



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Greater Trinity River Bacteria Total Maximum Daily Load Implementation Plan Coordination Committee

Tuesday, June 30, 2020, 9:30 AM

Virtual Meeting via WebEx

1. Welcome and Introductions.

PRESENTATION

- 2. Opening the Upper Trinity River to Recreational Use.** Steve Smith, Founder and Board Chair of Trinity Coalition, and Amruta Sakalker, Doctoral student in Urban Planning and Public Policy, will present the efforts of the Trinity Coalition, a non-profit with the mission “to transform the Trinity River into a nationally-recognized conservation and recreation area,” and the Institute of Urban Studies (IUS) of the University of Texas at Arlington to measure and document the health of the Upper Trinity River for recreational use.

Steve Smith, on behalf of The Trinity Coalition, shared their plans to create the Trinity River Paddling Trail. The trail would be 130 miles long and feature 21 launch sites, with significant clean-up efforts included in the planning process. Amruta Sakalker expounded upon the intended improvements by sharing the Upper Trinity Report Card project. This project would focus on surface water quality by expanding upon data from the TCEQ Surface Water Quality web reporting tool to create an interactive tool for the public like the EPA Mystic River Reporting Card. The project goals also include providing more comprehensive and understandable grading systems for the public using scientific data to rate water quality for recreational use. The presentation can be found online [here](#).

ACTION ITEMS

- 3. Greater Trinity River Bacteria TMDL I-Plan Coordination Committee Meeting Summary.** The [June 13, 2019 meeting summary](#) is available online for review and will be presented for approval.

NCTCOG provide an overview of the 2019 TMDL Coordination Committee meeting summary and requested a motion for approval. Kayla Miller, City of Fort Worth, made a motion to approve the summary. Nixalis Benitez, City of Fort Worth, seconded the motion. The meeting summary was approved unanimously.

- 4. TMDL I-Plan Administrative Update to Include North Fork Fish Creek.** NCTCOG will present the [TMDL I-Plan administrative update](#) and [inventory of changes](#) to the TMDL Coordination Committee for review and approval.

NCTCOG presented the I-Plan administrative update to the committee which includes North Fork Fish Creek as an Appendix, as well as updated references, rosters, and other items. Tad Heimburger, DART, motioned to approve the update and inventory of changes, and pointed out errors in the Table of Contents that NCTCOG will fix before the final draft is released. Robert Burndt, Tarrant County, seconded the motion. The committee was unanimous in its approval.

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5. **Approval of the TMDL Annual Program Summary.** NCTCOG will present the [TMDL Annual Program Summary](#) to the TMDL Coordination Committee for review and approval.

NCTCOG presented the final version of the TMDL Annual Program Summary. Nixalis Benitez, City of Fort Worth, motioned to approve the Annual Program Summary, and Kayla Miller, City of Fort Worth, seconded the motion. The Annual Program Summary was approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION

6. **FY2021 TMDL Technical Subcommittee and Coordination Committee Activities.** NCTCOG will share proposed FY2021 activities with the Coordination Committee.

NCTCOG presented activities from the Monitoring Coordination Forum Subcommittee. At the MCF meeting in February 2020, Angela Kilpatrick from the Trinity River Authority gave a [presentation](#) about Clean Rivers Program projects and other monitoring news from the region, including *E. coli* monitoring results from White Rock Creek and Lake Arlington watershed clean up efforts. Discussion at this meeting also led to the decision that the MCF will now meet twice annually, and meetings will include member highlight presentations or other relevant presentations.

NCTCOG presented activities from the TMDL Wastewater Technical Subcommittee. NCTCOG has developed a “Taking Care of Your On-Site Sewage Facility” brochure for homeowners and has expanded resources located on the TMDL webpage. NCTCOG also announced the indefinite postponement of the OSSF Workshop for Real Estate Inspectors originally scheduled for April 2020 due to COVID-19. NCTCOG will resume efforts for this workshop once they are authorized to host in person events again. In the meantime, NCTCOG is still seeking to fulfill contractual agreements with TCEQ for FY2020 by seeking topics for workshops/webinars that can be hosted remotely. Potential topics of interest discussed include:

- Green Infrastructure/Low Impact Development with a focus on costs/maintenance vs. conventional development.
- Urban Avian Feeding Impact on Water Quality
- Bacteria Source Tracking

NCTCOG also presented activities from the TMDL Stormwater Subcommittee. NCTCOG announced the completion of the Avian Feeding Social Media toolkit, available for download on the [TMDL webpage](#) under “Resources and Funding Opportunities”. NCTCOG also developed a Doo the Right Thing social media toolkit that can be found under the same banner as the Avian Feeding kit. The Regional Stormwater Management Coordinating Council Public Education Task Force has created monthly social media toolkits and is currently revamping the Doo the Right Thing Annual Calendar Contest. Additional resources are available for download on the [PETF webpage](#). Finally, NCTCOG met with the Stormwater Technical Subcommittee in October 2019 to discuss future projects, including the development of materials related to GI/LID, construction sites, and land use, business, and regulatory review.

ROUNDTABLE

7. **Staff Updates and Roundtable Discussion.** Members and staff will share what is happening in their communities.

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The [FY2020 Quarter 3 Newsletter](#) is available online.

NCTCOG began to post TMDL messages on the general E&D social media accounts and so far, has received 49 engagements and 1,495 impressions from five posts.

The Do the Right Thing contest will now be entirely digital and social media focused. It opened on July 1, 2020 and closes on August 31, 2020.

The RSWMCC's North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge, originally scheduled for September 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020, has been postponed until Spring 2021. The [event landing page](#) is still under construction, but be sure to check for updates. For more information, please contact Crysta Guzman at cguzman@nctcog.org.

NCTCOG has been awarded the EPA Trash Free Waters Grant and is still in the implementation planning stages. The project is composed of strategies aimed at basin-wide community engagement to reduce aquatic debris and encourage plastic reduction. For more information, please contact Elena Berg at eberg@nctcog.org.

The PETF and Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable have created a series of explainer videos related to water quality and wastewater initiatives. Please visit the [NCTCOG E&D YouTube page](#) to share and download these videos.

NCTCOG and members discussed revamping the Stormwater BMP Library, including a call for additional resource ideas and better search and filtering functions/options. It was also suggested that new materials be highlighted in outgoing emails and newsletters.

8. Adjournment.

The next TMDL Coordination Committee meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 9:30 AM** in the Regional Forum Room.

Regional Stormwater Management Coordinating Council scheduled for **Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 9:30 AM via Microsoft Teams**.

UTRB Coordinating Committee Meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, August 26, 2020, at 9:30 AM via WebEx**.

National Nonpoint Source Training Workshop scheduled for **November 16-19, 2020 and will now be held virtually**. Check in with the [conference website](#) for updates as details are released.

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

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