



North Central Texas Council of Governments

Summary

Resource Conservation Council

Thursday, July 18, 2013

1:30 p.m., William J. Pitstick Executive Board Room

North Central Texas Council of Governments, CP II

1. **Welcome.** The Chair will welcome members.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Resource Conservation Council (RCC) meeting.

ACTION/DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION ITEMS

2. **Meeting Summary.** The May 16, 2013 meeting summary is available for your review. Approval will be sought at the meeting.

Brenda Haney made a motion to approve the May 16, 2013 meeting summary. Robert Medigovich seconded the motion. The RCC was unanimous in its approval.

3. **FY2012-2013 Project Status and Implementation Grant Fund Strategy.** The staff will update RCC members on the overall progress with the 2012-2013 grants and the wrap-up of our current grant.

Approximately 40 percent of the \$1.2 Million has been reimbursed. The remaining 60 percent of the projects are in various stages of completion with almost all the funds spent. The projects appear to be on track.

After some discussion with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, coordination funds are being reallocated to facilitate the most economical methods for expenditure.

4. **FY2014-2015 Solid Waste Grant Cycle.** The staff will brief RCC on the grant details and funding levels that have been confirmed in recent weeks. It is a positive picture, as our funding will actually be slightly higher than this last cycle. The RCC will discuss the emerging schedule of tasks and activities as we approach the start of the new grant on September 1.

Essentially, our region will receive \$2,158,594; a \$50,000 increase over the last biennium. The subcommittees will meet in August to discuss the FY2014-2015 funding process. The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) proposes that as with FY2012-2013 cycle, 40 percent of the funding will support coordination activities and 60 percent will support grants. More detailed information will be presented at the RCC September meeting.

- 5. Dialogue on Multi-Family Recycling Interest – North Central Texas.** The staff received a request for information on implementing a municipal multi-family recycling program. Some research into the topic was done to find examples of current programs and gauge the status in North Central Texas. We would like to have a discussion and feedback from RCC members on whether this should be a focus for our regional planning activities over the next two years.

At the NCTCOG Public Works Council meeting on June 20, 2013, the City of Arlington requested any information available on multi-family recycling programs. NCTCOG Staff contacted the cities of Fort Worth, Austin, and San Antonio in an effort to obtain information regarding their experience with this issue. Multi-family grant projects in the NCTCOG region had typically failed. There was a lengthy discussion of various and sundry options, and it was recommended that the Time To Recycle (TTR) Subcommittee be asked to address the topic. A presentation on multi-family recycling is scheduled for the next Public Works Council meeting tentatively set for September.

- 6. Discussion of Construction & Demolition Recycling Interest – North Central Texas.** NCTCOG received a request from the Greater DFW Recycling Alliance for NCTCOG staff to participate in a Construction and Demolition (C&D) Recycling Event to be held November 6th in Lewisville. NCTCOG has a modest website presence for C&D information, and in March 2011 our solid waste program consultant, SAIC, provided a presentation on C&D recycling in North Central Texas. The staff would like to have feedback from the RCC regarding the level of staff attention to the C&D topic in the coming solid waste grant cycle.

NCTCOG staff is working to update the C&D website. At one time, a regional C&D materials recovery facility was proposed but failed due to location and funding issues. The City of Plano has a program in place with a 32 percent diversion rate. Based on the 2011 State of Texas study, the C&D disposal rate is 17 percent. The RCC recommended that the TTR review the C&D topic for possible action in the FY2014-2015 funding cycle.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 7. RCC Roundtable Topics.** RCC members and NCTCOG staff may share additional items of solid waste interest as time allows.

The Keep America Beautiful (KAB) Ad Council launched a new public service announcement called "I Want to be Recycled". KAB now has a national law enforcement award for illegal dumping and litter law enforcement. You are encouraged to submit an application for officers, judges, prosecutors, and code enforcement personnel.

RCC members were reminded that if they have received notice that their term will end on September 30, 2013, they need to submit their reappointment form as soon as possible. It was noted that alternates may serve on subcommittees.

NCTCOG staff requested that any RCC members using surveillance cameras provide information on the type, ease of use, reliability, etc. to Leo Valencia.

8. **Schedule for the Next RCC Meeting.** The next RCC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 2013 in NCTCOG's William J. Pitstick Executive Board Room at 1:30 p.m. Please earmark that date and as we get closer to that time the staff will coordinate with the Chair to confirm the meeting and provide an agenda.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the next RCC meeting is now scheduled for Thursday, September 12, 2013.