

# Water Resources Council

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North Central Texas Council of Governments

**Environment  
& Development**

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## 1. Welcome and Introductions.

# Action Items

## 2. Meeting Summary.

- I. The September 27, 2018 meeting summary will be presented for approval.

# Presentation

## 3. Legislative update.

- I. NCTCOG will give a brief presentation on legislative bills of interest.

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# Legislative Update

# Bills of Interest



SB 81 - Relating to the naming of a reservoir by certain water districts



HB 26 - Relating to the creation of an alert system to notify affected persons of certain releases of water from certain dams.



HB 100 - Relating to information on projected changes in weather and water availability in strategic plans of certain state agencies.



HB 245 - Relating to a requirement to make certain environmental and water use permit applications available online.



HB 488 - Relating to the protection of public freshwater areas.



HJR 11 - Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board.



## SB 81 - Relating to the naming of a reservoir by certain water districts

- ▶ SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 49, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 49.239.
  - ▶ (a) The district must request approval of the name from the commissioners court of the county in which the reservoir project site is located.
  - ▶ (b) Outlines that if the reservoir project site is located in more than one county, the approval of the name shall be received from the commissioners court of the county in which project site is principally located.
  - ▶ (c) Gives a 60 day timeline for the commissioners court to approve a reservoir name.
- ▶ [Link to Bill](#)



## HB 26 - Relating to the creation of an alert system to notify affected persons of certain releases of water from certain dams.

- ▶ Add Subchapter F.
- ▶ (a) The commission shall implement the Texas Dam Release Alert System to be activated on behalf of a dam operator to warn potentially affected persons of possible floods.
- ▶ (b) The alert system must be designed to notify potentially affected persons of a dam release through available means including: television or radio broadcasts, message signs across the state, website, and reverse 9-1-1 calls/texts/emails.
- ▶ [Link to Bill](#)



HB 100 - Relating to information on projected changes in weather and water availability in strategic plans of certain state agencies.

- ▶ Amending Section 2056.002 Strategic Plans
  - ▶ Adds text that outlines what an agency's strategic plan must include, such as:
    - ▶ Expected changes in services due to projected changes in weather.
    - ▶ Identification of financial resources needed.
    - ▶ Analysis of partnerships, etc.
- ▶ [Link to Bill](#)



HB 100 - Relating to information on projected changes in weather and water availability in strategic plans of certain state agencies.

- ▶ Adding subsections (c), (d), (e), and (f) to Section 2056.005.
- ▶ (c) States the deadline for the Texas State Climatologist to provide a report of projected changes in weather, water availability, etc.
- ▶ (d) Outlines what shall be included in the report.
- ▶ (e) States that the State Climatologist can use a forecast created outside the office of the state climatologist .
- ▶ (f) State the deadline for the Legislative Budget Board to distribute the report outlined in Subsection C.
- ▶ [Link to Bill](#)





HB 245 - Relating to a requirement to make certain environmental and water use permit applications available online.

- ▶ SECTION 1. Section 5.552, Water Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1).
- ▶ (b-1) The applicant shall:
  - ▶ (A) Post a copy of the application on a publicly accessible Internet website.
  - ▶ (B) Publish, at least once in the newspaper of largest circulation in the county in which the facility to which the application relates is located or proposed to be located.
- ▶ [Link to Bill](#)



HB 245 - Relating to a requirement to make certain environmental and water use permit applications available online.

- ▶ SECTION 2. Section 11.124, Water Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g).
  - ▶ (g) The applicant shall post a copy of the application, map, and any supporting materials required by this subchapter on a publicly accessible Internet website.
- ▶ [Link to Bill](#)



## HB 488 - Relating to the protection of public freshwater areas.

- ▶ SECTION 1. Section 90.003(b), Parks and Wildlife Code, is repealed.
- ▶ Section 90.003 outlines exemptions to the prohibition of operating a motor vehicle in protected freshwater areas.
- ▶ Section 90.003(b) states: “This chapter does not apply to any river with headwaters in a state other than Texas and a mouth or confluence in a state other than Texas.”
- ▶ [Link to Bill](#)



HJR 11 - Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board.

- ▶ SECTION 1. Section 49-d-10, Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Subsections (a-1) and (a-2).
  - ▶ (a-1) The Texas Water Development Board may issue more general obligation bonds for economically distressed areas in an amount not to exceed \$200 million.
  - ▶ (a-2) The additional general obligation bonds authorized by Subsection (a-1) of this section may be issued as bonds, notes, or other obligations as permitted by law.
- ▶ [Link to Bill](#)

# Discussion Items

## 4. Development of Committee By-Laws.

- I. The WRC will discuss the draft of the committee By-Laws for the WRC.

# Discussion Items

## 5. Water for North Texas Website.

- I. NCTCOG will provide an update on the Water for North Texas Website.

