



**North Central Texas Council of Governments**

## Summary

### **Public Works Council**

*Thursday, June 20, 2013*

*9:30 a.m., William J. Pitstick Executive Board Room*

1. **Welcome.** The Public Works Council (PWC) members and Edith Marvin, the new Director of Environment and Development at the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), introduced themselves.
2. **February 28, 2013 Meeting Summary Approval.** The PWC was unanimous in its approval of the February 28, 2013 Meeting Summary.
3. **Public Works Construction Standards Update.** Each of the six working groups completed their first meeting where an evaluation process was established to review the standards. The actual reviews and amendments will begin with the second round of meetings. Participation has been very good. Some cities provided NCTCOG with copies of their Construction Standards amendments. These can be found on the NCTCOG website. Progress reports will be presented at the next PWC meeting.
4. **2013 Public Works Roundup Update.** The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Works Roundup was held at the Texas Star Conference Center, in Euless, Texas, on May 23, 2013. There were 73 attendees, and the event was considered a success. Videos of the presentations are available for viewing on NCTCOG's website. The PWC membership was asked to submit future topic and venue suggestions.
5. **Other Work Program Activities**

Integrated Stormwater Management (iSWM): An agenda is being developed for the Low Impact Development Competition Class tentatively scheduled for early August. An iSWM Implementation Seminar will be scheduled once the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) permit is released. A stormwater pond seminar is planned for September.

Freese and Nichols, on behalf of NCTCOG, is currently conducting a telephone survey to determine how cities in the region are handling the permit if iSWM has not been implemented. Currently, 13 cities have incorporated iSWM.

Sustainable Public Rights of Way (SPROW) Committee: One more meeting will be scheduled before the end of the fiscal year. SPROW is seeking to build on the momentum generated at the Public Works Roundup.

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Public Works Council Representatives Nominations: Very shortly, PWC members reaching the end of their two year tenure will be given an opportunity to renew their term or nominate a replacement. NCTCOG staff requested that the form they receive be completed and returned by the date specified. The proposed PWC membership will be submitted to NCTCOG's Executive Board for approval at their September 2013 meeting.

TCEQ proposed Construction General Permit Update: The permit was reissued on March 5, 2013. Several small, but notable changes were cited. Tracy Michel will be available after the meeting to answer any questions.

TCEQ Proposed Small MS4 General Permit Update: TCEQ's Water Quality Work Group met in April. They continue to review the 167 comments received on the permit. If the permit is not renewed by November 12<sup>th</sup>, those holding MS4 permits will still be required to submit reports.

Discovery Cooperative Technical Partnership: The Discovery effort is well underway in the Elm Fork and Lower West Fork watersheds. The first round of meetings has occurred, with two more meetings scheduled next week: one in Weatherford and one in Frisco. FEMA is seeking input from the region. The question was asked why FEMA is requesting data that they already possess. NCTCOG staff stated that this is an update process, and there are many areas requiring closer attention. The Discovery process is a result of the general dissatisfaction with the consistency and availability of existing flood plain information. FEMA is attempting to address the issue.

6. **Public Works Emergency Response Team (PWERT) Update.** PWERT's goal this year has been to develop and execute regional public works mutual aid agreements. Currently there are 16 member cities/counties that have signed agreements, and 15 that are considering the agreement. Information on PWERT can be found on NCTCOG's Emergency Preparedness (EP) website under Special Projects. There was discussion regarding the tornado event in Granbury and the explosion in West.
7. **Metro Safe Room Rebate Program.** NCTCOG EP staff apologized to anyone who experienced heartache with this program. Initially the rebate offering was to cover those jurisdictions within the four core-counties that have an approved hazard mitigation action plan (HazMAP). One week before the launch, the Texas Division of Emergency Management and FEMA removed the HazMAP requirement and announced that any jurisdiction in the NCTCOG region would be eligible. The launch to accept applications occurred on June 5, 2013, at 1:15 a.m. Due to the overwhelming response, NCTCOG shut the site down at 5:30 a.m. With 400 applicants equally distributed among the four core-counties, 100 per county, the current wait list stands at 300 applicants. Another opportunity to be placed on the wait list will be launched beginning with Collin County on June 21<sup>st</sup>. In turn, each one of the 16 counties will have a portal opened on a specific date. This is for the wait list only. Additional funding for this program may become available in August.
8. **Roundtable Discussion.** The 2014 cost shares in support of the Public Works Program were sent out in March. Three cities have openings for an engineer. Arlington is seeking to establish recycling in multi-family units. After some discussion responding to recycling topics, NCTCOG staff offered to provide a recycling presentation at the next PWC meeting.
9. **Next Public Works Council Meeting.** The next PWC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 26, 2013.



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**MEMBER SIGN IN SHEET**

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Cesar Baptista		City of Dallas
George Behmanesh		City of Fort Worth
Michael Brownlee		Southwest Dallas Subregion
Dennis Burn		Southeast Dallas Subregion
Dean Carrell		Southeast Subregion
Paul Causey		Associated General Contractors
Gerald Cosgrove		City of Plano
Lyndon Cox		Texas Council of Engineering Labs
Hal Cranor		City of McKinney
Frank Crumb		City of Fort Worth
Kyle Culwell		Northwest Tarrant Subregion
Meran Dadgostar		Northwest Dallas Subregion
S. Erik Dumas		Southwest Subregion
Chris Flanigan		Northeast Subregion
Jarrood Greenwood		Northwest Subregion
Perry Harts		City of Frisco
Jack Hedge		Dallas County
Alan Hendrix		City of Dallas
Matt Helzapfel	<i>Mike Rozelle</i>	City of Mesquite
Tracy Homfeld	<i>Ruben Delgado</i>	Collin County
Bennett Howell		Denton County
David Hunter		City of Denton
Robert Kopp		City of Carrollton
Jim Lockart		City of Richardson
Bob Lowry		Northeast Tarrant Subregion
Ron McCuller		City of Grand Prairie
Jeffrey McSpedden		Denton/Lake Cities Subregion
Keith Melton		City of Arlington
Manny Palacios		West Subregion
Walter Pishkur		City of Arlington
Michael Polocek		City of Garland
Jerry Roberts		Council of Engineering Companies
Steve Rogers		East Subregion
Bob Rowley		South Tarrant Subregion
David Salmon		DFW North Subregion
Dale Stubblefield		Associated General Contractors

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<b>Joe Trammel</b>	<i>Joe Trammel</i>	<b>Tarrant County</b>
<b>Brad Tribble</b>	<i>Brad Tribble</i>	<b>Council of Engineering Companies</b>
<b>Greg Van Nieuwenhuize</b>		<b>Mid-Cities Subregion</b>
<b>Dan Vedral</b>	<i>Dan Vedral</i>	<b>City of Irving</b>