

North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Water Resources Council

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Via Microsoft Teams

[Link to Join Meeting](#)

Note: There is no call-in option available for this meeting.

Chair: Glenn Clingenpeel, Trinity River Authority

Vice-Chair: Stacy Walters, City of Fort Worth

1. Welcome and Introductions.

The Chair welcomed Caroline Waggoner, City of North Richland Hills. Ms. Waggoner will serve out Mike Curtis' term, which expires on September 30, 2022.

ACTION ITEM

2. Meeting Summary. The [October 13, 2021 meeting summary](#) will be presented for approval.

Stacy Walters, City of Fort Worth, made a motion to approve the October 13, 2021 meeting summary, and Wes Kucera, City of Garland, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

3. Changes in the Pipeline: What's Next for U.S. EPA's Lead and Copper Rule Revisions.

Carolyn S. Berndt, Legislative Director, Sustainability and Federal Advocacy, National League of Cities, will discuss U.S. EPA's latest actions on this rule under the Biden Administration and provide insight into what to watch for over the coming months.

Ms. Berndt noted that the LCRR took effect on December 16, 2021. The LCRR require water agencies to complete lead service line inventories by October 16, 2024. Prior to that deadline, the U.S. EPA intends to develop a new rulemaking, the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI). Ms. Berndt noted that the National League of Cities is advocating U.S. EPA for the following: Grants and other funding to local governments to meet these requirements; Careful consideration of how to address lead service lines on private property; A moderate approach to risk communication that does not create panic; and, Determining whether trigger levels are needed in the upcoming LCRI.

4. Meeting the Requirements of Texas Senate Bill 3. Adriana Thomas, Natural Resources Specialist, Resiliency and Preparedness Team-EPP, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, will briefly review any new developments, address common questions TCEQ has received from affected utilities, and be available for questions from the Water Resources Council.

Adriana Thomas, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, noted that the requirements of Texas Senate Bill 3, 87th Legislature took effect in June 2021 and require water systems to submit Emergency Preparedness Plans by March 1, 2022. TCEQ is expecting to receive about 4000 EPPs statewide. Free technical assistance is available at the [TCEQ Emergency Preparedness Plan Website](#) or by emailing PDWEPP@tceq.texas.gov.

DISCUSSION

5. Revising the Definition of “Waters of the United States.” The WRC is asked to share any insights or questions about this rulemaking. The public comment period is now open and will close on February 7, 2022.

The WRC Chair noted that U.S. EPA recently reinstated the pre-2015 regulatory definition and requirements until further notice. U.S. EPA is simultaneously consulting with stakeholders on future regulatory actions on this topic. There were no comments from the Water Resources Council on this agenda item.

6. Development of the 2022 Water Quality Management Plan. NCTCOG will provide an overview of the required tasks and timeline.

The draft of the 2022 Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) will be available for a 30-day public review in June 2022. The final deliverable must be submitted to TCEQ on August 30, 2022. If WRC members have GIS shapefiles of their water or wastewater service boundaries that they would be willing to share for this effort, please contact Elena Berg at eberg@nctcog.org. Water Quality Management Plans from prior years can be viewed on NCTCOG's webpage [here](#).

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

7. NCTCOG Updates. NCTCOG will update the WRC on recent and upcoming items of interest.

a. NCTCOG Solid Waste Grant Program’s Second Call for Projects.

- Application period: January 12 – March 2, 2022, at 5:00 PM CST.
- The application link will be available on NCTCOG’s website [here](#).

b. Annual Water Resources Questionnaire.

- To be distributed at the end of January and remain open until early March.

c. New Toolkits Added to Trash Free Texas Website at www.trashfreetexas.org

- [Local Government Trash Reduction and Education Toolkit](#)
- [Community Cleanup Challenge Toolkit](#)

d. Upcoming NCTCOG Webinars

- *Trash Free Texas Webinar: Making the Most of New Resources for Reducing Litter.* Thursday, February 10, 2022, 10:30 a.m. – 11: 30 a.m. [Add to Calendar](#)
- *What Water Planners in Texas Need to Know About Climate (And I Wish I Could Tell You).* Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon, Texas State Climatologist. Wednesday, February 23, 2022, 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. [Add to Calendar](#)

e. Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable (WATER).

- Re-cap of Holiday Grease Roundup

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- Next meeting – January 13, 2022, 10:00 a.m., Online. [Add to Calendar](#)

The webpage to connect with NCTCOG's Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable can be found [here](#).

f. North Central Texas Watershed Stakeholders Meeting.

