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SUMMARY

TMDL I-Plan Stormwater Technical Subcommittee MeetingTuesday, January 22, 2019, 9:30 AM
Six Flags Conference Room – NCTCOG Offices, CenterPoint II, 1st Floor 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011

1. Welcome and Introductions.

ACTION ITEMS

2. Approval of the May 24, 2018 Meeting Summary.

The meeting summary was approved by the Subcommittee with one minor correction.

DISCUSSION

3. **Project Updates.** NCTCOG Staff will update members on the status of current subcommittee projects.

<u>Avian Management</u>: NCTCOG distributed several avian feeding sign drafts to the Subcommittee for their feedback. The Subcommittee asked that the final drafts be easy to spot in a park setting (bright colors and no pictures) and include information on why the public should not feed the waterfowl at parks.

The Subcommittee requested that the NCTCOG draft a trifold and a one-page flyer that can be distributed to citizens by city park staff to educate the public on the negative effects of feeding waterfowl and other wildlife (such as turtles). The Subcommittee also requested that NCTCOG create a library of social media posts that municipalities could share on their website to address the feeding of wildlife. NCTCOG will also create a fact-sheet for city park managers with information to reiterate the importance of avian management by municipalities.

The NCTCOG will present a draft of the one-page flyer, trifold, and fact-sheet, and the supplemental feeding signs for final review to the Subcommittee prior to the TMDL Coordination Committee in June 2019.

<u>Feral Hog Management</u>: NCTCOG is working to partner with Texas A&M AgriLife to create a Feral Hog Sighting Database. Members of the public and governments will be able to report feral hog sightings on the platform, while also allowing governments to view the sighting and actively manage the feral hogs within their jurisdictions. A beta is expected to be drafted by the end of the year.

Texas A&M reactivated a previously existing feral fog reporting tool on the Natural Resources Institute website at https://wildpigs.nri.tamu.edu/. The tool is open to the public and is actively monitored.

<u>Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEP) Workshop/Webinar</u>: The NCTCOG has been attempting to contact the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to request that they present on SEPs. The Subcommittee express their interested in learning about the SEPs currently underway at local cities and requested that a member of TCEQ be available to



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answer questions. The SEP workshop/webinar is scheduled to be conducted prior to the TMDL Coordination Committee meeting in June 2019.

4. **Stormwater Technical Subcommittee Project Discussion.** Evaluate the I-Plan implementation strategies to select and prioritize FY19 projects.

NCTCOG reviewed the implementation strategies with the Subcommittee to determine new projects to proceed with. The priority levels remained the same.

As a new project, the Subcommittee decided to implement a regular rotation of the Doo the Right Thing posts into their municipality's social media platforms. NCTCOG will create Doo the Right Thing posts that municipalities can share to bring attention to cleaning up after pets. The Subcommittee also expressed their interest in bringing together the Phase 1 cities to discuss challenges with the new MS4 Stormwater Permit the drafting of Stormwater Management Plans. The meeting will take place before the Regional Stormwater Management Plan Coordination Committee meeting on February 13, 2019.

5. **TMDL I-Plan Updates.** NCTCOG will give an overview of I-Plan changes.

TMDL I-Plan Status Report: The NCTCOG had previously drafted an annual Status Report for the I-Plan. During the last Coordination Committee meeting on June 14, 2018, the Committee voted to change the frequency of the report to every 5 years. In its place, a list of program highlights and a one/two-page program overview will be created to inform TMDL participants, and the public, of changes and updates in the TMDL program.

The TMDL I-Plan is being updated to include the Sycamore Creek TMDL, which was formally adopted by TCEQ Commissioners on January 16, 2019. A draft of the I-Plan will be sent to the TMDL Committee prior to the upcoming Coordination Committee meeting on June 13, 2019.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE

6. Roundtable Discussion. Members will share what is happening in their communities.

<u>Plano</u>: Started the Rowlett Creek Characterization on October 1, 2019. The QAPP has been approved by TCEQ.

<u>Dallas</u>: The regional wet weather sampling is currently underway. Will be conducting bioassessments in March.

Fort Worth: Sycamore Creek TMDL has been approved by TCEQ.

<u>Arlington</u>: Currently drafting the annual report. The Stormwater Management Plan has been rewritten with placeholders for TMDLs. Conducting dry weather verifications. Verifying outfall system and maps for comprehensive dry weather program.

DART: No updates

Colleyville: Updating outfall maps.

<u>Bedford</u>: Updating outfall maps. Re-writing Stormwater Management Plans. Drafting a TXDoT Bridge Report. Conducting erosion control at creeks.

Park Cities MUD: Minor discharge permit has been renewed.

<u>DFW Airport</u>: Became a Global Airport Hub on January 14, 2019. Working on their Stormwater Management Plan. Conducting GIS outfall mapping. Preparing their next 5 years of Minimum Control Measures.



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- <u>NCTCOG</u>: Applications for the 2019 CLIDE Awards are currently being accepted. To submit an application, please visit the NCTCOG website, <u>here</u>. The last day to apply is March 1, 2019.
 - The TCEQ Environmental Trade Fair and Conference will be held May 14-15,
 2019, in Austin. To register, visit the TCEQ website, here.
 - The 2019 Urban Riparian Symposium Conference will be held February 27-March 1, 2019, in Grapevine. A free Texas Stream Team Bulls-Eye Workshop will be held on the 27th. To register, visit their site <u>here</u>.
 - The 2018 Doo the Right Thing Campaign had a total of 1147 pledges and over 200 photo submissions.
 - The NCTCOG and the regions water authorities are hosting three water well/septic system trainings for homeowners on February 4, 5, and 6, 2019. The trainings will be instructed by the Texas Well Owner Network (part of the Texas Water Resources Institute and Texas A&M AgriLife). More information can be found here.
 - The Trash Free Waters' Adopt-A-Spot tool is now available! The tool will connect volunteers with litter cleanup opportunities in Texas. More information can be found here.
 - The first FY 2019 TMDL newsletter is now available. The newsletter can be found on the NCTCOG TMDL webpage, here.
- 7. **Adjournment.** The TMDL Stormwater Technical Subcommittee meeting schedule will be determined based on the projects selected by the subcommittee.

The next TMDL Coordination Committee meeting will be held **Thursday**, **June 13**, **2019**, at **9:30am**, in the Regional Forum Room.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Mayra Lopez at (817) 608-2360, or by email at mlopez@nctcog.org.

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