

## North Central Texas Council of Governments

# AGENDA

### Water Resources Council

Thursday, January 19, 2017  
10:30 a.m., Metroplex Conference Room  
NCTCOG Offices – CenterPoint II  
616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

### Summary

1. **Welcome and introductions.** NCTCOG staff and meeting participants will be introduced.

Members of the Water Resources Council (WRC), guests and NCTCOG staff introduced themselves.

### Action Items

2. **Meeting Summary.** The September 8, 2016 meeting summary will be presented for approval.

The meeting summary was presented for approval. Michael Nieswiadomy/UNT moved to approve the summary; Stacy Walters/Fort Worth seconded the motion. The summary was unanimously approved.

### Presentations

3. **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Urban Conservation Program, Kyle Wright, NRCS.** Kyle Wright, a state water quality specialist with the NRCS, will provide an overview of urban sector initiatives being pursued by the NRCS through the Urban Conservation Program.

Kyle Wright provided an overview of programs that operate under the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS). The programs empower locally led solutions and partnerships to leverage the funding available through the 2014 Farm Bill. Kyle emphasized the Conservation Technical Assistance, a no-cost program that assists entities with challenges by connecting them to specialists within USDA-NRCS for technical support. Additionally, Kyle discussed the importance of preserving and restoring streams through the ACT (Avoid, Control, Trap) Pollution method and the Healthy Soils program. Wayne Owen/TRWD mentioned the long partnership that Tarrant Regional Water District has with NRCS through the Healthy Soils initiatives to reduce sediment loading in the entity's reservoirs. NRCS is looking to provide more technical assistance to urban areas and the agency is currently hiring a statewide Urban Conservationist to accomplish their goal.

### Discussion

4. **Regional Water Campaign.** NCTCOG is exploring the opportunity to launch a regional water campaign aimed to create a consistent message about water resources in North Central Texas. NCTCOG requests feedback from the council on this opportunity.

NCTCOG staff presented on the opportunity to develop a regional outreach campaign aimed at educating the region on the value of water. The WRC provided feedback on the types of topics that could be included in the campaign. It was also discussed creating content that would help bridge the knowledge gap for the average citizen about where their water comes from and why watershed initiatives are important will be an essential component of the campaign. The WRC gave NCTCOG the green light to move forward with including the development of a regional outreach campaign in the draft FY2018 scope of work for the Water Quality Management Planning contract with TCEQ.

5. **North Central Texas Water Resources Questionnaire Review.** NCTCOG requests feedback on the draft North Central Texas Water Resources Report Questionnaire.

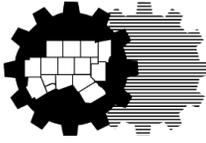
NCTCOG brought the draft North Central Texas Water Resources Questionnaire to the WRC for feedback. Grace Darling/TCEA suggested focusing less on the quantification of the outreach and more on the progress that implemented outreach has made. NCTCOG suggested the inclusion of a comment box with prompts to expand on the impact of the outreach efforts that the entity is listing as taking credit for. NCTCOG will include this comment and any other received comments in the updated version of the questionnaire.

6. **2017 WQMP Update.** NCTCOG is seeking input with the development of the 2017 Water Quality Management Plan Update (WQMP). NCTCOG requests feedback on the 2017 WQMP Goals and seeking assistance to gather the following data:
  - a. Wastewater service area boundaries (spatial)
  - b. Water district service area boundaries (spatial)
  - c. Data on annual treated effluent (gallons) from wastewater service providers

NCTCOG presented the 2016 WQMP goals to the WRC to get feedback on where this year's update should focus. Ron McCuller/Grand Prairie suggested looking at pollutants on both sides of the treatment process and potentially include information regarding technologies that wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs) can explore to address this challenge. Stacy Walters/Fort Worth also mentioned the importance of the 303(d) List and how it affects TPDES permit review. NCTCOG will include these and any other received comments in the development of the 2017 WQMP Update goals.

7. **Water Resources Council Alternates.** NCTCOG is seeking a designated alternate for each WRC member who can attend meetings in the event of a member absence. The designated alternates will count towards a quorum and act as a voting representative for the WRC member they represent. **The alternate name and contact information sheet should be submitted to Rachel Evans, [REvans@nctcog.org](mailto:REvans@nctcog.org) by Friday, February 3, 2017.**

NCTCOG has asked the WRC members to provide a designated alternate in the event of their absence at a WRC meeting. The WRC discussed whether only the designated alternate had voting rights or if a member needed to send another employee if they then would count towards a vote and quorum. The council decided that any representative of a member entity would be allowed to participate to the full extent.



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### Other Business and Roundtable Discussion

8. **Roundtable.** Members and staff share what is happening in their communities.

NCTCOG will be hosting a webinar on On-Site Sewage Facilities on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Additionally, NCTCOG is working on an 85<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session Matrix for relevant water resources bills. Rachel Evans/NCTCOG will share the matrix with members of the WRC on a frequent basis as bills are being filed.

9. **Schedule for Upcoming Meeting.** The next WRC meeting will be held **Thursday, April 13, 2017 in the William J. Pitstick Executive Board Room at 10:30 a.m.**

The April 13<sup>th</sup> date conflicts with the Texas Water Conference in Austin, Texas. NCTCOG will reschedule the meeting to be held **Thursday, April 20, 2017 in the Regional Forum Room at 10:30 a.m.**

10. **Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Rachel Evans at (817) 695-9223 or [revans@nctcog.org](mailto:revans@nctcog.org). Thank you!

If you plan to attend this public meeting and you have a disability that requires special arrangements at the meeting, please contact Asher Hallman by phone at (817) 695-9231 or by email at [ahallman@nctcog.org](mailto:ahallman@nctcog.org) 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.



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