- Wednesday, March 23, 2022, 9:30 a.m. – 11: 30 a.m.

g. Total Maximum Daily Load Meetings and Updates.

- [NCTCOG's TMDL Webpage](#)
- Contact: Hannah Allen, hallen@nctcog.org

Upper Trinity River Basin Coordinating Committee Meeting will be held on February 15, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. via Microsoft Teams [Add to Calendar](#)

These educational materials are now available:

- "What are TMDLs?" tri-fold brochure
- Wastewater Door Hanger

Requesting feedback on new educational materials:

- Septic System Maintenance for Homeowners educational explainer video
- TMDLs and Industrial Facilities: What You Need to Know FAQ document

h. Funding Opportunity – [Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program 2022](#)

- Project proposals due January 25, 2022.

8. Future Agenda Items. The committee will have an opportunity to request future agenda items.

The following topics were suggested:

- Rulemaking for the definition of Waters of the United States
- PFAs (Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances)
- Funding opportunities for water utilities
- Skyrocketing costs of water utility projects and water treatment
- Competing for qualified candidates to fill positions

9. Roundtable. WRC members are invited to share what is happening in their communities.

Below are highlights from the roundtable discussion.

- Whether to create consistent emergency communications language for North Central Texas.
- Challenges due to recent staffing absences.
- Project delays caused by supply chain interruptions
- Increasing cost of water delivery and treatment.
- Challenges of filling job openings with qualified candidates.

10. Next Meeting. The next WRC meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 13, 2022**, at 10:30 a.m. online via Microsoft Teams. [Add to Calendar](#)

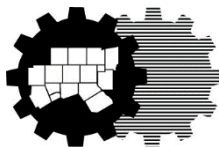
Meeting Dates for the Remainder of 2022:

- Wednesday, July 13, 2022 – NCTCOG [Add to Calendar](#)
- Wednesday, October 12, 2022 – Online [Add to Calendar](#)

11. Adjournment.

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

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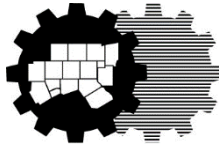
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NAME		ORGANIZATION
Mike Adams	Present	City of Midlothian
Tiffany Bruce		Town of Flower Mound
Dan Buhman		TRWD
Patty Cleveland		TRA
Glenn Clingenpeel	Present	TRA
Craig Cummings		City of Arlington
Caroline Waggoner (for Mike Curtis)	Present	City of North Richland Hills
Grace Darling	Present	Arlington Conservation Council
Greg Dickens	Present	City of Hurst
Billy George	Present	NTMWD
Joshua Howard		Johnson County Special Utility District
Sabaa Ismail		Walter P Moore
Tim James	Present	Half Associates
Gabe Johnson		City of Grand Prairie
Wilson Kakembo	Present	Town of Addison
Wes Kucera	Present	City of Garland
Terry Lowery		City of Dallas
Kevin Mercer		Denton County FWSD 6 & 7
Terry Naulty (for Frank Pugsley)		City of Denton
Michael Nieswiadomy	Present	University of North Texas
Larry Patterson		UTRWD
Zachary Peoples		City of Dallas
Steve Pettit	Present	City of Irving
Jerry Pressley	Present	City of Fort Worth
Jeff Price	Present	City of Mansfield

NAME		ORGANIZATION
Eric Robison	Present	City of Richardson
Kelly Rouse	Present	City of Lewisville
Craig Schkade		Hillwood Properties
Meghna Tare	Present	UT - Arlington
Danielle Tucker	Present	DEVA Service's
Stacy Walters	Present	City of Fort Worth
Sally Wright	Present	City of Dallas



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GUEST SIGN IN SHEET

NAME	EMAIL	ORGANIZATION
Adriana Thomas		TCEQ
Kristie Halverson		City of Dallas
Emma Crotty		City of Southlake
Amber Knott		City of Garland
Michael Kivlan		City of Lewisville
Olive Trager		Unknown
Jennifer Rovezzi		City of Dallas
Bill Gase		Unknown
Wendy Chi-Babulal		City of Fort Worth
Maureen		Unknown
Mamun Yusuf		Unknown
Carolyn Berndt		National League of Cities
Leticia DeLeon		TCEQ
Joshua Spencer		Unknown
Tim Barber		Unknown
Morgan Walloch		Unknown
Edith Marvin		NCTCOG
Cassidy Campbell		NCTCOG
Elena Berg		NCTCOG