

North Central Texas Council of Governments

# SUMMARY

## **Public Works Council**

Thursday, February 27, 2014  
9:30 AM, Regional Forum Conference Room  
NCTCOG Offices, CPII  
616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

Chairman: Jim Lockart, City of Richardson

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** The Public Works Council (PWC) Chair will welcome everyone to the meeting.

The Chair welcomed everyone. Members, guests, and staff introduced themselves.

## **ACTION/PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **ACTION**

2. **Meeting Summary.** The November 15, 2013 meeting summary is available online for review. Approval will be sought at the meeting.

Buzz Pishker made a motion to approve the November 15, 2013 meeting summary. Gerald Cosgrove seconded the motion. The PWC was unanimous in its approval.

3. **Public Works Roundup.** The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff will make a recommendation on a venue for this year's Roundup and ask the PWC to confirm the recommendation.

The NCTCOG Staff recommended the Ruthe Jackson Center as the 2014 Public Works Roundup venue. Greg VanNieuwenhuise made a motion to approve the venue, and Michael Brownlee seconded the motion. The PWC was unanimous in its approval. The PWC members were encouraged to submit topics for the event that will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2014. Topics currently on the agenda include water odor and taste issues and attracting more workers into the public works profession.

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## PRESENTATION

4. **Public Works Council Service Recognition Awards.** The NCTCOG staff and the PWC Chair will present service recognition awards to past Public Works Council representatives.

The PWC recognized Dale Stubblefield, Dean Carroll, Meran Dadgostar, and Bob Lowry for their years of dedicated service.

5. **Public Works Construction Standards.** The NCTCOG staff and the Public Works Construction Standards Subcommittee will present an update to the PWC on the overall progress of the update to the Construction Standards made by the Review Groups. NCTCOG staff will also discuss the overall schedule for the update.

The working groups are making good progress on reviewing and editing the update to the Public Works Construction Standards 4<sup>th</sup> Edition. The NCTCOG staff reiterated that this is an update, not a new edition. The PWC will be given sections to review as they are approved by the Public Works Construction Standards Subcommittee. Work will continue with the six working groups to complete their edits and recompose a draft in the 2014 timeframe. The NCTCOG staff thanked all the volunteers for the hours they have dedicated to this process. The PWC asked if the update will be available electronically, and what would be the cost recovery component? These two items will be discussed at future meetings.

6. **Other Work Program Activities.** The NCTCOG staff will brief the PWC on the following activities:

- *integrated* Stormwater Management (iSWM): A core group of cities, 14 or so, have adopted iSWM. Incremental adoption is being reviewed by the iSWM Implementation Subcommittee, but should this practice be approved, the integrity of the plan must be maintained. For information on iSWM training, visit <http://iswm.nctcog.org/index.asp>.
- Sustainable Public Rights of Way: The focus for Sustainable Public Rights of Way (SPROW) this year will be on website maintenance and education and outreach. As part of the Public Works Program, SPROW will be a featured topic at the 2014 Public Works Roundup. There are also plans for future brown-bag workshops. NCTCOG recently hosted a public works Inspectors roundtable chaired by Robert Woodbury, with the City of Cedar Hill. It is part of the Texas Chapter of the American Public Works Association.
- The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality proposed Small MS4 General Permit: The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) released the permit on December 13, 2013. It is based on the 2010 census. The NCTCOG hosted a TCEQ Public Meeting on February 4, 2014 regarding the permit. A copy of the presentation is available at: [www.nctcog.org/envir/SEEclean/stormwater/resources/rules-regs/MS4GP\\_Jaya\\_02042014.pdf](http://www.nctcog.org/envir/SEEclean/stormwater/resources/rules-regs/MS4GP_Jaya_02042014.pdf).

## INFORMATION ITEMS

7. **Public Works Emergency Response Team (PWERT).** Bob Kopp, City of Carrollton, will give an update on recent PWERT activities.

Mr. Kopp reported that PWERT has been in operation for two years. Mutual aid agreements have been signed by 31 jurisdictions. The next PWERT meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2014. For more information regarding this program, visit [www.nctcog.org/ep/Special\\_Projects/PWERT/Index.asp](http://www.nctcog.org/ep/Special_Projects/PWERT/Index.asp).

8. **2013 Ice Storm Reflection Meeting.** The NCTCOG staff will provide a brief recap of the meeting. Meeting notes are available on the PWC webpage for more in-depth review of what was discussed.

The PWC hosted a 2013 Ice Storm Reflection roundtable on January 28, 2014. The meeting was well attended and very informative. A summary of the meeting is available at [www.nctcog.org/envir/committees/pwc/PWC\\_Summary\\_01282014.pdf](http://www.nctcog.org/envir/committees/pwc/PWC_Summary_01282014.pdf).

9. **FY2015 Public Works Program Cost Shares.** NCTCOG staff will mention that FY15 cost shares will be mailed out in March 2014.

The NCTCOG staff reported that the 2015 cost shares will remain unchanged. Participation forms will be sent out by the end of March 2014. A copy of the draft 2015 Public Works Program was provided to the PWC for review and comment.

10. **Subdivision/Storm Water Roundtable.** NCTCOG staff, in response to a suggestion at the November PWC meeting, is looking into organizing a city/county roundtable to discuss subdivision and storm water issues.

The NCTCOG, in coordination with the [Texas Association of Counties](#), is developing topics for a future roundtable meeting. Any suggestions would be welcome.

## OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

11. **Future Agenda Items.** The PWC Members and the NCTCOG staff may suggest future agenda items.

The PWC requested a presentation on CASA (see Item 12). Other items of interest are public works staffing, electronic availability of the updated construction standards, and the cost recovery component.

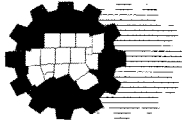
12. **Roundtable Topics/Other Business.** The PWC members and the NCTCOG staff may share additional items as time allows.

Molly Thoerner, Director of NCTCOG's Emergency Preparedness Department, and Amanda Everly, Technical Specialist, introduced the Collaborative Adaptive Sensing of Atmosphere, or CASA, to the PWC. CASA is the newest feature in future weather radar, and it is only available in North Central Texas. Smaller radar units are connected to provide one minute updates providing finer resolution that can be targeted to very specific

areas. To date, 40 jurisdictions have agreed to participate through cost sharing. For more information visit [http://www.nctcog.org/ep/Special\\_Projects/CASAWX/Index.asp](http://www.nctcog.org/ep/Special_Projects/CASAWX/Index.asp).

Texas SB 1086 became effective September 1, 2013. The bill requires the development of standards for municipalities to require a utility to maintain a sufficient water flow and pressure to fire hydrants located in the municipality or the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction for purpose of emergency fire suppression.

13. **Schedule for the Next PWC Meeting.** The next PWC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 29, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in NCTCOG's Regional Forum Room. Please earmark that date, and as we get closer to that time, the NCTCOG staff will coordinate with the Chair to confirm the meeting and provide an agenda.
14. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.



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**MEMBER SIGN IN SHEET**

NAME	SIGNATURE	REPRESENTS
James Berman		Southeast Dallas Subregion
Michael Brownlee		Southwest Dallas Subregion
Paul Causey		Associated General Contractors
Jeff Chambers		Southeast Subregion
Gerald Cosgrove		City of Plano
Lyndon Cox		Texas Council of Engineering Labs
Frank Crumb		City of Fort Worth
Kyle Culwell		Northwest Tarrant Subregion
Thomas Disheroon		Southwest Subregion
Chris Flanigan		Northeast Subregion
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Robert Kopp		City of Carrollton
Jim Lockart		City of Richardson
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