



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Flood Management Task Force
Friday, November 19, 2021
9:30 AM, Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

1. Welcome and introductions.

The meeting began at 9:30 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves via the chat box.

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION/ACTION ITEMS

2. **Meeting Summary.** The August 13, 2021, meeting summary is [available online](#) for review. Comments will be sought at the meeting. (Breanne Johnson)

The August 13th meeting summary was approved by the Task Force as presented, without comment.

3. FY 2021 Trinity River COMMON VISION Work Program Activities Discussion.

- a. **NFIP and CDC Model Consolidation Team.** USACE staff will update the FMTF on scopes of work and timelines submitted by the USACE related to:
- Updating the newly georeferenced CDC model with approved but not yet constructed CDC project geometries from 2017 onward and future flows.
 - Creating the CDC future flows for the FEMA detailed study on the East Fork Trinity and the Trinity mainstem to extend the consolidated model. (Matt Lepinski)

Matt Lepinski, USACE, provided an update on two ongoing USACE-funded CDC model consolidation studies. Both studies are well underway, with an expected completion of early 2022.

- b. **USACE Storm Shifting Application.** USACE staff will discuss progress of the storm shifting project on the Trinity River Corridor, funded by the Silver Jackets. (Matt Lepinski)

Matt shared background and updates on the Upper Trinity Storm Shift Silver Jackets Study. A stakeholder meeting for this study will be held in December or January to gain community input. USACE anticipates completing and sharing the results of the study in early 2022.

- c. **Update the CDC Manual to the 5th Edition.** The NFIP-CDC Model Consolidation Team will share progress on updates to the CDC Manual, including sharing several completed sections for review by the FMTF. (Lisa Biggs)

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Lisa Biggs, Team Chair, reminded Task Force members to submit comments on the draft CDC Manual sections 1-3 ([posted online here](#)), and shared that a draft of section 4 is on track to be completed by early 2022. Task Force members shared frequently asked questions they get from developers about the CDC application process, to be included in an FAQ section of the updated CDC Manual:

- Why does the process take so long? What is the timeline for the application process once I submit my payment?
- Can developers reach out to USACE directly for updates on their application status, or should they interface only with their floodplain administrator?

Additional FAQs can be submitted to Lisa Biggs at Lisa.Biggs@fortworthtexas.gov.

- d. **Efforts to Expand the Common Vision Program.** NCTCOG staff will share recent efforts and progress on expanding the Trinity Common Vision program to additional communities along the Trinity River. (Edith Marvin)

NCTCOG is continuing efforts to bring East Fork and Denton Creek communities into the Common Vision program. Edith Marvin, NCTCOG, shared that the City of Grapevine is interested in joining the program, and that NCTCOG will be following up with them to encourage their participation.

- e. **OneRain Regional Flood Warning Software Contract.** OneRain will provide an update on current contracts with communities in North Central Texas. (Sue Swenor)

Sue Swenor, High Sierra Electronics, gave an update on the current communities participating in the regional OneRain contract. Sue also shared the many functionalities of the OneRain software tools, including weather monitoring, real-time stormwater runoff monitoring, flood warning beacons and road closure activation, and more. Questions about OneRain can be directed to Sue at sue@hsierra.com.

4. **FY21 Steering Committee Meeting Summary.** NCTCOG staff will provide a brief overview of the discussions held at the September 21st [Trinity Common Vision Steering Committee](#) meeting. The [meeting summary](#) and [recording](#) are available online for review. (Edith Marvin)

The [FY22 Trinity Common Vision Work Program](#) was approved by the Steering Committee at their September 21st meeting, as recommended by the Task Force. The Committee also discussed the potential for increasing cost shares from the original Common Vision participants for FY23, with no formal recommendation made at this time. Cost share discussions will continue over the next year, with the option for the Committee to formally review an increase at their next meeting.



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5. **FY22 Cost Share Invoice Discussion.** NCTCOG staff sent FY22 Cost Share invoices to Trinity Common Vision member communities in late October. If any community has a question about their invoice or has not received an invoice, please contact NCTCOG as soon as possible. (Edith Marvin)

Edith Marvin reminded the Task Force that cost share amounts for FY22 have not changed from the historic 2001 cost shares, but any community that can contribute more than their invoiced amount for FY22 is encouraged to do so.

INFORMATION ITEMS

6. **Other Program Related Efforts**

- a. **Integration of Transportation and Stormwater Planning.** NCTCOG staff will provide an update on the scope and funding for the Integration of Transportation and Stormwater Planning Project. (Edith Marvin)

Edith provided background and an update on the Transportation and Stormwater Integration (TSI) project. TSI is an ongoing collaboration between NCTCOG and USACE to address stormwater infrastructure and transportation planning in future development. NCTCOG and USACE have received \$10 million total to fund this project; study activities will commence within the next few months as the funding contracts are finalized.

- b. **North Texas Floodplain Administrators/CRS Users Group.** NCTCOG and the Texas Floodplain Management Association (TFMA) continue to hold meetings for floodplain administrators and CRS users in the region. (Breanne Johnson)

Breanne Johnson, NCTCOG, shared that CECs for the July 29th Combined CRS Users Group/Elected Officials Seminar have now been issued via the TFMA online portal. An upcoming CRS Users Group webinar will be scheduled for February 2022.

- c. **25th Annual FEMA L-273 Course.** The annual four-day L-273 course hosted by FEMA and NCTCOG was held in early November. (Breanne Johnson)

The 25th annual FEMA L-273 course was held at NCTCOG's offices in Arlington on November 8-11th. 30 students completed the course, taught by instructors from FEMA and the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Following the course, on November 12th, NCTCOG held two CFM exams proctored by the City of Dallas and Half Associates.

