



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable

Thursday, July 16, 2026

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Metroplex Conference Room

NCTCOG Offices, CenterPoint II

616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011

Chair: Andrea Chick, North Texas Municipal Water District

Vice Chair: Kimberly Morris, City of Lewisville

1. **Welcome and Introductions.**
2. **Meeting Summary.** The [April 16, 2026 meeting summary](#) is available online for your review.

[The April 16, 2026 meeting summary was approved.](#)

3. **Discussion: FOG Practices & Organizational Structure Survey.** NCTCOG will present the results of the recent survey distributed to WATER members for discussion, including information on organizational structure, departmental responsibilities, and operational practices.

[NCTCOG shared the results of the FOG Practices & Organizational Structure survey with 23 respondents. Attendees discussed how programs differed and how others can be optimized, including how staff are managing FOG responsibilities, education/outreach efforts, and other tasks. Attendees requested that NCTCOG follow up with respondents to ask if they feel their staffing level is adequate to support their FOG Program.](#)

4. **Defend Your Drains North Texas Promotional Activities Discussion.** NCTCOG will provide an update on activities and analytics from the Defend Your Drains website and social media activities. NCTCOG will also provide an update on the Vietnamese educational explainer video translations.

[NCTCOG provided an update on promotional activities, website activity, and status of the Vietnamese translations of the Holiday Grease Roundup, Uncommon FOGS, and Simple Life Cycle of Drinking Water videos, which are expected to be completed in the coming weeks. NCTCOG also shared a brief update on the new NCTCOG agency branding effort, including consultant review of social media efforts, which is expected to be released in September 2026.](#)

5. **2026 Holiday Grease Roundup Update.** NCTCOG will provide a brief update on preparations for the 2026 Holiday Grease Roundup, scheduled for November 1, 2026, through January 31, 2027, including a status update on marketing materials, grease collection vendors, and more.

[NCTCOG shared that Holiday Grease Roundup marketing materials are under final internal review and are expected to be distributed to partners in early August 2026. NCTCOG has secured two grease collection vendor partners for the 2026 event: American BioSource and Alliance Processors. Attendees discussed the need for additional communication from the grease collection vendors and that some barrels from the 2025 event were still present at their sites.](#)

6. **FY2027 Work Program Discussion.** NCTCOG will present the [draft FY2027 Work Program](#) for feedback and approval on tasks and priorities.

Attendees approved the FY2027 WATER Work Program. NCTCOG shared that invoices will be distributed electronically in October 2026, and will be contacting historical participants to confirm appropriate email addresses for invoice receipt.

7. **“Wipes, Pipes, and Public Education” Workshop Update.** NCTCOG will provide a brief update on the status of the summer 2026 training covering wipes.

The Wipes, Pipes, and Public Education Workshop is scheduled for August 19, 2026 at 10:00 AM at NCTCOG Offices and will include presentations from North Texas Municipal Water District and City of Plano. NCTCOG requests that attendees [RSVP](#) by August 14, 2026 with any dietary restrictions. The workshop will also include a show and tell portion – participants are strongly encouraged to bring their physical wipes related educational materials to share with others.

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

NCTCOG shared an update on the [2026 Draft Water Quality Management Plan](#), which showed an overall percentage reduction in Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) caused by FOG between 2024 (25%) and 2025 (22%)!

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

The City of Garland shared their recent successful educational effort: utilizing a jet truck and robot to clear a grease blockage in a clear pipe so attendees could see what a clog looks like and how the cleaning process works.

The City of Richardson shared information on the education they provide to restaurants to properly maintain grease traps and hot spot issues.

The City of Irving asked attendees about their management of education and outreach purchases and efforts, and how they balance that with other job duties.

The Trinity River Authority shared they had significantly more cooking oil dropped off during the 2025 Holiday Grease Roundup due to partnering with the City of Arlington for advertising efforts.

The City of Cedar Hill is working to roll out a prioritized grease trap inspection program that balances the need for high priority inspections with staff availability.

The City of Grand Prairie shared an update on their industrial pre-treatment program and that they received additional funding to support their Household Hazardous Waste program, allowing them to collect more cooking oil.

The Town of Prosper shared they are having a significant amount of growth, including at least 25 new grease traps installed at restaurants and other facilities this year. They also shared they are trying to do additional FOG related outreach to apartment complexes.

The City of Lewisville shared they hired a consultant to provide a report on how they should create and manage a FOG program. They also asked attendees if they accept other cities' permits or inspections for liquid waste haulers.



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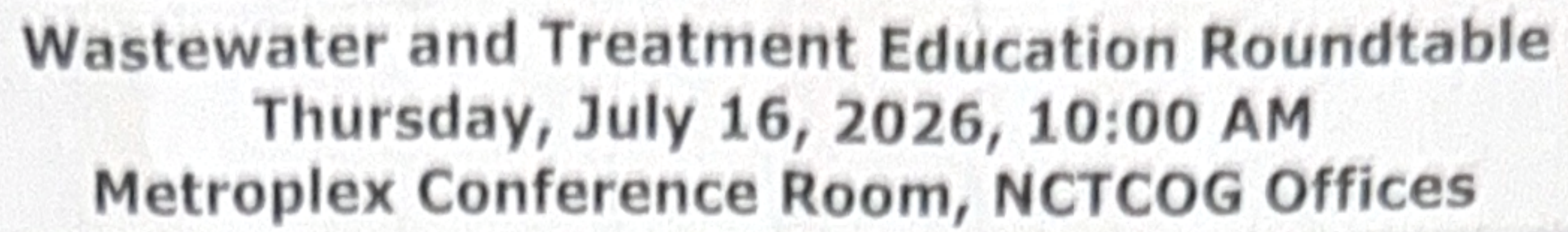
The City of Mansfield followed up on Lewisville's question, asking about hauler permit lists for new restaurants or facilities. Attendees discussed the need to have future discussions on "Welcome Packets" that members have utilized to provide educational information about FOG, including hauler lists, stormwater, and other issues that can be given to new restaurants, facilities, or tenants as part of the Certificate of Occupancy process.

10. **Schedule for the Next WATER Meeting.** The next WATER meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2026, at Trinity River Authority's Central Regional Wastewater System.

This meeting will include a tour and a boxed lunch and has a capacity of 40 attendees. Attendees must RSVP by October 8, 2026, and provide a completed waiver (witness line to be completed by NCTCOG Staff or your supervisor) to Hannah Ordonez by October 12, 2026. Attendees are required to provide a photo ID and wear closed toe shoes. Please plan to arrive at least 15 minutes ahead of the meeting start time due security checkpoints. It is suggested that attendees carpool when able.

11. Adjournment.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Hannah Ordonez at (817) 695-9215 or hordonez@nctcog.org. If you plan to attend this public meeting and you have a disability or language need that requires special arrangements, please contact Ashley Barnett at (817) 608-2363 or ABarnett@nctcog.org at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.

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