



North Central Texas Council of Governments

# AGENDA

## Upper Trinity River Basin Coordinating Committee

Thursday, August 30, 2018

9:30 AM, William J. Pitstick Meeting Room

NCTCOG Offices, CPII

616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

### 2. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Faith Hambleton and Robert Grudier

Update of the TCEQ Non-Point Source 319 Program.

Robert Grudier discussed active Non-Point Source projects, which includes Joe Pool Lake, Lake Lavon, Rowlett Creek, Hickory Creek, and Granbury. Final approval for the Village Creek-Lake Arlington WPP is expected to be granted by TCEQ within the next month.

Faith Hambleton briefly mentioned that the 319 grant program had received a large number of applications, an indication that the program was being successful.

### 3. North Texas Municipal Water District, Galen Roberts

Presentation on the development and implementation of a Watershed Protection Plan for Lavon Lake.

Galen Roberts, the watershed manager for Lavon Lake gave an overview of the Lavon Lake Watershed Protection Plan including the development of the plan, the sampling conducted during the planning phase, the models used to analyze the data collected. Management measures for urban stormwater, agricultural areas, small acreage properties, and education and outreach are currently being executed. Projects funded through the TCEQ 319 grant program and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board include low impact development installations, education and outreach, and technical resources for their stakeholders, and water quality monitoring. Outreach and education programs being promoted through the Lavon Lake WPP include Water IQ, Water My Yard, Water4Otter, Defend Your Drains, and Love Lavon Lake.

### 4. Roundtable

Discussion of watershed-level challenges.

Participants discussed the needs of the TMDL and WPP entities in relation to future UTRB meetings. It was suggested that coordination between the TMDL and WPPs in the region is necessary and that the meetings should include more



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technical topics; such as the use of small dollar projects, LIDs, grant applications, Supplemental Environmental Projects, algal bloom assays, SWOT versus SELECT, Bacterial Source Tracking, and small landowner outreach.

Also mentioned was the opportunity to conduct an additional meeting, separate from the UTRB-CC meetings, with a more technical focus. Participants requested that the meeting be conducted in March, prior to the Soil Board's call for grant applications, and that the focus be on the topics listed above.

### 5. Project Updates

Member discussion of on-going and planned activities.

- City of Fort Worth
  - TCEQ: For the Sycamore Creek TMDL, a meeting was held in June to gather public comments, which will be addressed in November. The TMLD is currently under legal review at TCEQ and is expected to be added to the agenda in January/February for final approval. The Sycamore Creek TMDL was recently added to the I-Plan through a vote by the I-Plan Coordination Committee.
- North Texas Municipal Water District
  - Grant projects will begin in the next couple of months.
  - Actively doing Defend Your Drains.
  - Working to prepare for the new reservoir.
- City of Dallas
  - No updates
- Tarrant Regional Water District
  - The Eagle Mountain Watershed Plan had a meet with partners in July.
  - As of today, 858 conservation plans have been written on over 100K acres in Wise County.
  - 33% of Wise County is currently under a conservation plan.
  - 40% of the farmers/ranchers are funding their own conservation practices.
  - \$1.7M was made available for projects, only 40% was federally funded.
  - A listening session will be held at the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) headquarters that will cover small dams and lakes. National Water Coalition has a link to the flyer, [here](#). The event will be held at the Decatur Convention Center, September 18, 2018, at 9 am.
  - A Riparian Ecosystem workshop will be held at the Corsicana Public Library on September 19<sup>th</sup>.



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- The Texas NRCS will be holding a state technical advisory meeting to discuss and identify areas of drinking water. The meeting will be held in Austin on October 23, 2018.
- An Urban Riparian workshop will be held in Lewisville, February 13-15, 2019.
- Trinity River Authority
  - The Joe Pool characterization will begin monitoring in November of 2018. The monitoring will take place over a 12 month period at 16 regular sites and 6 high flow sites.
  - Planning is wrapping up for Village Creek and public comments have been incorporated.
- North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)
  - The NCTCOG recently hosted a Texas Stream Team Train-the-Trainer Workshop that was very successful. Due to the large amount of interest, the NCTCOG will host a Texas Stream Team Bullseye Training workshop in October.
  - The Stormwater Monitoring Program has continued collecting wet weather samples and will be conducting a second bioassessment sampling September 5-7.
  - The University of Texas Arlington and the City of Arlington will host the Water Consortium on September 26, 2018. The event flyer and registration is available [here](#).
  - The OneRain regional program is now available. Participants currently include Fort Worth, Grand Prairie, McKinney, and the Tarrant County Regional Water District. More information can be found [here](#).
  - A Grease Interceptor Inspector Training will be held October 1-2, 2018. To register, and for more information, please visit the NCTCOG site [here](#).
  - The NCTCOG will be hosting a County Stormwater Manager Meeting in October to discuss challenges with the MS4 permit.
  - TCEQ has released the new MS4 permit for public comment. The public comment period will end at 5 pm on September 24, 2018. The draft can be found [here](#).
  - NCTCOG is currently creating a Permittee Responsible Database to help connect entities needing stream restoration with firms who need to conduct offsite restoration. A beta version is scheduled to be released in early 2019.
  - NCTCOG will be hosting several illegal dumping trainings in September, October, and November. For more information, and to register, please visit the NCTCOG events page [here](#).



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- The Texas Stormwater Conference will be held Sept 24-26, 2018, at the Great Wolf Lodge in Grapevine. Information and registration can be found [here](#).
- The Water Education Clearinghouse is looking for volunteers to serve on its Advisory Group. The website will be a compilation of existing water resources in the region. If you are interested in participating, please contact Ryann Cline at [RCline@nctcog.org](mailto:RCline@nctcog.org).
- The Upper Trinity Symposium will be held on September 21, 2018 from 9am to 2pm at Bentley Station, Lake Dallas (222 Betchan Drive, Lake Dallas, TX 75065).

### 6. Schedule the Next Meeting

- Next Meeting: [February 2019](#)

### 7. Adjournment

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Mayra Lopez at (817) 608-2360, or by email at [mlopez@nctcog.org](mailto:mlopez@nctcog.org).

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