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SUMMARY

Flood Management Task Force
Friday, November 17, 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 August 11, 2017 meeting summary is available online for review. Comments will be sought at the meeting. (Mia Brown)

A motion to approve the summary as presented was carried.

3. **FY 2017 Review of Work Program Activities.** NCTCOG staff will present a brief report of items accomplished during the FY 2017 Work Program. (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown gave an overview of accomplishments for the FY 2017 Work Program. All ongoing items were accomplished, with the addition of hosting multiple CFM exam opportunities in partnership with TFMA. The additional technical activities were to investigate common early flood warning software options for the NCTCOG region and to provide additional training beyond the yearly ongoing activities. The software effort resulted in the issuance of a Request for Information and Request for Proposals, the selection committee recommended OneRain, Inc., and a first draft of a structure for the contract through North Texas SHARE was drafted in September 2017. The additional training to be hosted through partnership with FEMA Region VI was postponed due to FEMA staff deployment for Hurricane Harvey, and will be rescheduled sometime in 2018.

4. **FY 2018 Trinity River COMMON VISION Work Program Activities Discussion.** NCTCOG staff will update the FMTF on FY 2018 Work Program activities. (Mia Brown)

- a. **NFIP and CDC Model Consolidation Team.** Stephanie Griffin, City of Grand Prairie and Team Chair, will discuss the purpose and goals of the Model Consolidation Team.

Stephanie Griffin gave a brief overview of the latest draft of the NFIP and CDC Model Consolidation Team Charter, which had gone to the FMTF previously for

comments, with a focus on the goals and objectives. She said that the document would go out again for comments on the scope of work section.

- b. **East Fork Update.** NCTCOG staff will update FMTF on initiatives to bring additional communities along the East Fork Trinity into the Common Vision program. (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown informed the Task Force that the FEMA study of the East Fork Trinity kicked off in early October, and all communities in the study area were notified. With the study underway, work on the draft resolution for communities and planning for outreach continues.

- c. **Process Improvements for LOMR Submissions.** NCTCOG staff will solicit input from the FMTF regarding process issues with LOMR submissions in order to work with FEMA and its contractors for improvements. (Mia Brown).

Members of the Task Force expressed the desire for a central location for models, citing concerns of the difficulty of obtaining the latest models. Members also desired a more direct line of communication for obtaining copies of final versions of LOMRs/CLOMRs. Edith Marvin let the Task Force know that NCTCOG staff would reach out to FEMA Region VI to share the Task Force's concerns and report back with updates.

- d. **Early Flood Warning Detection Software Common Contract.** NCTCOG staff will give a brief update on progress made so far with the common contract. Charles Yost, Meteorologist – Rainfall Analyst with OneRain will give a presentation on the functionality of the software.

Mia Brown briefly described progress made on the software common contract, and referenced a handout with example structure and pricing for the latest draft from North Texas SHARE. Charles Yost with OneRain then gave a presentation on the functionality of the software.

- 5. **CDC Process Discussion.** NCTCOG staff will discuss and solicit ideas for improvements to the CDC permitting process. (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown discussed concerns regarding the timeliness of the CDC application process that had been received at the August meeting, and presented a plan of action to remediate the issues, including improved tracking by NCTCOG of applications. No comments were received from the Task Force during the meeting.

- 6. **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 discussed the results of the hydraulic analysis for the CDC-FEMA Consolidated Model. He noted that the link to review the hydraulics had been sent earlier in the month and was still live for community review.



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INFORMATION ITEMS

7. Other Program Related Efforts

- a. **CRS Users Group.** 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 December 7th, 2017, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Metroplex Conference Room at NCTCOG.

Mia Brown told the Task Force that the Floodplain Administrators/ CRS Users Group meeting will be December 7th from 12:00 a.m. to 2:00p.m. in the Metroplex Conference Room at NCTCOG. Two ASFPM webinars will be viewed: "CRS Open Space Preservation: Tools, Guidance and Success Stories" & "CRS Stormwater Management and Urban Flood Management Best Practices." Two CEC's will be available for CFMs.

