

Water Resources Council

January 21st, 2016

Presentations

- » **Watermyyard.org**
Charles Swanson – Texas A&M AgriLife
- » **Regional Ecosystem Framework**
Kendall Wendling & Kate Zielke – NCTCOG Transportation Department

Water Quality Workshops – FY2016

- » NCTCOG will host the 1st Water Quality Workshop:
 - » **Water Conservation Education and Outreach Plan Development**
 - » February 11, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Regional Forum Room – 616 Six Flags Dr. Arlington, TX 76011
- » The topic of the 2nd workshop will be Water Quality and Low Impact Development/Green Infrastructure

State of the Water Survey

- » NCTCOG developed a Draft State of the Water Survey and distributed it to all Water Resources Council members for comment.
- » Pending feedback, the survey will be finalized and shared with all water related NCTCOG committees, regional city offices, school districts, groundwater districts and water supplier & distributors.
- » **Please provide any additional feedback by January 28th, 2016.**
 - » Rachel Evans at Revans@nctcog.org

Section 604(b) Funding Requirements for Water Quality Management Plan Contract

- » Water Resources Council has been supported by a contract with TCEQ for over 30 years (Funded through Federal Water Pollution Control Act, section 604(b) funds, planning carried out under sections 205(j) & 303(e))
 - » The State must carry out “water quality management planning, including, but not limited to:
 - » (a) identifying most cost effective and locally acceptable facility and non-point measures to meet and maintain water quality standards;
 - » (b) developing an implementation plan to obtain state and local financial and regulatory commitments to implement measures developed under subparagraph (a);
 - » (c) determining the nature, extent, and causes of water quality problems in various areas of the state and interstate region and reporting on these annually; and
 - » (d) determining those publicly owned treatment works which should be constructed with assistance under this title, in which areas and in what sequence, taking into account the relative degree of effluent reduction attained, the relative contributions to water quality of other point or non-point sources, and considerations of alternative to such construction, and implementing section 303(e) of this Act.”
- » TCEQ (as the State) allocates funds for a fiscal year to “**regional public comprehensive planning organizations in such State (such as the NCTCOG) and appropriate interstate organizations for the development and implementation of the plan described in this paragraph”.**

FY2017 Scope of Work

- » NCTCOG Water Quality Management Plan has traditionally focused on wastewater.
- » Regulations under 604(b) and TCEQ says we can focus more on Water Quality.
- » NCTCOG would like to include a task for our FY2017 scope of work that captures the Water Quality Planning and Coordination executed by NCTCOG.
 - » Facilitating stakeholder meetings (including the Water Resources Council), supporting TMDL, supporting green printing, supporting watershed protection plan development, education and outreach efforts, supporting open space etc.
- » Are there other Water Quality goals you'd like to see captured under this contract?

FY2017 Scope of Work

- » Other COGs have found new approaches to meet requirements of the WQMP contract
 - » Supporting regional projects
 - » Coordinating and updating datasets & databases
 - » Different documentation approach
 - » Conducting public outreach
- » NCTCOG Water Quality Management Plan document
 - » Does this document add value? Do you use this?
- » Discussion: What information is important and useful to include in the Water Quality Management Plan?
 - » What would you like to see change? What would you like to keep?
 - » Are there any topics of interest you would want more information on?

FY2017 Feedback

- » NCTCOG will be submitting a draft FY2017 Scope of Work to the TCEQ on February 5, 2016.
- » If you have any questions or additional comments, please contact Rachel Evans by **January 28, 2016** at Revans@nctcog.org.

Other Business and Roundtable Discussion

- » Roundtable
- » Schedule for next meeting
 - » **April 7, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.** in the **William J. Pitstick Executive Board Room.**