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SUMMARY

Flood Management Task Force

Friday, August 13, 2021

9:30 AM, Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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1. Welcome and introductions.

The meeting began at 9:30 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves via the chat box.

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION/ACTION ITEMS

2. **Meeting Summary.** The June 11, 2021, meeting summary is [available online](#) for review. Comments will be sought at the meeting. (Tamara Cook)

The June 11th meeting summary was approved by the Task Force as presented.

3. FY 2021 Trinity River COMMON VISION Work Program Activities Discussion.

- a. **NFIP and CDC Model Consolidation Team.** USACE staff will update the FMTF on scopes of work and timelines submitted by the USACE related to:
- Updating the newly georeferenced CDC model with approved but not yet constructed CDC project geometries from 2017 onward and future flows.

Matt Lepinski, USACE, stated that they are 80% complete with adding projects into the latest model. The project is still on schedule to be completed in 2022.

- Creating the CDC future flows for the FEMA detailed study on the East Fork Trinity and the Trinity mainstem to extend the consolidated model. (Matt Lepinski)

Matt Lepinski stated that USACE has finished updating the HECMS model for the East Fork Trinity. Future flows are progressing as scheduled, with an anticipated completion by 2022.

- b. **Update the CDC Manual to the 5th Edition.** The NFIP-CDC Model Consolidation Team will share progress on updates to the CDC Manual, including sharing several completed sections for review by the FMTF. (Lisa Biggs)

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Lisa Biggs, Team Chair, presented completed drafts of Sections 1 and 3 of the new CDC Manual, as well as a summary of the changes made between the 4th and 5th editions. Both sections are available for review ([Section 1](#), [Section 3](#)). The NFIP-CDC Model Consolidation Team has requested that comments on these sections be submitted to Lisa by September 13, 2021, at Lisa.Biggs@fortworthtexas.gov.

- c. **East Fork/Denton Creek Update.** NCTCOG staff will update FMTF on the initiatives to bring additional communities into the Common Vision program. (Tamara Cook)

NCTCOG is continuing efforts to bring East Fork and Denton Creek communities into the Common Vision program. Edith Marvin, NCTCOG, presented at the Ellis County Commissioners Court meeting on July 27, 2021 about joining Common Vision.

- d. **Ongoing Support Activities.**

- i. **OneRain Regional Flood Warning Software Contract.** OneRain will provide an update on current contracts with communities in North Central Texas. (~~Charles Yest~~ Tamara Cook)

Tamara Cook provided a list of communities participating in the OneRain contract with NCTCOG. The Task Force discussed the possibility of expanding the OneRain contract to additional communities throughout the state, outside of NCTCOG's represented area. Some Task Force members expressed concerns over potential cost increases associated with expanded service, while others supported the idea of adding more data into FloodDataNTX.com. Conversations with OneRain regarding expansion will continue.

- ii. **USACE Storm Shifting Application.** USACE staff will discuss progress of the storm shifting project on the Trinity River Corridor, funded by the Silver Jackets. (Matt Lepinski)

Matt Lepinski stated that USACE anticipates completing the Upper Trinity storm shifting study by late 2021. The results will be shared with the FMTF for review and use. Community input on what the final study documentation looks like is encouraged.

4. **FY 2022 Cost Shares and Steering Committee Membership Discussion.**

- a. **Discussion on Cost Share Changes.** NCTCOG staff will present a proposal for updates to community cost shares for the Common Vision work program. (Tamara Cook)



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At the June FMTF meeting, Tamara Cook shared that the NCTCOG budget for the Common Vision program was fully expended, and introduced the possibility of increasing community cost shares in future years. Tamara presented two potential cost share increase scenarios ([available for review](#)), with the recognition that budgets are largely finalized for communities for FY22. Task Force members recommended that cost share increase scenarios for FY23 be presented to the Common Vision Steering Committee at their September 9th meeting, noting that communities may choose to increase their FY22 cost shares on an individual basis as able. Cost share discussions will continue throughout 2022 before an official increase is approved.

- b. **Steering Committee Membership.** The FMTF members and NCTCOG staff will discuss updates to the Trinity Common Vision Steering Committee membership, in advance of the [September 9th Steering Committee meeting](#). Meeting format (virtual or in-person) will also be decided. (Edith Marvin)

Edith Marvin shared that several Steering Committee members are no longer elected officials with the communities they represent. Edith requested that new Steering Committee representatives be determined by these communities and shared with NCTCOG as soon as possible. The September 9th Steering Committee meeting will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams.

5. **Voting Item: FY 2022 Trinity River Common Vision Work Program.** NCTCOG staff will present the final draft of our upcoming FY 2022 Work Program and seek approval from the Flood Management Task Force. (Edith Marvin)

The Task Force voted to approve the FY22 Trinity River Common Vision Work Program, pending several minor corrections and the addition of a note to the budget tables following the cost share increase discussion. James Gossie, Denton County, motioned to approve the Work Program, seconded by Gary Fennell, City of Irving. The Task Force voted verbally, with none opposed. The [final draft Work Program](#) will be presented to the Steering Committee for approval on September 9th.

