

North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Resource Conservation Council

Thursday, November 12, 2020

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Virtual Meeting; [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

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Conference ID: 891 876 082#

Chair: Steve Massey, City of Allen

Vice Chair: Kathy Fonville, City of Mesquite

1. Welcome and Introductions.

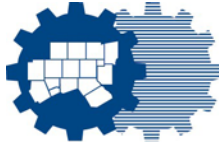
- 2. Notification of Conflicts of Interest.** Steve Massey, Chair of the Resource Conservation Council (RCC), will request RCC representatives with a potential conflict of interest relating to an agenda item to notify the RCC of the conflict of interest.

ACTION ITEMS

- 3. Meeting Summary.** The [August 20, 2020 meeting summary](#) will be presented for approval. [Tiana Lightfoot Svendsen, City of Garland](#), made a motion to approval the meeting summary, which was seconded by [Grace Darling, Arlington Conservation Council](#). The motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Solid Waste Grant Program – Application Process Improvements.** Kathy Fonville, Vice Chair, will present the Solid Waste Grant Task Force's recommendations on improving the solid waste grant application process to the RCC for approval. [Kathy Fonville, City of Mesquite](#), provided an overview of the Task Force's recommendations to the RCC. [Kathy Fonville](#) made a motion to approve the Task Force recommendations for improving the solid waste grant application process. [Robert Smouse, City of Fort Worth](#), seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION

- 5. Accelerating Recycling: Policy to Unlock Supply for the Circular Economy.** The Recycling Partnership will provide a presentation covering the Circular Economy Accelerator, an initiative that proposes a unique public-private partnership solution to transform the local U.S. residential recycling system. [Katherine Huded, The Recycling Partnership](#), provided a presentation covering the new Circular Economy Accelerator. The slides are available to review [here](#).



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DISCUSSION

- 6. FY21 RCC Membership.** The FY21 terms for new and recently reappointed members began on October 1, 2020 and will continue through September 30, 2022. The roster can be found [here](#). NCTCOG will provide forms for RCC members to designate alternates and select the subcommittee on which they would like to serve.

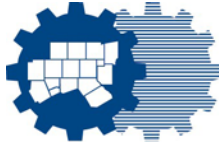
NCTCOG discussed the FY21 RCC membership terms, which began on October 1, 2020. If any reappointed members would like to make changes to subcommittee selections or designated alternates, please contact Cassidy Campbell at ccampbell@nctcog.org. New members, please submit to Cassidy Campbell the name, title, and contact information of your designated alternate along with the name of the subcommittee on which you would like to serve.

- 7. Regional Solid Waste Management Plan.** NCTCOG will provide an update on the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan and request feedback from the RCC on next steps.

NCTCOG is contractually obligated to update Volume 1 of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan and depending on the significance of the updates to Volume 1, may need to update Volume 2 as well. Both will have to be completed using the templates provided by TCEQ. NCTCOG will be convening the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Subcommittee to discuss specifics and determine next steps.

- 8. NCTCOG Updates.** NCTCOG will update the RCC on items of interest.

- a. Recycle Roundtable – [The Recycle Roundtable will meet virtually on December 15, 2020 at 1:30 PM.](#)
- b. Western Region Solid Waste Capacity Study – [The Policy Advisory Group met on November 16, 2020. The next meeting is going to be held in the late January 2021 timeframe.](#)
- c. Third Waste Characterization Assessment – [The waste sort was completed the last week in October 2020. Results are expected to be presented at the February 2021 RCC meeting.](#)
- d. FY2020-2021 Solid Waste Grants – [The deadline to complete the grants is March 31, 2021.](#)
- e. EPA Region 4 Trash Free Waters Grant - [NCTCOG has kicked off work on this grant, which is an effort to reduce and remove trash from waterways. NCTCOG is partnering with Texas State's Meadows Center and with the Houston-Galveston Area Council to perform the work on this grant.](#)
- f. EPA "Supporting Anaerobic Digestion in Communities" Grant - [NCTCOG has been awarded a grant by the EPA related to Supporting Anaerobic Digestion in Communities. NCTCOG is partnering with the University of Texas at Arlington to perform the work on this grant. A related meeting "Food Waste, Anaerobic](#)



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Digestion, and Renewable Natural Gas Roundtable” will be held on December 9, 2020 on Microsoft Teams. Information regarding this meeting and how to join is located [here](#).

- g. Regional Electronics Recycling Contract – This regional cooperative contract is up for renewal in January 2021. NCTCOG is working internally with the procurement team to make any necessary changes. More information can be found [here](#).
- h. COVID-19 and Waste Management Discussion – The next call will be held on December 9, 2020 at 9 AM. Information regarding this meeting and how to join is located [here](#).
- i. Environmental Law and Enforcement Conference – This event has been postponed until the end of 2021.
- j. Regional Tire Disposal and Recycling Initiative - A virtual stakeholder meeting for the Regional Tire Disposal and Recycling Initiative will be held in January 2021. Once a date has been set, meeting information will be sent out.
- k. Senate Bill 1376 Toolkit – NCTCOG is working to develop a toolkit regarding compliance requirements for Senate Bill 1376.
- l. Discuss MSWMRRAC’s suggestion to increase funding to the COGs out of Account 5000 and the outcome of the TCEQ Commissioner’s meeting – [The TCEQ decided not to increase funding to the COGs at this time.](#)
- m. 87th Texas Legislature – [The 87th Texas Legislative Session begins on January 12, 2021.](#)

9. Future Agenda Items. The RCC may suggest future agenda items.

10. Roundtable Topics. The RCC may share additional items of interest.

NCTCOG is passing along the information discussed during the meeting by Maia Corbitt, Texans for Clean Water. If you are interested in learning more about the efforts of Texans for Clean Water, you can visit their [Dropbox folder](#) that contains additional information or contact Maia Corbitt at maia@texansforcleanwater.org.

11. Schedule for the Next RCC Meeting. The next RCC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 1:30 PM. The meeting will be virtual.

12. Adjournment.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Cassidy Campbell by phone at (817) 608-2368, or by email at ccampbell@nctcog.org.

If you plan to attend this public meeting and you have a disability that requires special arrangements at the meeting, please contact Barbara Bradford by phone at (817) 695-9231 or by email at bbradford@nctcog.org, 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.