



North Central Texas Council of Governments

AGENDA

Water Resources Council

Thursday, January 21st, 2016

10:30 a.m., William J. Pitstick Room

NCTCOG Offices – CenterPoint II, First Floor

616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

1. **Welcome and introductions**

NCTCOG staff and meeting participants will be introduced

Members of the Water Resources Council (WRC), guests and NCTCOG staff introduced themselves.

Action Item

2. **Meeting Summary**

The September 3, 2015 meeting summary will be presented for approval.

Terry Kelley made a motion to approve the September 3, 2015 meeting summary. Kevin Mercer seconded the motion. The WRC was unanimous in its approval.

Presentations

3. **WaterMyYard.org**

Charles Swanson, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, will provide the committee information related to the Water My Yard program.

Charles Swanson discussed the Water My Yard Program through Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. The program is attempting to bring ET based irrigation scheduling to urban areas. The program aims to educate homeowners in municipal water use. It has proven popularity and performance since 2013 but is only available in areas that are sponsored. The website is user friendly, informative and sends you weekly emails with water guidelines.

Pre-existing weather stations that want to participate must meet Texas A&M AgriLife Extension specifications, which they can contact Charles Swanson for more information.

4. **Regional Ecosystem Framework**

Kendall Wendling and Kate Zielke, NCTCOG Transportation, will present on the newly launched Regional Ecosystem Framework website, which is a GIS tool that identifies areas of ecological importance in the north central Texas region. REF can be used as a high level planning tool to screen for environmental impacts and identify mitigation areas to offset any impacts.

The Regional Ecosystem Framework is a publically available interactive viewer with 40 map layers. Users are able to download individual map layers for use within ArcGIS for free. NCTCOG will send a link to the REF interactive viewer website in the follow up email. NCTCOG transportation is

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working on determining the feasibility of being involved in wetland mitigation and offers any stakeholders who are interested to contact them. You may reach Kate Zielke at 817-608-2395 or kzielke@nctcog.org or Kendall Wendling at 817-704-2544 or kwendling@nctcog.org.

Discussion

5. **First Water Quality Workshop of FY16**

NCTCOG will hold the first Water Quality workshop: Water Conservation Education and Outreach Plan Development on **February 11, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at the NCTCOG facilities.

NCTCOG discussed the first workshop of FY2016 which will be a peer to peer exchange on the development of education and outreach plans. NCTCOG determined the topics for the workshops from a survey administered in November 2015. Registration is open to anyone, please register at the NCTCOG events website. NCTCOG will circulate the registrants already signed up for the workshop to the WRC committee.

6. **Draft State of the Water Survey**

NCTCOG Staff will present the Draft State of the Water Survey to the Committee for comments. Pending feedback, the survey will be shared with all water related committees, regional city offices, school districts, groundwater districts and water suppliers and distributors. Please provide feedback by **January 28, 2016** to Rachel Evans at Revans@nctcog.org.

NCTCOG requests feedback on the draft state of the water survey, which is being developed for the 1st time as a part of our contract with TCEQ. The survey results will be developed into a report that will highlight what regional entities are doing or will be doing for their communities related to water resources. It will also and will establish baseline information on successful programs going on throughout north central Texas. The report aims to promote regional collaboration regarding water resources.

NCTCOG wants to get a feel of what is going on in our region regarding our customers and what they believe their priorities are as they relate to water resources. NCTCOG requests feedback to develop the right questions and tailoring the survey to the correct audiences. NCTCOG has included cities on the list of survey takers because without them we wouldn't get much of a sense of what is going on in the rural communities. NCTCOG will send out the draft survey to members of the WRC for further review.

7. **FY2017 Scope of Work**

NCTCOG's support of the Water Resources Council has been provided through a contract with TCEQ for over 30 years. Traditionally, the focus of this contract has been to develop a Water Quality Management Plan. Other COGs have developed new approaches to creating value through their contracts by assisting regional projects and coordinating/updating datasets and databases.

NCTCOG would like to open a discussion about what information is important and useful in NCTCOG's contract with TCEQ. NCTCOG requests feedback on the consideration of an update to the FY2017 Scope of Work based on new topics of interest and new found flexibility within what tasks are required by TCEQ. If you have any questions or would like to provide additional comments, please contact Rachel Evans by **January 28, 2016** at REvans@nctcog.org.



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Wayne Owen discussed how the Water Quality Management Plan is a document that is utilized by peers who are responsible for responding to permitting and developing plan expansion. WRC committee members may, at their choice, reach out to NCTCOG staff about comments for the FY2017 scope of work because historically the WRC has not reviewed the scope. If you would like to make a comment related to the scope of work for FY2017, please contact Rachel Evans at 817-695-9223 or REvans@nctcog.org.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

8. Roundtable

Members and staff share what is happening in their communities.

- Garland is still recovering from recent tornadoes.
- Tarrant Regional Water District says all reservoirs are still full.
- Denton is dealing with aftermath of article about the safety of Lake Lewisville. US ACE have been proactively supporting the effort and helping provide damage control
- Kim Feil discussed city of Fort Worth's sewer problem that she witnessed during recent heavy rainfall. She raised concerns about flooding at drill sites and water contamination.

9. Schedule for the next meeting

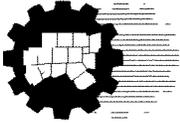
The Next WRC meeting is scheduled for **April 7, 2016 in the William J. Pitstick Executive Board Room.**

10. Adjournment.

The WRC adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Asher Hallman at (817) 695-9231 or ahallman@nctcog.org. Thank you!

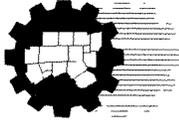
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