## 6. FY2019 Regional Workshops.

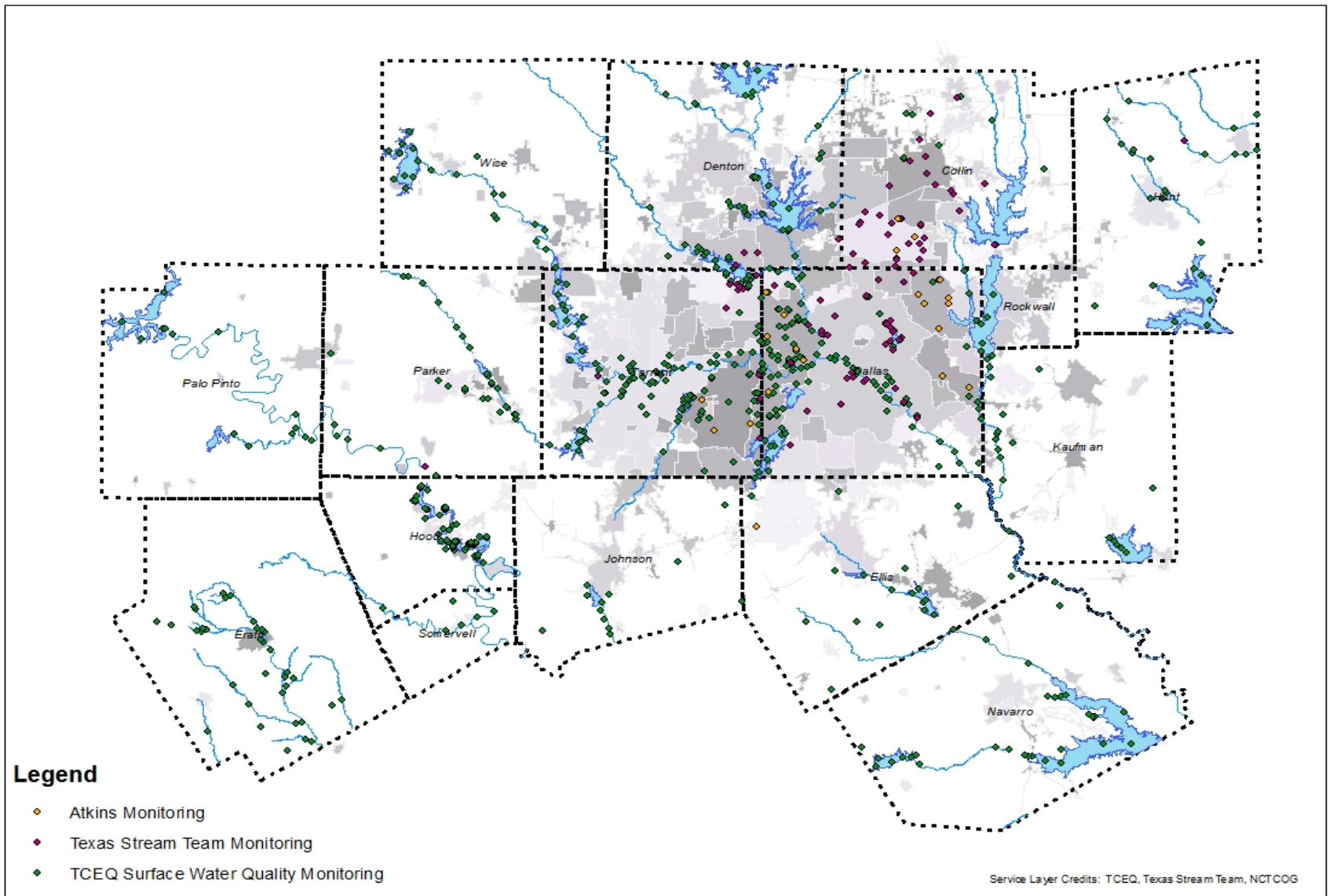
- I. NCTCOG is seeking input from members on topics of interest for FY19 workshops.
  - I. In November 2018, NCTCOG hosted a TWDB Water Loss Audit Workshop.

# Discussion Items

## 7. Development of the 2019 Water Quality Management Plan.

- I. NCTCOG is seeking input on the 2019 Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) Update and will request feedback on the 2019 WQMP goals.
  - I. Wastewater and water district service boundaries were updated in the 2017 WQMP Update.
    - I. When should they be updated again?
  - II. Draft Water Quality Monitoring Stations Map.
    - I. Any monitoring entities missing?

# Draft Monitoring Map





# Discussion Items

## 7. Development of the 2019 Water Quality Management Plan.

- I. Are there any additional items the WRC like added to the Water Quality Management Plan for FY2019?

# Other Business and Roundtable Discussion

## 8. Future Agenda Items.

- I. The committee can request future agenda items.

## 9. NCTCOG Updates.

- I. NCTCOG will update the WRC on recent and upcoming items of interest.

## 10. Roundtable.

- I. WRC members share what is happening in their communities.

# Other Business and Roundtable Discussion

## 11. Schedule for Next Meeting.

- I. Thursday, April 4, 2019 in the Regional Forum Room at 10:30 AM.

## 12. Adjournment.

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