



North Central Texas Council of Governments

Summary

Water Resources Council
Thursday, February 13, 2014
10:30 AM, William J. Pitstick Executive Board Room
NCTCOG Offices, CPII
616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

Chairman: Ron McCuller, City of Grand Prairie
Vice Chair: Wayne Owen, Tarrant Regional Water District

1. Welcome and Introductions.

Ron McCuller welcomed everyone to the meeting, and the attendees introduced themselves.

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION/ACTION ITEMS

2. **Meeting Summary.** The draft December 12, 2013 meeting summary is available online for your review. Approval will be sought at the meeting.

Robert McCarthy made a motion to approve the December 12, 2013 meeting summary. Richard Talley seconded the motion. The Water Resources Council (WRC) was unanimous in its approval.

3. **FY2014 Water Quality Management Plan and QAPP Status.** The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff will discuss the successfully renewed Quality Assurance Project Plan, as well as status of the Water Quality Management Plan Update for 2014.

The Quality Assurance Project Plan update was approved on December 19, 2013. The next update is scheduled for December 19, 2016.

The 2014 Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) Update is entering its final stage. NCTCOG staff will be gathering information on any service area changes and incorporating the changes into the Update. There will be a greater emphasis on the revolving fund projects and other water supply issues. A draft copy of the 2014 WQMP Update will be distributed to the WRC for review and comment.

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- 4. Nonpoint Source 319(h) Grants and Similar Funding Opportunities.** During the December 12, 2013 meeting, Water Resources Council (WRC) members generally supported increased involvement in seeking 319(h) grants in the future, and emphasized the importance of prioritizing impaired stream segments and studying past successful 319(h) grant proposals. In response to a motion offered at the last meeting, NCTCOG staff will present the current 303(d) Appendix C Stream Segment Rankings, along with maps detailing the status of impaired waters in our region.

The NCTCOG staff provided three copies of a map depicting the status of impaired waters along with three copies of the Appendix C Priority Watershed Report. The NCTCOG staff also provided a list covering the last ten years of successful 319 grants. After the WRC meeting, members broke into three groups to discuss what types of projects had been able to secure 319 funding in the past, and what sort of project might be able to attract the required matching funds from stakeholders who would benefit from the project. Several useful ideas were floated, and past grantees offered insights into their experience

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 5. NCTCOG Strategic Planning.** Thanks to members who have responded to the Stakeholder Surveys distributed at the last meeting. Any additional comments or concerns are welcome at any time.

The Department of Environment and Development (ED) has submitted its section for inclusion in the overall NCTCOG Strategic Plan. The ED staff thanked everyone for their input via the ED survey. Comments and suggestions are always welcome.

- 6. Region C Planning Group Meeting Scheduled for April 28, 2014.** The NCTCOG staff has acquired the Region C Prioritization List **Template**, which will be available for review at the meeting, courtesy of Craig Schkade – thank you.

Edith Marvin said the next Region C meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2014. The Texas Water Development Board asked Region C to rank the almost 800 projects currently submitted. Per the request of the WRC, a copy of the template will be emailed to them.

- 7. TWDB State Water Implementation Fund (SWIFT).** There will be a briefing on the upcoming working sessions across the state.

SWIFT work sessions have been scheduled for February 11, 2014, in Conroe; February 24, 2014, in Lubbock; and March 24, 2014, in Harlingen. A copy of the schedule can be viewed at <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/swift/timeline.asp>. Two additional meetings are being scheduled in Austin. A copy of the email received by Edith Marvin will be forwarded to the WRC members.

- 8. "PACE in a Box".** A briefing will be provided on program participation.

PACE is a mechanism passed by the legislature enabling long term financing to retrofit existing older commercial buildings in Texas with energy and water conservation features. The community can place a senior lien on the property at the request of the owner so the cost of the retrofit can be paid against the senior lien over a period of 10+ years. Volunteers are being sought to serve at a forum to develop customized guidelines for

Texas. WRC members interested in serving are asked to contact [Charlene Heydinger](#). Ron McCuller said he would contact Ms. Heydinger. It was suggested that the Texas Water Development Board be contacted to determine if they had any interest in participating.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

- 9. Topics of Common Interest with the Public Works Council.** The Public Works Council members and the NCTCOG staff have recognized several areas of common interest with the WRC. Discussion is invited concerning how best to address such topics as fresh water odor and taste, county-wide public works issues, etc.

Over the last few months, the Public Works Council (PWC) has been discussing taste and odor issues with regard to the water supply in south Dallas County. There are numerous reports of foul smelling water issuing from one faucet in a private home but not another. Because of significant interest in this subject, the PWC is providing it as topic at the next Roundup tentatively scheduled in May 2014. The PWC would like any information the WRC can provide regarding this issue. A consensus among WRC members felt that the problems might occur due to some reaction of the incoming water with an unknown contaminant in individual systems; several members had experienced the odor problems themselves after installing new fixtures. Ron McCuller said Grand Prairie had hired Dr. Andrea Dietrich, of Virginia Tech, to conduct a study, but the study was not conclusive. After a lengthy discussion on the possible causes and/or remedies, the WRC recommended the NCTCOG staff contact Tom Curtis or Tommy Jones with the American Water Works Association to inquire about similar problems outside our region.

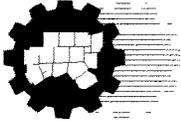
- 10. Roundtable Topics/Other Business.** WRC members and the NCTCOG staff may share additional items of water quality interest as time allows.

There were no items brought forward.

- 11. Schedule for the Next WRC Meeting.** The next WRC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 10, 2014, in NCTCOG's William J. Pitstick Executive Board Room, at 10:30 a.m. Please earmark that date, and as we get closer to that time, the NCTCOG staff will coordinate with the Chair to confirm the meeting and provide an agenda.

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- 12. Adjournment.**



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