



North Central Texas Council of Governments

# SUMMARY

## Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable

Wednesday, March 4, 2020  
10:00 AM, Metroplex Conference Room  
NCTCOG Offices, CPII  
616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011

Chair: Duy Vu, City of Cedar Hill  
Vice Chair: Elijah Dorminy, City of Irving

**The NCTCOG Environment and Development (E&D) Department is taking steps to maintain a safe workplace and is adopting practices to protect the health of employees, customers, visitors, and others. NCTCOG E&D is continuing business operations, but is suspending in-person meetings, including meetings of committees, subcommittees, workshops, and trainings, until further notice.**

\*NOTE: Events, trainings, and meetings in red may be postponed/cancelled. Please contact the appropriate entity for more information.

1. **Welcome and Introductions.**
2. **Meeting Summary.** The [December 4, 2019 meeting summary](#) is available online for your review.

The December 4, 2019 meeting summary was approved.

3. **FY2020 and FY2021 Work Program Discussion.** NCTCOG will provide an update regarding the FY2020 WATER Work Program budget and will discuss priorities and cost-sharing structure for FY2021.

NCTCOG is still accepting online commitments for FY2020 at [www.nctcog.org/envir/public-works/water-cost-share](http://www.nctcog.org/envir/public-works/water-cost-share).

The FY2021 WATER Cost Share Allocation email was sent out in February 2020. The FY2021 Work Program is in development and will be presented at the next meeting for discussion and approval. NCTCOG will begin accepting commitments for FY2021 over the summer of 2020. For budget purposes, the [FY2021 Cost Shares Allocation](#) table is available online for review.

4. **Holiday Grease Roundup Results.** NCTCOG will provide the results from the FY19 Holiday Grease Roundup.

During the 2019 Holiday Grease Roundup, 27 participants collected over 3,500 gallons of grease! Walter Dobson from American BioSource gave a presentation with an in-depth look at their operation in North Central Texas and how grease collected from the Holiday Grease Roundup is

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turned into biodiesel. You can view the presentation [here](#). The next Holiday Grease Roundup will begin on November 23, 2020 and end on January 4, 2021.

5. **Promotional Activities Update.** NCTCOG will provide an update on promotional activities and provide analytics from the Defend Your Drains website and social media. Additionally, NCTCOG will provide an update on the Fats, Oils, and Grease and Proper Disposal of Medicines explainer videos.

The [Uncommon Fats, Oils, and Grease \(FOG\)](#) explainer video is complete, and a draft for the Proper Medication Disposal explainer video was presented to the group to solicit feedback. NCTCOG aims to have this video published by the end of March 2020, to promote proper medication disposal during the timeframe that the semi-annual DEA Drug Take Back Day (**April 25, 2020**) will be taking place. NCTCOG will also begin work on the Household Hazardous Waste explainer video.

6. **Regional Training Update.** NCTCOG will provide details on the development of the Grease Interceptor Whisperer Training.

The Grease Interceptor Inspector Training will take place in Fall 2020. Details will be released as they are finalized.

7. **Member Highlight Presentation: City of Cedar Hill.** Duy Vu will present Cedar Hill's activities related to the proper disposal of Fats, Oils, and Greases and other educational activities.

Duy Vu gave a presentation on the City of Cedar Hill's environmental activities, including Environmental Collection Days, FOG education, regulated On-Site Sewage Facilities (OSSFs), liquid waste permitting, and more! His presentation is available [online for review](#).

8. **General Updates.** NCTCOG will provide general updates on relevant programs and events.

The North Texas Watershed Stakeholder Meeting is scheduled for **March 19, 2020** at 9:30 a.m. **but will be held as a remote webinar instead of in-person at the NCTCOG offices.** You can join the meeting using this [link](#). The agenda is available [online for review](#), and registration for this meeting is available [here](#).

The next Public Education Task Force scheduled for **April 15, 2020** at 9:30 AM has been postponed. Please look for an email with details to follow.

9. **Roundtable.** The group will share what is happening in their communities.

The City of Cedar Hill recently added waste management to the list of 29 programs overseen by their environmental department and held one of their four annual Environmental Collection Days on **March 14, 2020**.

The City of Mansfield is gearing up for spring events. Their Fix a Leak Class scheduled for **March 21, 2020** has been postponed.

The City of Duncanville will host a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) event on **March 28, 2020** for all Dallas County residents.



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Southlake reported an ongoing problem with one of their smaller lift stations clogging twice a week at regular intervals. After using GIS to map the houses served by the lift station, the source was suspected to be personnel hired by a nearby HOA to clean houses in that neighborhood. After mailing a cover letter and flyer to the neighborhood in question explaining what is and isn't acceptable to flush, the issue stopped.

The City of Irving recently updated their ordinance for liquid waste hauler registration and switched to an electronic entry system.

The City of Lewisville continues to offer a drop-off site for year-round grease collection and monthly HHW curbside pickup.

The City of McKinney had a great turnout with their Newcomer event in January and has begun to expand their FOG education program to Spanish-speaking communities. They have had great success reaching more members of their communities through in-person outreach at utility billing centers.

The North Texas Municipal Water District has increased grease collection and is looking forward to upcoming partner meetings.

The City of Garland offers year-round grease collection and is looking at getting larger, more effective grease containers/fat trapper bags for residents to use for drop-off.

The City of Mesquite has welcomed a new FOG inspector and employed a new "FOG Monster" display. They are also hosting an upcoming Mesquite Recycles Day event on **May 9, 2020**.

**10. Schedule for the Next WATER Meeting.** The next WATER meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2020 at 10:00 AM in the Metroplex Conference Room, NCTCOG Offices, CPIII, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011.

### **11. Adjournment.**

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Hannah Allen at (817) 695-9215 or [hallen@nctcog.org](mailto:hallen@nctcog.org). Thank you!

If you plan to attend this public meeting and you have a disability that requires special arrangements at the meeting, please contact Barbara Bradford at (817) 695-9231 or [bbradford@nctcog.org](mailto:bbradford@nctcog.org) at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.

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