INFORMATION ITEMS

6. **Other Program Related Efforts**

- a. **Trinity River National Water Trail.** NCTCOG staff will provide an update on the collaborative efforts in support of the Trinity River National Water Trail. (Breanne Johnson)

Breanne Johnson shared background information about the Trinity River National Water Trail. Breanne noted that the next Trinity River National Water Trail Task Force meeting will be held in-person on August 18th, with the option to participate virtually.



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- b. **Integration of Transportation and Stormwater Planning.** NCTCOG staff will provide an update on the scope and funding for the Integration of Transportation and Stormwater Planning Project. (Tamara Cook)

Tamara Cook stated that the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) has approved \$6 million in funds to the Transportation and Stormwater Integration program (TSI). NCTCOG and the USACE have expanded the initial scope of the TSI study area to reflect this change in funds. Study activities will commence within the next few months as the funding contracts are finalized.

- c. **North Texas Floodplain Administrators/CRS Users Group.** NCTCOG and the Texas Floodplain Management Association (TFMA) continue to hold meetings for floodplain administrators and CRS users in the region. (Breanne Johnson)

The 2021 Combined CRS Users Group/Elected Officials Seminar on topics in floodplain management was held on July 29th. Presentation materials and a recording of the seminar can be found [online here](#).

- d. **25th Annual FEMA L-273 Course.** The annual four-day L-273 course hosted by FEMA and NCTCOG will continue this year in November. (Breanne Johnson)

NCTCOG is in the process of planning a four-day L-273 course for floodplain managers, in collaboration with FEMA and TWDB. The course will be held in-person this November at NCTCOG's offices in Arlington for the 25th year. Following the course, participants will have the opportunity to take the TFMA CFM exam.

- e. **Cooperating Technical Partnership.** NCTCOG staff will provide an update on the CTP projects that are ongoing and newly awarded. (Tamara Cook)

Tamara Cook stated that the Mary's Creek project is complete, and that the Harriet Creek, Waxahachie Creek, and Catherine Branch studies are ongoing. NCTCOG also submitted final project applications for several FY22 grant projects, including Program Management and COMS grants.

- f. **Integrated Stormwater Management (iSWM) Program.** An update on iSWM activities will be provided by NCTCOG staff. (Tamara Cook)

Tamara Cook shared that the iSWM Subcommittee approved the work scope for this year's Task Order 6 at their July meeting. The next meeting of the Subcommittee is on October 14, 2021.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

7. **CDC Applications.** NCTCOG staff will share CDC applications received since the last FMTF meeting and invite members to share any upcoming CDC applications. (Tamara Cook)

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- New CDC Applications
 - FW 031921-1 Wyatts Towing (Exemption)
- Technical Review Completed
 - LEW 022621-1 Murphy USA (Meets Criteria)
 - ARL 041221-01 Landfill Bridge (Meets Criteria)
- Final Actions Forms
 - FW 041921-1 Riverside Park (Exemption)

The Cities of Fort Worth and Dallas shared that they will have several upcoming CDC applications and exemptions filed.

8. **Roundtable Topics/Other Business.** The FMTF members and NCTCOG staff may share additional items as time allows.

Glenn Clingenpeel shared that the next meeting of the Trinity Regional Flood Planning Group will be on August 19th at NCTCOG's offices.

The TFMA Technical Summit will be held in-person at the Hyatt Lost Pines on August 25-27, 2021. [Registration is now open.](#)

- a. The FMTF members will discuss the preferred format for the October Task Force meeting, with the option to meet virtually, in-person, or in a hybrid format.

The Task Force members agreed that a virtual October meeting is preferred.

9. **Schedule for the Next Meeting.** The next meeting is scheduled to be held on [Friday, October 29, 2021, at 9:30 a.m.](#) Meeting format virtual.

10. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Breanne Johnson by phone at (817) 695-9148, or by email at BJohnson@nctcog.org. Thank you.



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Attendance Recorded via Microsoft Teams

Aaron Hoff – TRWD
Barbara Bradford – NCTCOG
Benjamin Thompson – City of Fort Worth
Breanne Johnson – NCTCOG
Craig Ottman – TRWD
Daniel Bagby – City of Dallas
Edith Marvin – NCTCOG
Garry Fennell – City of Irving
Gerardo Ocanas – O'Brien Engineering
Glenn Clingenpeel – Trinity River Authority
Grace Darling – Arlington Conservation Council
James Gossie – Denton County
Jarred Overbey – Halff Associates
Jasmine Ferrell – City of Mesquite
Julie Jones – Nathan D. Maier Consulting Engineers
Kathy Jack – The Nature Conservancy
Kevin Ferrer – City of Southlake
Kimberly Dewailly – City of Dallas
Kumar Gali – City of Coppell
Larissa Knapp-Scott – LJA Engineering
Lisa Ann Biggs – City of Fort Worth
Lissa Shepard – Dallas County
Matt Lepinski – USACE
Noe Villarreal – Dallas County
Olivia Whittaker – City of Dallas
Rhonda Hurst
Sarah Cantwell – Hayden Consultants
Stephanie Griffin – Halff Associates
Stephen Belknap – Denton County
Sunny Lindsey – City of Highland Village
Tamara Cook – NCTCOG
Victoria Bailey – TRWD
Wes McClure – City of Mesquite
William Wiegand – City of Arlington