



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Flood Management Task Force
Friday, January 20, 2017
9:30 AM, Pitstick Conference Room
NCTCOG Offices, CPII
616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011

1. **Welcome and introductions.**

The meeting began at 9:30 a.m. with introductions of all present.

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION/ACTION ITEMS

2. **Meeting Summary.** The November 4, 2016 meeting summary is available online for review. Comments will be sought at the meeting. (Mia Brown)

A motion to approve the summary with no changes was carried.

3. **Update on Common Software Options for Rain/Stream Gauge Systems.** NCTCOG staff will update the FMTF on efforts related to this FY17 work program item. (Mia Brown).

Mia Brown informed the FMTF that they finalized the list of items needed in the software and that she is currently working with NCTCOG purchasing staff. The schedule she received from the purchasing staff indicated that the Request for Proposals will be published in mid-February, with the intent to execute the contract sometime in June.

4. **CDC Manual Updates.** NCTCOG staff will seek input on proposed updates to the CDC Manual 4th Edition related to on-site versus off-site valley storage, provided by Mike Danella, USACE. (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown noted that a few members of FMTF had sent in comments when the proposed CDC Manual updates were previously sent out. The Task Force was not ready to vote on the item as they requested the document be updated to reflect those comments. Edith Marvin suggested a track changes document, and Mike Danella stated he would send Mia Brown a revised document to be distributed to the Task Force. Mia Brown noted that this would be an action item at the next meeting.

5. **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region VI RAMPP Team Presentation on Model Consolidation Progress.** The FEMA Risk Assessment, Mapping, and Planning Partners (RAMPP) team will give an update on the status of the integration of the CDC model for a shared consolidated model across agencies.

Barrett Goodwin of the RAMPP Team informed the Task Force that he has submitted the hydrology with FMTF comments to FEMA, who will then submit to the USACE in order to get a formal response to those comments. He also stated that hydraulics are currently under third-party review and adjustments will continue to be made. He told the Task Force that he hoped to have hydraulics to show them at the next meeting. He also noted that floodplain mapping is a separate deliverable.

6. **NOAA Atlas 14.** Max Strickler (USACE) will speak about the NOAA Atlas 14 progress towards updating precipitation frequency data in Texas.

Max Strickler gave a presentation on the progress of the ongoing NOAA Atlas 14 project. He detailed the background of previous precipitation frequency products, what is currently available, uses for the data, and what stands to be gained once Atlas 14 data is fully developed for Texas. He also gave details about the schedule base project and that the project still needs about \$254,000 in funding. Additional precipitation studies related to Atlas 14 could be completed for \$420,000.

INFORMATION ITEMS

7. **Training Update.**

- a. NCTCOG and the Texas Floodplain Management Association (TFMA) continue to hold meetings for floodplain administrators and CRS users throughout the region. The next meeting will be held on February 23rd from 12pm-2pm. (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown informed the Task Force of the upcoming CRS Users Group meeting at NCTCOG on February 23rd, and that Diane Howe of FEMA Region 6 would present on effectively communicating risk to citizens. Mia reminded the Task Force that registration is now on the TFMA website instead of the NCTCOG website.

- b. NCTCOG staff will update FMTF on efforts to hold a Substantial Damage Training and Floodproofing Training. (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown updated the Task Force on the efforts to organize training. She said that she is working with FEMA to see what kind of assistance they can provide with the training, but that FEMA needed additional information about the number of attendees and potential dates in order to move forward. Mia told the Task Force she would send them a survey to determine the approximate number of staff each community would send. The Task Force stated they would like to avoid spring for training dates, and that they prefer more general substantial damage training without the emphasis on the estimator software.



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- c. NCTCOG staff request input for future training to be offered as part of the FY 17 Work Program. (Mia Brown)

The Task Force had no input about additional training.

- d. NCTCOG staff will brief the Task Force on the FEMA L-273 4-day course and CFM exam that was held November 28 – December 2, 2016. (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown updated the Task Force on the success of the 21st annual FEMA L-273 4-day course held at NCTCOG. The course had 25 participants. There were 15 exam takers, with a passing rate of 80 percent. The average score was 76.5 percent.

8. **East Fork Update.** NCTCOG staff will update FMTF on initiatives to bring additional communities along the East Fork Trinity into the Common Vision program. (Edith Marvin)

Edith Marvin updated the FMTF on the most recent meeting in Kaufman County with the Commissioner's Court. Kaufman County had a lot of interest in joining the CDC program, but would like cost share data, which will they will receive later in the process. The next step will be to visit Ellis County, where the East Fork ties in to the lower portion of the Trinity in our region.

9. **Countywide Watershed Management Planning Update.** NCTCOG staff will update FMTF on the beginning stages of the countywide watershed management planning initiative. (Edith Marvin)

Edith Marvin let the Task Force know that a 12 question baseline watershed management practices survey would be going out to the 16 counties in the next couple of weeks. She then informed them that the next step will be to hold a roundtable, tentatively slated for early March, which would enable the county floodplain administrators and public works directors to discuss what they would like to do if a consistent platform were created. After the roundtable, a sample resolution will be drafted and presented to district attorneys and judges at a summit.

