's survey shows that loads are highest in specific locations (for example, downstream of daycares, medical facilities, or certain neighborhoods).

4. **Work program and budget.** Staff shares an updated draft of the work program and budget.

Staff walked the group through the work program and budget draft, highlighting revised areas. Due to the SW Food Expo being held in Dallas every other year, Task 2 (grease interceptors brochure update) may be removed. The domain cost in Task 4 (website) will also change to reflect the cost of keeping the old domain for approximately a year.

5. **Voting for a new name.** Members discuss suggested names that fit the group's newly expanded mission and vote for their preferred choice.

Members discussed factors to consider for new names. These include the following:

- Making sure the name is holistic
- Providing room for change and growth
- Whether the name is for the constituents and/or the public, and if it's for the public, if the group's mission is clear
- Highlighting the importance of infrastructure
- Not using "Clean Water" in the name because that phrase is often used in relation to drinking water

The group brainstormed additional ideas. Staff will send out the full list and ask for additional suggestions, then send out the names for members to vote on.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

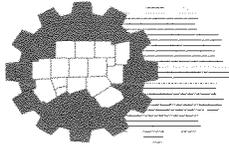
6. **Roundtable.** Members will be asked to share what is happening in their communities.

- TRA – Working on the Wastewater Etiquette campaign and the collection system survey.
- Denton – Started its program about 3 years ago. Has seen significant reduction in sanitary sewer overflows; restaurants are under better control.
- Carrollton – Seeing problems with Schier Great Basin grease interceptors related to heavy food preparation. Sampling has shown massive failures with inlet diffusers coming off even if they haven't been jet cleaned. Looking for alternatives. Also holding a grease collection event after Thanksgiving. Interested in participating in regional event next year. Lastly, looking for ideas on how to work with apartment complexes.
- Plano – Giving away grease bags and lids as promotional items for the upcoming holidays. Overhauling FOG education. Promoting curbside pickup. Also looking for effective targeted outreach for apartments. Happy to hear lessons learned.
- Frisco – Working on new BMP for building program.
- North Texas Municipal Water District – New management; meeting with partners, getting on the same page.
- Richardson – Currently does not have a FOG program, but looking to start one.
- Mansfield – Hazardous waste center is under construction and should be open next spring. May limit FOG collection/availability of drums when it opens.
- Coppel – Offering curbside pickup of oil; interested to see how this affects collection for the Holiday Grease Roundup.
- Dallas – Introduced new members: Brandon Ayala, Helen's replacement, and Kimberly Hackley. Noted the importance of educational outreach—especially with kids, who can then educate their parents. Dallas is willing to share literature and video. Also gave tips on outreach for apartment dwellers.
- Garland – Has found the Cease the Grease program very helpful. Has fit in seamlessly with Go Green Garland.
- Upper Trinity Regional Watershed District – Working with customer cities to ensure that they have grease trap ordinances. Trying to promote educational outreach.

- North Richland Hills – Collecting FOG the first week of December and the first week of January.
- McKinney – Has curbside pickup of FOG. Has also promoted FOG program with middle schools, whose students then targeted apartment buildings. Found adults to be receptive to children.

7. **Schedule for the next meeting.** Scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at 10 a.m.

8. **Adjournment.**



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Member Sign-in Sheet

NAME	SIGNATURE	ORGANIZATION
Brandon Ayala		City of Dallas
Stuart Bakken		City of Garland
Oleksandra Bikman		City of Keller
Michele Birmingham		City of Fort Worth
Gary Cocke		City of Plano
Stephen Conner		City of Garland
Brad Dyess		Trinity River Authority
Megan Fendley		City of Arlington
Kathy Fonville		City of Mesquite
Kenneth Garvin		City of North Richland Hills
Joe Gildersleeve		City of Arlington
Kimberley Hackley		City of Dallas
Fouad Jaber		Texas A&M University
Alejandro Mejia		City of Garland
Karen Menard Brian Kelm		Upper Trinity Regional Water District
Jennifer Moore		Trinity River Authority
Tuan Ngo		City of North Richland Hills
Brooke Noack		North Texas Municipal Water District
Howard Redfearn		City of Mansfield
Kenneth Roseberry		City of Irving
Christi Upton		City of Southlake
Billy Williams		City of Coppell
Kristy Woodard		City of Frisco

