

North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Water Resources Council

Thursday, October 3, 2019

10:30 a.m., Tejas Conference Room

NCTCOG Offices – CenterPoint III, 3rd floor

600 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

Chair: Wayne Owen, Tarrant Regional Water District

Vice-Chair: Glenn Clingenpeel, Trinity River Authority

1. **Welcome and Introductions.**
2. **Service Awards Presentation.**

Ms. Fiona Allen, Trinity River Authority; Mr. Tim Fisher, City of Denton; and Mr. Terry Kelley, Johnson County Special Utility District; were recognized for their years of service to the Water Resources Council. Click [here](#) for a photo of the recipients with Wayne Owen, Chair, on the right accepting the award on Mr. Tim Fisher's behalf.

ACTION ITEM

3. **Meeting Summary.** The [July 9, 2019 meeting summary](#) will be presented for approval.

Glenn Clingenpeel, Trinity River Authority and Vice-Chair of the WRC, made a motion to approve the July 9, 2019, meeting summary, and Stacy Walters, City of Fort Worth, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

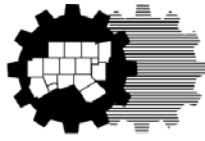
PRESENTATION

4. **Tarrant Regional Water District's Service Area Survey.** Dustan Compton, Tarrant Regional Water District, and Gian Villareal and Doug Varner, CDM Smith, Inc. will present and discuss the results of the survey.

TRWD's survey was administered as part of a larger planning effort to better understand the service area's changing water demands through 2070. The purpose of the 15-minute, online survey was to gauge the attitude of the general population in the service area about water conservation issues. 806 responses were received in about one month.

Some of the results are highlighted below:

- Overall, TRWD residents have a positive opinion of North Texas water, service and reliability.
- Most residents are uninformed about the source of their drinking water.
- Current water use for lawns is expected to stay consistent.
- 1 in 2 respondents say they follow water use restrictions.
- Of all the ages surveyed, those born prior to 1965 are the most likely to engage in conservation behaviors.



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DISCUSSION

5. **Final 2019 Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP).** The draft 2019 WQMP was endorsed by the NCTCOG's Executive Board on August 22, 2019. The final 2019 WQMP was approved by the TCEQ on September 9, 2019 and can be found on NCTCOG's website. The Interactive Mapping Tool for the WQMP is in progress.

The final 2019 Water Quality Management Plan is available on NCTCOG's website [here](#) under the green "Water Quality" banner.

6. **FY2020 Water Resources Council Membership.** NCTCOG will present the final FY2020 Water Resources Council membership roster and structure, which were approved by the WRC via electronic vote on August 21, 2019, and are based on the newly adopted WRC by-laws. A brief webinar covering WRC membership information will be available by early to mid-October.

New members were welcomed. The link for the WRC membership webinar can be found [here](#).

7. **Risk and Resilience Assessment and Emergency Response Plans.** Members are asked to share what they are doing to meet these requirements.

Hunter Stephens, City of Richardson, mentioned that his team was working internally with the City's emergency management group in an effort to complete this requirement, rather than hiring a contractor.

NCTCOG informed the WRC about the recent release of EPA's Community Based Water Resilience Guide, which contains information on how water utilities and communities can prepare for water service interruptions in emergency situations. More information can be found [here](#).

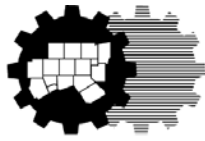
The WRC noted that water use relies heavily on energy. NCTCOG highlighted its related efforts on energy. More details and handouts from NCTCOG's workshop on Emergency Preparedness and the Energy Supply, one of two held on August 28, 2019, can be found [here](#) under "Events."

8. **Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEP) Update.**

NCTCOG staff shared information gathered from reaching out to several third-party administrators of SEPs, which are environmentally beneficial projects that violators of environmental laws can fund as an option for settlement. The information gathered is listed below:

- The SEP third party administrator application takes time to get approval.
- SEP funds arrive at intermittent and unpredictable times.
- As a result of the periodic funding, SEP work is usually busy at times, and slow at other times.
- SEP funds cannot be used on a project that is under TCEQ enforcement.
- SEP third party administrators should consider promoting their SEP program through Chambers of Commerce meetings, newsletters, and signage at the site.

A SEP subcommittee was formed to provide guidance to NCTCOG as it considers whether to apply to be a third part administrator of these funds.



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- 9. Environmental Working Group (EWG) Information.** Members are asked for their input on the validity of the data and general information put forward by the EWG.

The EWG compiles data that water utilities report to create its Tap Water Database and expects to have an updated version available by the end of the year. EWG obtains the data from EPA, which obtains the data from TCEQ. Stacy Walters, City of Fort Worth, noted there have been errors in the data that EWG receives from EPA, and correcting them takes a lot of time. These inaccuracies cause concern with the public. The WRC was asked to stay informed on this issue and the accuracy of the data in EPA's records.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

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

- a. Water for North Texas Resource Library – The next meeting of the Advisory Group is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Regional Forum Room, First Floor, Centerpoint Two Building, NCTCOG Offices.

The date for the next meeting has been moved to Wednesday, November 20, 2019.

- b. Conversion of Frognot Water Supply Corporation to Frognot Special Utility District of Collin, Fannin, and Hunt Counties.

The TCEQ has moved forward with this application. The WRC submitted comments in support of this application on July 2, 2019.

- c. Solid Waste Call for Projects Opens October 14, 2019.

NCTCOG's solid waste program has grant funding available for solid waste projects. For more information about the program, who is eligible, and how to apply, click [here](#).

11. Future Agenda Items

12. Roundtable

Hunter Stephens, City of Richardson, announced that Richardson and Plano are coordinating a wastewater operations roundtable. The first meeting will be held on November 7, 2019.

The American Water Works Association's (AWWA) 2019 Water Quality Technology Conference will be held in Dallas from November 3 – 7. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

- 13. Schedule for the next meeting.** The next WRC meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at 10:30 a.m.** in the William Pitstick Conference Room, **First Floor, Centerpoint Two**, NCTCOG Offices.

14. Adjournment

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Elena Berg at (817) 608-2363 or eberg@nctcog.org. Thank you!

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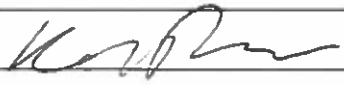



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