10. **Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD) Update.** TRWD staff will update the FMTF on the Floodway Stakeholders Steering Committee.

Rachel Ickert stated that TRWD will support the Countywide Watershed Management effort. He informed the Task Force that their working team met the previous week to discuss work that will be done with the USACE on the Mary's Creek models. The Steering Committee will meet January 31st.

11. **Cooperating Technical Partnership.** NCTCOG staff will provide an update on the CTP projects that are ongoing. (Kori Mullen)

Kori Mullen told the Task Force that she was currently scheduling flood risk review meetings for the Lynchburg Creek and West Irving Creek FY15 projects for the end of February, and that the FY15 Discovery webinars for Cedar and Denton watersheds are tentatively slated for the end of March. She then said that the FY16 Request for Proposals for consultant services was currently under legal review in at NCTCOG and that the FY17 draft Business Plan had been submitted to FEMA in December.

12. **Integrated Stormwater Management (iSWM) Program.** An update on iSWM activities will be provided by NCTCOG staff. (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown gave the iSWM update, noting that the City of Grand Prairie was presented with their Silver Certification plaque and street sign at the city council meeting on January 10th, the City of Kennedale was currently under review for Silver status, and that NCTCOG staff had begun developing a work scope for projects with consultants from Half Associates.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

13. **CDC Tracking.** NCTCOG staff will solicit feedback from the FMTF regarding the CDC tracking tables distributed at the November meeting. (Mia Brown)

The Task Force had no additional feedback about the tracking tables. Barrett Goodwin noted that they need the updates from the communities on CDC projects because it impacts the RAMPP project. Edith Marvin requested that the communities take another look at the tables, and Mia Brown stated she would send them out to the Task Force in the near future.

14. **CDC Applications.** NCTCOG staff will share CDC applications received since the last FMTF meeting and invite FMTF members to share any upcoming CDC applications. (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown stated that she had not received any new CDC applications since the November meeting - only two extension requests. Garry Fennell of the City of Irving and Stephanie Griffin of Grand Prairie noted that they both had CDC applications that would come in very soon. Clair Davis of the City of Fort Worth said that three applications would be coming up for various projects. The City of Coppell also mentioned that they had an upcoming application regarding a residential development on Denton Creek.

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

Mia Brown mentioned that she received an email from ASFPM stating that FEMA would be sending out letters to citizens about their flood risk, and that she would forward it to the Task Force. She also said that she attended a webinar about the updates to the CRS 2017 Manual, and found out that it was behind schedule. She informed them that another webinar on that topic would be coming up in the spring.



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Jessica Baker of TFMA told the Task Force that the spring conference was coming up in the last week of April in Richardson. She also mentioned that the TFM A Day at the Capitol was going to be held February 21st, as well as that she would be attending the National CRS Meeting on behalf of TFMA February 1st in San Antonio and would like to take any concerns or input that the Task Force would like to share to that meeting.

Garry Fennell with the City of Irving shared that the city had been working on downstream improvements and that upstream improvements would begin soon.

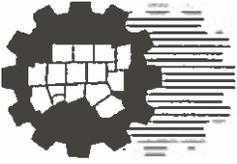
Stephanie Griffin of the City of Grand Prairie mentioned that she had been working on a floodplain issue in their ETJ in Ellis County that was related to floodplain and potential water rights issues.

16. **Schedule for the Next Meeting.** The next meeting date will be Friday, April 21, 2017, at 9:30 a.m., in NCTCOG's Pitstick Conference Room, CPII.

17. **Adjournment.**

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Mia Brown by phone at (817) 695-9227, or by email at MBBrown@nctcog.org.

Thank you.



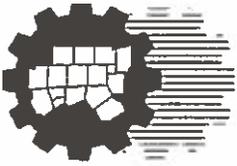
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MEMBER SIGN-IN SHEET

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Susan Alvarez		City of Dallas
Marc Bentley		City of Farmers Branch
Laura Blaylock		Tarrant Regional Water District
Amy Cannon		City of Arlington
Kent Collins		City of Coppell
Jerry Cotter		U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
Clair Davis		City of Fort Worth
Garry Fennell		City of Irving
James Gossie		Denton County
Stephanie Griffin		City of Grand Prairie
Jeff Kelly		City of Lewisville
Webster Mangham		Trinity River Authority
Mike McKay		City of Carrollton
Steve Parker		City of Dallas
Mike Segner		Texas Water Development Board
Lissa Shepard		Dallas County
Joe Trammel		Tarrant County
Ron Wanhanen		FEMA Region 6



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Guest Sign-in Sheet

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Mike Danella	USACE
Jessica Baker	TFMA
Jim Keith	Walter P Moore
Adam Ray	Jones Carter
Barrett Goodwin	RAMPP
Chris Davis	CITY OF FORT WORTH
Max Strickler	USACE
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