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# SUMMARY

## **Greater Trinity River Bacteria TMDL Coordination Committee Meeting**

Thursday, June 16, 2016

9:30 a.m., William J. Pitstick Executive Board Room

NCTCOG Offices, CPII

616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

### **Action Items**

1. **Meeting Summary Approval:** The June 3, 2015 Meeting Summary was presented and Tad Heimburger, DART, motioned for approval and Muhammad Rafique, DFW Airport, seconded the motion.
2. **2015-2016 Accomplishments and I-Plan Administrative Amendments:** NCTCOG staff provided an overview of the TMDL Greater Trinity I-Plan program since the last Coordination Committee in June 2015. NCTCOG staff presented a handout summarizing the administrative amendments to I-Plan that incorporated the technical subcommittee's comments. Once the Mountain Creek segments have been formally approved by TCEQ's Commissioners, the administrative edits will be formally brought before the Greater Trinity TMDL Coordination Committee at the 2017 meeting. NCTCOG staff reviewed the items addressed in FY2016 which included:
  - Development of a BMP Library with over 150 resources,
  - Partnership with AgriLife Stephenville to address bacterial impairments in the Trinity River Basin. The first year focused on increased education and outreach to raise stakeholders' water quality awareness.
  - Supported Do the Right Thing Pet Calendar with over 100 individuals taking the pet waste pledge in FY16.
  - Development of Implementation Plan strategies matrix for prioritizing strategies for FY2016

### **Discussion Items**

3. **City of Fort Worth Briefing on Sycamore Creek:** Cody Whittenburg, City of Fort Worth Environmental Manager, presented efforts underway to develop a TMDL for Sycamore Creek. Cody discussed working to determine probable sources of bacteria and potential strategies to address the problem. TCEQ is currently working on a QAPP to acquire data to develop a TMDL for Sycamore Creek before TIAER begins work. Final TMDL is expected to be completed by 2018-2019. Cody emphasized the ultimate goal is to include Sycamore Creek in the existing Greater Trinity River I-Plan.

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4. **FY2017 TMDL Subcommittee and Coordination Committee Activities:** NCTCOG staff shared proposed FY17 activities with the Coordination Committee. These activities will include:

- The addition of an annual report to track activities that occurred throughout the year.
- One-on-one meetings with communities in the I-Plan area.
- NCTCOG will compile data to track strategy implementation. Tracking of these metrics will help determine if strategies in the I-Plan have assisted in improving water quality.
- Development of a quarterly newsletter to assist Coordination and Technical subcommittee members aware of current efforts underway related to the TMDL program including funding opportunities, regional highlights, and updates to the BMP library.

Coordination committee members commented that one-on-one meetings maybe more beneficial if a survey was developed in conjunction or in lieu of the meetings. The concern for these meetings was getting the appropriate staff to the table to assist with logging current efforts underway in the entities within the I-Plan area. It was also requested that coordination occur between NCTCOG and city staff aware of the I-Plan prior to reaching out to other city departments.

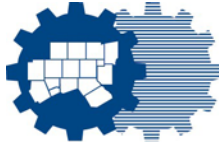
5. **Committee Membership:** NCTCOG staff reviewed current efforts to increase participation on technical subcommittees. Increasing participation will be essential to assisting with the development of the FY17 annual report. NCTCOG also discussed identifying non-profits in the region to contribute with development of the annual report. Overall, reengagement of stakeholders will be key to advancing the I-Plan towards improving water quality. Tad Heimburger mentioned reaching out to homeless organizations to help address the issues related homeless camps and bacteria.

6. **Staff Updates:** NCTCOG staff will brief the Coordination Committee on related activities that impact water quality in the I-Plan area.

- [AgriLife Upper Trinity River Basin Coordinating Committee Meeting August 25<sup>th</sup>](#)
- [Mountain Creek Segments and Addition to I-Plan Status](#)
- [Water Quality Management Plan](#)
- [Green Infrastructure/Low Impact Development Workshop July 12<sup>th</sup>](#)
- [BMP Library Resources](#)

7. **Roundtable Discussion:** Discussion of water quality related activities within individual jurisdictions and other topics as time allows.

- City of Irving noted that they were preparing to be audited by TCEQ next week for industrial high risk runoff.
- TRA discussed their Water Protection Plan for Village Creek and also about starting a WPP for Joe Pool Lake. They highlighted a potential study to look at E. coli and sediments in the reservoir in FY18-19.
- Fort Worth reiterated their work on an I-Plan for Sycamore Creek as well as finalizing a CIP master project list.
- TCEQ mentioned after preliminary review of the draft of the 2016 integrated report stream segments Cottonwood and Grapevine Creek in Irving were on track to be



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delisted. They also brought to attention that mentioning streams being delisted would be a good item for a newsletter.

- City of Arlington discussed monthly E. coli sampling for CRP.
- DART reiterated water quality issues related to homeless camps. DART also highlighted construction issues with TEX Rail and their new tracks from Fort Worth to the DFW Airport.
- Tarrant County talked about efforts underway for the cleanup of a slaughter house tank overflowing into Walnut Creek and trying to get the tank back into compliance. In a more positive note, Tarrant County also was pleased to see that repair of OSSF's are up.
- USDA NRCS discussed their challenge with trying to be more involved in urban areas instead of strictly rural agriculture. They also discussed workshop opportunities such as Stream and Riparian workshops through TAMU Water Resources Institute as well as the Urban Riparian Symposium through the Texas Riparian Association.

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