- d. **Cooperating Technical Partnership.** NCTCOG staff will provide an update on the CTP projects that are ongoing and newly awarded. (Edith Marvin)



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Edith stated that the Mary's Creek project is complete, and that the Harriet Creek, Waxahachie Creek, and Catherine Branch studies are ongoing. NCTCOG received FEMA FY21 grants to complete projects for Hog Branch, East Fork, and Upper West Fork. NCTCOG also received grants for CTP Program Management and Community Outreach and Mitigation Strategies (COMS).

- e. **Integrated Stormwater Management (iSWM) Program.** An update on iSWM activities will be provided by NCTCOG staff. (Edith Marvin)

The iSWM Subcommittee approved the work scope this year's Task Order 6 at their July meeting. The Subcommittee also created a volunteer group to review language and documentation associated with Outcome 17 (Water Quality). The next meeting of the Subcommittee is on January 12, 2022.

- f. **Trinity River Paddling Trail.** NCTCOG will provide an update on designation of the Trinity River in Dallas-Fort Worth as a National Water Trail and efforts to enhance the trail and maintain the National Park Service designation. (Breanne Johnson)

Breanne provided background on the Trinity River National Water Trail Task Force, and shared that the next Task Force meeting will be scheduled for January 2022. Edith also shared that NCTCOG is partnering with the Trinity Coalition and the City of Grand Prairie to design and construct a new boat launch along the trail at Belt Line Road.

- g. **TWDB Flood Planning - Trinity Regional Flood Planning Group.** The Trinity River Authority will give an update on activities of the Trinity Regional Flood Planning Group. (Glenn Clingenpeel)

Glenn Clingenpeel, Trinity River Authority, shared that the Trinity Regional Flood Planning Group (Trinity RFPG) met on November 18th in Corsicana, TX, to advance Region 3 activities of the TWDB State Flood Plan under development. The Trinity RFPG has drafted a set of recommended floodplain management standards and goals for the region and will continue identifying flood risk and mitigation needs. Questions about the Trinity RFPG can be directed to Glenn at ClingenpeelG@trinityra.org.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

7. **CDC Applications.** NCTCOG staff will share CDC applications received since the last FMTF meeting and invite members to share any upcoming CDC applications. (Breanne Johnson)
- New CDC Applications
 - GP 083121-1 Hunter Ferrell Warehouse Development

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- FB 092121-1 John F Burke Nature Preserve Phase 1 improvements
- ARL 092221-1 J. Childress South Addition
- FW 111121-1 Maintenance Building Expansion
- GP 110421-1 PowerTech
- Under Technical Review
 - IRV 062121-1 2800 Glenwick Lane
- Final Action Forms
 - FW 031921-1 Wyatts Towing Impoundment Facility (Exemption)
 - FW 072821-1 East 1st Street Phase 1 (Exemption)
 - FW 091321-1 Fort Worth Biosolids 4-inch Service Line (Exemption)
 - GP 060721-1 Bear Creek Interceptor (Exemption)

Dallas County shared that they have two upcoming CDC applications to be filed.

8. **Roundtable Topics/Other Business.** The FMTF members and NCTCOG staff may share additional items as time allows.

Jerry Cotter, USACE, shared that USACE will have additional funds for community flood mapping assistance provided under the federal infrastructure bill. USACE Fort Worth District will be applying for those funds to assist communities in our region with mapping activities.

Stephanie Griffin, Halff Associates, reminded the Task Force that TFMA renewals are due by December 31st. Stephanie also noted that the TFMA 2022 Annual Meeting will be held on March 8-11 in Houston, TX. A call for abstracts is out now for workshop and plenary sessions.

Stephanie shared that FEMA has issued a request for comments on the NFIP Floodplain Management Standards for Land Management and Use. Comments can be submitted [online here](#).

9. **Schedule for the Next Meeting.** The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday, February 25, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. Meeting format virtual.

10. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Breanne Johnson by phone at (817) 695-9148, or by email at bjohnson@nctcog.org. Thank you.



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Attendance Recorded via Microsoft Teams

Aaron Hoff – TRWD
Amy Cannon – City of Arlington
Angela Davidson – Halff Associates
Benjamin Thompson – City of Fort Worth
Breanne Johnson – NCTCOG
Charles Yost – OneRain
Clair Davis – City of Fort Worth
Craig Ottman – TRWD
Edith Marvin – NCTCOG
Garrett Moore
Garry Fennell – City of Irving
Glenn Clingenpeel – Trinity River Authority
Jacob Lesue – Dewberry Engineering
Jasmine Ferrell – City of Mesquite
Jeff Ballew – Town of Edgecliff Village
Jeff Kelly – City of Lewisville
Jerry Cotter – USACE
Julie Jones – Nathan D. Maier Consulting Engineers
Katherine Hawkins – Halff Associates
Kelley Chastain – Kaufman County
Kelly Dillard – Walter P. Moore & Associates, Inc.
Kumar Gali – City of Coppell
Lisa Biggs – City of Fort Worth
Lissa Shepard – Dallas County
Matt Lepinski – USACE
Minhtam Vu – City of Dallas
Noe Villarreal – Dallas County
Olivia Whittaker – City of Dallas
Paul Robinson
Phil Yerby – Chiang, Patel, & Yerby, Inc.
Stephanie Griffin – Halff Associates
Stephen Bolster – O'Brien Engineering, Inc.
Sue Swenor – High Sierra Electronics
Zach Huff