- b. **16-County Watershed Management Planning Update.** NCTCOG staff will update FMTF on the 16-County Regional Watershed Management Initiative, as well as next steps. (Mia Brown)

The NCTCOG Executive Board voted on October 26th to endorse the 16-County Watershed Management Initiative. Letters notifying the county judges, district attorneys, and floodplain administrators will go out soon. NCTCOG staff will continue to reach out to counties and work with them as requested on this initiative.

- c. **Cooperating Technical Partnership.** NCTCOG staff will provide an update on the CTP projects that are ongoing and newly submitted. (Kori Mullen)

Kori Mullen informed the task force that FY 15 Discovery projects in the Cedar and Denton watersheds are complete and the final Discovery reports will be out in the near future. The FY 15 flood risk identification projects on Irving and Lynchburg Creeks are complete, and NCTCOG staff and the consultant will be attending council meetings for the communities of Shady Shores and Corinth in early 2018. The NCTCOG Executive Board voted on October 26th to approve NCTCOG to enter into a contract with Halff Associates for three years, with the option for three one-year renewals. FY 16 projects (East Fork Discovery and Lower West Fork flood risk identification projects in Tarrant County and Cleburne) will begin in early 2018. FY 17 projects (Richland-Chambers Discovery and flood risk identification projects in Benbrook and Weatherford) have been awarded by FEMA and will also kickoff in the first half of 2018.

- d. **Integrated Stormwater Management (iSWM) Program.** An update on iSWM activities will be provided by NCTCOG staff. (Derica Peters)

Derica Peters updated the Task Force on iSWM program activities. The iSWM Redevelopment Schematics have been released as supplemental materials to the iSWM guidance manuals. Troy Dorman with TetraTech taught an iSWM Infiltration Trenches and Bioswales Workshop on October 30, 2017, and the video recording is now available online at www.iswm.nctcog.org. Mikel Wilkens with Urban Ecoplan will be teaching an iSWM Implementation Workshop at NCTCOG Offices on January 30, 2018. Half Associates have drafted iSWM construction control standard details and are expecting to release them by the end of this year.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

8. **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 gave the Task Force CDC application updates. The only new application received was from Coppell for the Residential Blackberry Farm Addition (COP 092717). A final action form was received for ARL 042817 for the Hatton Sumners Reclamation Project. Technical review was completed for three Fort Worth applications (FW 050917, FW 030217, and FW 080317). There was a resubmittal for an application from Dallas County for the Dallas Hunting and Fishing Club (DC 071217).

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

Mia Brown (NCTCOG) let the Task Force know that she has been tracking approximately 35 bills in the US Congress. Only one had seen movement (HR 2874), which had just passed the House. She said she would keep everyone informed of updates.

Jerry Cotter (USACE) notified the Task Force that the NOAA Atlas 14 review period opens Monday, November 7th. Please email him, Helena Mosser, or Max Strickler to be designated as a peer reviewer.

Jessica Baker (TFMA) informed the Task Force that the NFIP expires December 8th. She also mentioned that the Tarrant/Dallas County FEMA Panel Update had no appeals and will be moving forward. Communities with revisions will receive a document and a call to talk through and summarize the revisions before the maps go effective. Communities will get the final database sometime in January or February.

Stephane Griffin (Grand Prairie) mentioned that the flood warning gates that were purchased with hazard mitigation grant program funds have been installed.

Kori Mullen (NCTCOG) let the Task Force know that the 5th Edition of the Public Works Construction Standards have been released, and that both digital and hardcopies are available for purchase.



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10. **Schedule for the Next Meeting.** The next meeting date will be Friday, January 19, 2017, at 9:30 a.m., in NCTCOG's Pitstick Conference Room, CPII.

11. **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.