

North Central Texas Council of Governments

# SUMMARY

## Water Resources Council

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

10:30 a.m., Via WebEx

Link to Join Meeting:

<https://nctcog-agency.webex.com/nctcog-agency/onstage/g.php?MTID=eb06f6eae02685167e023a6fea543c822>

Optional Call-in Number: 1-415-655-0002

Access code: 127 913 2296

Chair: Wayne Owen, Tarrant Regional Water District

Vice-Chair: Glenn Clingenpeel, Trinity River Authority

### 1. Welcome and Introductions.

2. **Service Recognition.** Susan Alvarez, City of Dallas, and Hunter Stephens, formerly with the City of Richardson, will be recognized for their service to the Water Resources Council.

Susan Alvarez, City of Dallas, and Hunter Stephens, formerly of the City of Richardson, were recognized for their service to the Water Resources Council. Ms. Alvarez served for eight years and Mr. Stephens served for one year. Thank you!

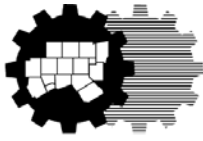
## ACTION ITEMS

3. **Meeting Summary.** The [January 15, 2020 meeting summary](#) was presented for approval.

Larry Patterson, Upper Trinity Regional Water District, made a motion to approve the January 15, 2020 meeting summary, and Glenn Clingenpeel, Trinity River Authority, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Approval of the Draft 2020 Update to the North Central Texas Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP).** The comments received during the public comment period will be summarized, and the Water Resources Council will vote to locally adopt the Draft 2020 WQMP, which is available in the format of an interactive mapping tool and can be found [here](#). If approved, the draft WQMP will be amended as needed and recommended for endorsement by NCTCOG's Executive Board.

The WRC reviewed the major elements on the 2020 WQMP, which are updated population estimates for the region and a map with both watershed protection plan boundaries and impaired streams. The 2020 population estimates were not available at the time the draft was developed and will be incorporated into the final draft. The WRC will be notified when the final 2020 WQMP is available. NCTCOG reviewed the public comments received with the most substantial comments coming from the Upper Trinity Regional Water District. NCTCOG will incorporate all comments into the draft WQMP before it is submitted to NCTCOG's Executive Board and then the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Greg Dickens, City of Hurst, made a motion to approve the Draft 2020 Update and recommend that it be endorsed



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by the NCTCOG's Executive Board. Glenn Clingenpeel, Trinity River Authority, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **FY2021 Water Resources Council Reappointments.** NCTCOG will bring the FY2021 Water Resources Council reappointments to the WRC for approval. The final FY2021 committee membership will be presented to the NCTCOG Executive Board for approval at its meeting on September 24, 2020. The FY2021 membership terms begin on October 1, 2020.

Frank Pugsley, City of Denton, made a motion to approve the FY2021 Water Resources Council reappointments and the reappointments of the chair and vice-chair. Larry Patterson, Upper Trinity Regional Water District, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

6. **Coronavirus in Wastewater and Biosolids.** The WRC will discuss the implications of the pandemic and any follow-ups needed.

NCTCOG asked the WRC if there were any follow-ups needed from NCTCOG as a result of the pandemic. No follow-ups were provided. Then, the group discussed the reliability and utility of monitoring for coronavirus in wastewater. The WRC agreed that the data was inconclusive, and that the data was not actionable or could be misinterpreted. There are also no previous studies available to help determine what the measurements mean.

7. **Results from 2020 Water Resources Questionnaire.** NCTCOG will present a summary of the results.

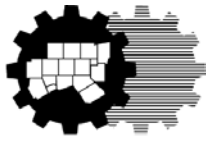
The results from the questionnaire showed that Fats, Oils, and Greases programs as well as general water outreach programs were the most utilized in the region. Over 70 percent of respondents said that social media toolkits would be useful to their organization. Respondents also said that floods were the highest priority water issue in the region, followed closely by litter in waterways and then erosion. For more details on the results of the 2020 questionnaire, see the meeting presentation slides [here](#).

