



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Wastewater And Treatment Education Roundtable

Wednesday, August 22, 2018

10:00 a.m., Metroplex Conference Room

NCTCOG Offices, CPII

616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011

1. **Welcome and Introductions.**

2. **Selection of Officers.** WATER will select a Chair and Vice Chair for the committee.

The group selected Duy Vu, City of Cedar Hill and Elijah Dorminy, City of Irving, as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively.

3. **FY2019 Work Program Discussion.** NCTCOG will provide an update regarding the FY 2019 WATER Work Program including the preliminary budget and priorities for FY19.

NCTCOG announced that the [FY19 commitment form](#) and [Draft FY19 Work Program](#) are now available for review. Invoices are typically sent out around October.

The benefits of being a cost sharing WATER member include: discount on WATER training registration fees, priority registration for trainings, access to media flyers and having the organization logo posted to DYD website. The group was asked to submit any suggestions on additional benefits that could be offered.

4. **Grease Interceptor Inspection Training Development.** NCTCOG will provide an update on the details of the Grease Interceptor Inspection Training, such as cost, location and selected instructor.

NCTCOG stated that the training is scheduled for October 1-2, 2018 with Neal Klimek as the instructor. The training will take place in Arlington, Texas. The start and end times have not been decided but the training will be full day events on both days.

5. **Holiday Grease Roundup.** NCTCOG will provide an update on the FY19 Holiday Grease Roundup.

The FY19 Holiday Grease Roundup will take place from November 26, 2018 through January 6, 2019. Flyer templates and promo flyers will be distributed soon. American BioSource will be providing the FOG containers at no cost.

6. **Social Media Campaign Update.** NCTCOG will provide an update on the social media campaign and will discuss the revisions to the Defend Your Drains website. Additionally, NCTCOG will present the draft DYD banner options to the group for review.

The group approved the banner templates and requested they be converted into files for flyers, door hangers and brochures as well. The group also suggested translating the flyer to Spanish and Vietnamese for public use.

The website will be launched on September 22, 2018. If any changes need to be made, please contact Cassidy Campbell.

7. **General Updates.** NCTCOG provides updates on relevant programs and events.

NCTCOG is evaluating the effectiveness of and demand for the annual Cooperative Purchase for educational and promotional items. The group was asked if members use it and to provide feedback in the perceived value of the program. Some members feel that it is a good idea-sharing forum and convenient for some organizations. Other comments were that some members prefer buying locally, can more easily find the specific products they want elsewhere and prefer to buy from businesses that are associated with certain environmental groups.

8. **Member Highlight Presentation: Tarrant Regional Water District.** Michelle Wood-Ramirez will share information about the TRWM Stream Trailer, which is available to support water-related educational and outreach efforts in the Upper Trinity River Watershed.

Michelle Wood-Ramirez presented the TRWM Stream Trailers and the many associated educational tools. The purpose of the trailers is to educate stakeholders on where they get their drinking water and how their individual actions impact water supply and quality. The trailers engage individuals through simulations and other hands-on learning tools.

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

City of Arlington reports that they have experienced their lowest rate ever of delinquent grease traps. They have also installed cameras to survey SSOs and the replacement of sewer lines.

City of Southlake stated that they are now performing grease trap sampling monthly.

City of Denton has incorporated industrial pretreatment in its wastewater treatment activities. They have also installed several OSSFs and have conducted approximately 200-250 facility inspections per year.

City of McKinney has conducted multiple green seminars that have been very well attended. One successful seminar was over the habitat conservation for monarch butterflies, which led to the planting of milkweed at 29 school campuses.

City of Cedar Hill has begun liquid waste hauler permitting.

City of Irving has continued outreach activities with their Fats, Rags, Oil and Grease (FROG) program.

City of Garland is currently developing a FOG program that is anticipated to launch in 2020.

City of Richardson has begun a permitted waste hauler program. There was a sewer line break that occurred in Richardson, which resulted in 2 fish kills.

North Texas Municipal Water District has done outreach with each of its member cities in regards to introducing them to some of their new educational tools such as WaterMyYard and the Water IQ campaign.

Tarrant Regional Water District announced that their upcoming riparian workshop event in Corsicana is scheduled for September 19, 2018.

10. **Next Meeting Date.** Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Metroplex Conference Room.

11. **Adjournment.**



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If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Cassidy Campbell at (817) 608-2368 or ccampbell@nctcog.org. Thank you!

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