



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

iSWM Implementation Subcommittee

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

1:30 PM, Tejas Conference Room

NCTCOG Offices, CPIII

600 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

Chair: Ranjan Muttiah, City of Fort Worth

Vice-Chair: Lee Stimpson, City of Plano

1. **Welcome and Introductions.**

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION/ACTION ITEMS

2. **Approval of the April 19, 2017 Meeting Summary.**

The summary was approved with no changes.

3. **Special Presentation.** Darrel Andrews with Tarrant Regional Water District will present on the project *developing a Water Quality Toolkit for Real Estate Development*.

Mr. Andrews presented a PowerPoint presentation, along with a handout, over the Tarrant Regional Water Districts' flood control and water quality efforts near the Panther Island Pavilion project. He explained that they are currently in the 3rd phase of the study, and how the project utilized a Watershed Management Model created by CDM. Included in the study was an analysis of BMP implementation efforts, an analysis of water quality capture volume, and more. A condensed version of the presentation will be available on the committee webpage.

4. **Special Presentation.** Brian Zabcik with Environment Texas Research and Policy Center will present on their efforts related to Low-Impact Development and Green Infrastructure.

Mr. Zabcik provided a packet of information about his organization and their recent initiatives across the state. He then gave an overview of the efforts to support Green Infrastructure Bills in the Texas Legislative Session; their subsequent efforts to gain signatures in support of a request to the Texas Water Development Board to produce a report on low impact development; their support of the City of Austin's watershed

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protection department's efforts; and explained that they are now focusing on assisting the largest cities in Texas including Austin, San Antonio, Houston and now DFW region.

5. **Regulatory Update.** The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff will provide an update on regulatory developments.

Derica Peters remarked on the now closed 85th Texas Legislative Session. Other updates included:

- TCEQ is in the process of renewing the TPDES general permit for small MS4s, which expires on December 13, 2018. A stakeholder meeting was held on March 21, 2017, and comments were accepted on proposed changes until April 4, 2017. The public will have an additional opportunity to submit comments during the formal public comment period, which is tentatively scheduled for April 2018. NCTCOG staff discussed some proposed changes, including: consistency with other TPDES General Permits and Federal Rules; examples of clear, specific, and measurable permit language; and changes related to annexation, BMPs, and publishing of reports to a public website. The committee asked if NCTCOG can look into formally requesting that TCEQ allow an opportunity to review the draft and accept comment once more, and NCTCOG staff said they will pursue this. The TCEQ summary of proposed changes and more information about the process can be found at the TCEQ Stakeholders page here: https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/stormwater/stormwater_stakeholders_group.html
- TCEQ is in the process of renewing the Construction General Permit (CGP) for construction activities, which will expire on March 5, 2018. The TCEQ held a stakeholder meeting on October 17, 2016, to discuss the renewal of the CGP, and NCTCOG will continue tracking progress on this item.
- On January 11, 2017, the EPA's 2017 Construction General Permit (CGP) was issued. The permit is in effect from February 16, 2017 – February 16, 2022. The final permit can be found here: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-03/documents/2017_cgp_final_permit_508.pdf
- The Executive Branch, along with the Department of the Army and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, issued a press release stating they will be proposing a rule to rescind the 2015 Waters of the U.S. Rule.
- Also noted in this meeting was that the TCEQ will make electronic submissions of NOIs mandatory.



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6. **Regional Public Works Program Update.** NCTCOG staff will provide an update on the FY17 Regional Public Works Program.

Kori Mullen gave the following updates:

- The next Public Works Meeting will be held in August. They will discuss reappointments and the Fifth Edition Public Works Construction Standards.
- The 30 day public comment period for the Construction Standards has opened and will end on August 9th. Documents are in draft form and available to download on the NCTCOG website. There is an expected Fall 2017 release date.
- There was a Right-of-Way Roundtable held to discuss Senate Bill 1004, which goes into effect September 1, 2017. This bill is related to cellular facilities and network nodes in ROW. They are planning another ROW Roundtable and bringing in industry members to discuss small cell installations.
- They are continuing to work on two trainings, and are still seeking instructors for these.

7. **Work Scope.** Discuss Work Scope for pending iSWM Task Orders and projects with consultants Halff Associates, Inc.

Derica Peters presented the iSWM Task Schedule, created by Ben Pylant of Halff Associates. This schedule follows the priorities identified in the last IIS meeting. They tentatively plan to hold the 3 workshops in October 2017, January 2018 and April 2018. The construction control standards will be brought to the IIS group for review in October, and the redevelopment schematics should be wrapped up at the end of July 2017. The Lessons Learned will wrap up at the end of the contract period in April 2018, and the rework of the downstream assessment will be worked on throughout the contract.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

8. **Roundtable Discussion.**

Derica Peters (NCTCOG) – Remarked that she had extended an invitation to join IIS to new iSWM Certified Cities, Fort Worth is officially Silver Certified but awaiting a date to schedule City Council presentation, the Green Infrastructure Guidebook has been published on <http://www.nctcog.org/greeninfrastructure>, and she will soon upload the one page brochure.

Mia Brown (NCTCOG) – Updates on the 16 Countywide Watershed Initiative include: a meeting was held this morning where District Attorneys and County Attorneys convened with the NCTCOG, a USACE Representative, and a TFMA representative to discuss the project. The attorneys showed no objection to the plan, but wanted to review the proposal further.

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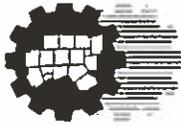
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Mark Ernst (TRWD) – Discussed a need to understand what local cities are implementing the Water Quality initiatives within the iSWM Guidelines.

9. **Schedule for the Next Meeting.** The next meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2017, in the Tejas Conference Room.
10. **Adjournment.**

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Derica Peters by phone at (817) 695-9217, or by email at dpeters@nctcog.org

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