



North Central Texas Council of Governments

Summary

Water Resources Council
Thursday, December 12, 2013
10:30 AM, William J. Pitstick Executive Board Room
NCTCOG Offices, CPII
616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

Acting Chairman: Richard Talley, City of Fort Worth

1. Welcome and Introductions.

The Acting Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made that included members, guests and the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff.

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION/ACTION ITEMS

2. **Approval of Meeting Summary.** The October 10, 2013 meeting summary is available online for your review.

Fiona Allen made a motion to approve the October 10, 2013 meeting summary. Michael Nieswiadomy seconded the motion. The Water Resources Council (WRC) was unanimous in its approval.

3. **FY2014 Water Quality Management Planning Work Scope and Activities.** The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff will present the tentative Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) development schedule and highlight key activities coming up over the next several months. Work has begun with proposal of a Quality Assurance Performance Plan (QAPP) Update, with the WQMP data being presented according to the QAPP requirements.

Sam Brush presented the Work Scope and preliminary schedule for the WQMP Update. There has been no feedback on the 2013 WQMP Update from the TCEQ; staff will seek comment from the TCEQ. The QAPP Draft is currently being revised in anticipation of approval before December 20, 2013. This update will be effective for three years.

The 2014 WQMP update will emphasize local projects, and Sam Brush encouraged council members to brief us on their project activities so that the region will get 'credit' for ongoing system improvements. Buzz Pishkur mentioned UT Arlington's recognized Green Building Project.

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- 4. October 2013 Update – Texas Water Quality Management Plan.** The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) released its October 2013 Update to the Texas Water Quality Management Plan on November 8th for review and comment. The Texas WQMP updates include topics that are similar to our WQMP for North Central Texas, and may present information in these quarterly updates that reflect some of the same information provided in our WQMP for North Central Texas. The NCTCOG staff will review the October 2013 update draft with the Water Resources Council (WRC) and discuss any guidance for review and transmittal of comments to TCEQ for future updates. Some of the main topics in the TCEQ's WQMP Updates may be amplified where possible in the WQMP for North Central Texas.

The October Texas State Water Quality Management Plan Quarterly Update was reviewed by staff, and no North Central Texas regional projects were included in the summary.

- 5. Nonpoint Source 319(h) Grants and Similar Funding Opportunities.** The NCTCOG staff submitted a 319(h) grant proposal to TCEQ back in July 2013, and did some exploratory efforts for the East Fork Trinity River above Lake Lavon in consideration of a 319(h) submittal to the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) that was ultimately deferred. The NCTCOG staff would like to engage WRC members in a strategy discussion regarding any future 319(h) grant opportunities. The next timeframe for submittal of 319(h) grant proposals to TCEQ will be in the June/July 2014 period.

Sam Brush discussed NCTCOG's submittal of a proposal for a 319(h) grant, which was ultimately unsuccessful. 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. Sam reminded us of the 40 percent match requirement, and that this was a factor in selecting potential projects (and partners). Concern was also expressed that if the WRC/NCTCOG were not actively pursuing water quality project funds to address known impairments, total maximum daily load impositions and limits on development were more likely.

Buzz Pishkur moved that staff present a prioritized list of 303(d) stream segments, 'Appendix C' stream segment rankings, and previous projects for consideration by the WRC at the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Wayne Owen, and approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 6. NCTCOG Strategic Planning.** NCTCOG would like to announce that the Agency's strategic planning activities are underway, with plans to distribute a survey in the near future that will seek input on the services, deliverables and outcomes that communities receive from NCTCOG, as well as any new or revised activities you would like to see NCTCOG pursue over the next three to five years.

Edith Marvin discussed the importance of member input to NCTCOG's upcoming Strategic Plan, which will increasingly focus on outcomes within the regulated community. Stakeholder Surveys were distributed to the WRC members, and they were encouraged to respond. Edith emphasized that input from the WRC was welcome at any time.

- 7. Safe Drinking Water Act Requirements for Plumbing Products.** Back in August the Regional Codes Coordinating Committee raised questions about the Safe Drinking Water Act requirements that are to go into effect January 1, 2014, regarding lead-free plumbing products. The WRC will be asked for any feedback regarding what water utilities are doing to prepare for this upcoming requirement.

Sam presented the concerns of the Regional Codes Coordinating Committee about regulation of plumbing products, and a discussion ensued. The sense of the WRC was that cities were already incorporating this concern into codes, and that an active, and likely successful effort is being made by the American Water Works Association to exempt fire hydrants from this limit.

- 8. Zebra Mussels and Other Freshwater Mussels.** At some recent meetings, the Texas Parks and Wildlife announced that Zebra Mussel larvae had been found in two additional lakes in North Texas – Lake Bridgeport and Lake Granbury. The WRC members will have an opportunity to discuss the Zebra Mussels and any additional information on freshwater mussels in North Central Texas.

The WRC members compared zebra mussel experiences, and discussed remedies generally. The Council expressed concern over controlling zebra mussels at the same time as protecting habitat for native (and threatened) mussel species. Fiona Allen spoke to the need to direct any zebra mussel initiatives toward mitigation rather than study.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

- 9. Future Agenda Items.** WRC Members and NCTCOG staff may suggest future agenda items.

NCTCOG staff will prepare a presentation concerning 303(d) and Impaired Waters, their comparative priority, and examples of past 319(h) projects addressing mitigation of Nonpoint Sources.

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

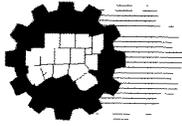
Richard Talley pointed out a rule change requiring labs that receive bacteriological samples for analysis under a water permit to neither accept, add to, nor correct the documentation accompanying the samples. Because of the short time that samples can be held before analysis, this will likely require obtaining a new set of samples, which will necessitate a delay resulting in permit non-compliance.

Jack Tidwell brought a concern from the Public Works Council seeking input on reported water taste and smell problems occurring at single faucets in a home, while there was not an issue at other faucets. It was suggested that 'antiqued' plumbing fixtures might be the culprit, but the question remains open.

11. Schedule for the Next WRC Meeting. The next WRC meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 13, 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.

12. Adjournment.

A motion for adjournment was made by Robert McCarthy, seconded by Larry McDaniel, and carried by the Council.



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