8. **WQMP Subcommittee of the WRC meeting on March 2, 2020.** NCTCOG will provide a summary of the meeting, which included a discussion of the 2020 WQMP and the information that should be considered for future year WQMPs.

At the meeting of the WQMP Subcommittee, the group provided input into the 2020 WQMP and also brainstormed potential topics to include in future WQMPs. Topics suggested from the brainstorming include biosolids disposal, emerging pollutants of concern, documentation of wastewater treatment plant expansions, and a list of contacts for watershed protection plans in the region. The WQMP Subcommittee will continue to meet periodically to provide input into the development of the content of future WQMPs.

## OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

9. **NCTCOG Updates.** NCTCOG will update the WRC on recent and upcoming items of interest.
  - a. **Water for North Texas Resource Library.** This website is expected to be final by September 1, 2020.



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NCTCOG presented the framework for the website, which can be found at this link: <http://conservenorthtexas.org/water-north-texas-database>. If you know of resources that should be included on the website, please contact Elena Berg at [eberg@nctcog.org](mailto:eberg@nctcog.org).

### **10. Future Agenda Items.** The committee can request future agenda items.

The WRC requested that two topics be added to the next agenda: 1) An update on the recent rulemakings to define the “Waters of the United States”; and 2) An update on the court rulings pertaining to Nationwide Permit 12.

### **11. Roundtable**

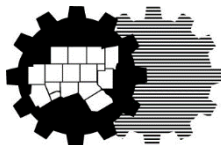
NCTCOG mentioned that it is preparing an application to the U.S. EPA’s grant opportunity, “Supporting Anaerobic Digestion in Communities.” NCTCOG is applying for funds to complete a feasibility study that examines the potential for regional collaboration on anaerobic digestion, its feedstocks and end products, and evaluates the potential to increase anaerobic digestion in the region.

### **12. Schedule for the next meeting.** The next WRC meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 15, 2020, at 10:30 a.m.** The location is to be determined.

### **13. Adjournment**

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Elena Berg at (817) 608-2363 or [eberg@nctcog.org](mailto:eberg@nctcog.org). Thank you!

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**SIGN IN SHEET**

<b>NAME</b>		<b>ORGANIZATION</b>
Mike Adams	Present	City of Midlothian
Susan Alvarez	Present	City of Dallas
Tiffany Bruce	Present	Town of Flower Mound
Patty Cleveland		TRA
Glenn Clingenpeel	Present	TRA
Craig Cummings		City of Arlington
Mike Curtis		City of North Richland Hills
Grace Darling	Present	Arlington Conservation Council
Greg Dickens	Present	City of Hurst
Joshua Howard		Johnson County Special Utility District
Sabaa Ismail	Present	Walter P Moore
Tim James	Present	Halff Associates
Gabe Johnson	Present	City of Grand Prairie
Wilson Kakembo	Present	Town of Addison
Wes Kucera	Present	City of Garland
Terry Lowery		City of Dallas
Larry McDaniel		Dallas County Park Cities MUD
Kevin Mercer		Denton County FWSD 6 & 7
Michael Nieswiadomy	Present	UNT
Wayne Owen	Present	TRWD
Larry Patterson	Present	UTRWD
Zachary Peoples		City of Dallas
Steve Pettit	Present	City of Irving
Jerry Pressley	Present	City of Fort Worth
Jeff Price		City of Mansfield
Frank Pugsley	Present	City of Denton

<b>NAME</b>		<b>ORGANIZATION</b>
<b>Mike Rickman</b>		<b>NTMWD</b>
<b>Kelly Rouse</b>	Present	<b>City of Lewisville</b>
<b>Craig Schkade</b>		<b>Hillwood Properties</b>
<b>Hunter Stephens</b>		<b>City of Richardson</b>
<b>Meghna Tare</b>	Present	<b>UT - Arlington</b>
<b>Stacy Walters</b>	Present	<b>City of Fort Worth</b>

