



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Flood Management Task Force
Friday, April 21, 2017
9:30 AM, Pitstick Conference Room
NCTCOG Offices, CPII
616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011

1. **Welcome and introductions.**

The meeting began at 9:30 a.m. with introductions of all present.

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION/ACTION ITEMS

2. **Meeting Summary.** The January 20, 2017 meeting summary is available online for review. Comments will be sought at the meeting. (Mia Brown)

A motion to approve the summary with corrections to Item 10 was carried.

3. **CDC Manual Updates.** NCTCOG staff will seek input on proposed updates to the CDC Manual 4th Edition related to on-site versus off-site valley storage, provided by Mike Danella, USACE. (Mia Brown)

A motion to approve updates to the CDC Manual 4th Edition was carried.

4. **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region VI RAMPP Team Presentation on Model Consolidation Progress.** The FEMA Risk Assessment, Mapping, and Planning Partners (RAMPP) team will give an update on the status of the integration of the CDC model for a shared consolidated model across agencies.

Barrett Goodwin of the RAMPP Team informed the Task Force that they are finalizing the Tarrant Regional Water District formal response to the hydrologic model, and will submit it to FEMA for deposition. Hydraulics cross-section geometry is currently under peer review. RAMPP is moving forward with calibrating hydrology and hydraulics. The Task Force will receive some preliminary hydraulics analysis to look at before the next meeting.

Jerry Cotter, USACE, let the Task Force know that team is being created to provide guidance for moving forward with the model consolidation, and that anyone who would like to join it should contact Stephanie Griffin.

5. **Proposal for NCTCOG to Become a LOMR Delegate.** Romin Khavari, with City of Grand Prairie, will introduce and propose the idea for NCTCOG to become a LOMR delegate to FEMA.

Romin Khavari proposed to the Task Force that NCTCOG apply to FEMA to become a LOMR delegate, in the interest of reducing LOMR processing times and retaining local administration of LOMRs. The Task Force discussed the possible footprint of this effort, and Alan Johnson of FEMA mentioned that it would need to include entire cities, not just the CDC boundary. Jerry Cotter of USACE said that going beyond that boundary would be challenging. Jessica Baker informed the Task Force that COMPASS has a LOMR review team at the FEMA Region 6 office that could possibly allow for face-to-face meetings to streamline the process. Edith Marvin requested that the communities give NCTCOG feedback as to what goals they would like to see accomplished through such an effort, and that there could be discussion about them at the next meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

6. Work Program Updates

- a. **Common Software Options for Rain/Stream Gauge Systems.** NCTCOG staff will update the FMTF on efforts related to this FY17 work program item with a revised schedule. (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown let the Task Force know that a Request for Information was submitted in February and from that NCTCOG learned that no major changes to the project scope were necessary. She also told the Task Force that the Request for Proposals for flood warning software was released on April 20th and that a Pre-Proposal Conference would be held May 9th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. A contract is expected to be executed in July.

- b. **Training.** NCTCOG staff will update FMTF on efforts to hold a Substantial Damage Training and Floodproofing Training. (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown informed the Task Force that she was in the process of working with Dale Hoff at FEMA to schedule both trainings for dates in either July or September.

7. Other Program Related Efforts

- a. **CRS Users Group.** NCTCOG and the Texas Floodplain Management Association (TFMA) continue to hold meetings for floodplain administrators and CRS users throughout the region. The April meeting was held April 11th. Steven Eubanks, City of Fort Worth, spoke about "The Challenge of Urban Flooding." The next meeting will be June 8th from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. The topic will be historical violations with speakers to be determined. (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown told the Task Force that over 40 people attended the April 11th Floodplain Administrations/CRS Users Group meeting on April 11th. For the June meeting, the topic will be Enforcing Historical Violations. Dale Hoff of FEMA will give a short presentation, followed by a panel discussion made up of a representative from FEMA, TWDB, a county, medium city, and small city.



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- b. **East Fork Update.** NCTCOG staff will update FMTF on initiatives to bring additional communities along the East Fork Trinity into the Common Vision program. (Edith Marvin)

Edith Marvin informed the Task Force that NCTCOG has met with five to six communities along the East Fork Trinity, from Lake Ray Hubbard to the confluence with the Trinity River. This request was initiated by Dallas County. The USACE has looked at estimates for creating a model. NCTCOG staff are currently working on writing an updated resolution for the communities and a recalculation of the cost share. These communities will become part of the consolidated model program. NCTCOG staff will seek FMTF approval of the updated resolution before taking it to the Steering Committee for their approval in September.

- c. **Countywide Watershed Management Planning Update.** NCTCOG staff will update FMTF on the Countywide Watershed Management Roundtable held March 14th, as well as next steps for this initiative. (Edith Marvin)

Mia Brown told the Task Force that 11 of the 16 counties attended the Countywide Watershed Management Roundtable on March 14th. Counties discussed challenges with enforcing floodplain standards and higher standards, and gave feedback on a list of potential higher standards that they would like to enforce. Edith Marvin let the Task Force know that NCTCOG staff would likely be going to the Executive Board in May with a resolution for regional support and a sample resolution for counties that would give them options to pick from for adoption into a court order if they so choose.

- d. **Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD) Update.** TRWD staff will update the FMTF on the Floodway Stakeholders Steering Committee.

Rachel Ickert of TRWD said that the Fort Worth Floodway Stakeholders Group is moving their focus to how they can impact future flows from Marys Creek. Their recommendations are to place a gauge below Walsh Ranch on Marys Creek. Rachel also stated that TRWD is supportive of the Countywide Watershed Management Initiative.

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

Kori Mullen informed the Task Force that flood risk resilience meetings for FY15 flood risk identification projects were held in Irving and Corinth in February. She also told them that one Discovery webinar was held April 19th and another would be held April 24th for the FY15 Cedar and Denton Discovery efforts. The FY16 RFP has not yet been released. The FY17 Business Plan was submitted March 30th.

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

Mia Brown told the Task Force that the City of Kennedale has been officially awarded Silver Certification and were awarded with a plaque and street sign at their April 17th city council meeting. The City of Fort Worth's application for Silver Certification is currently under review. NCTCOG staff are currently developing a work scope with consultants, Half Associates, for this year's projects; they will include: the completion and publication of the Redevelopment Guidance, the conversion of 10 construction control schematics into standard details, education workshops, a review of the downstream assessment and site design approach, and the development of some rules of thumb guidance.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

8. **CDC Tracking.** NCTCOG staff will solicit feedback from the FMTF regarding the CDC tracking tables. (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown told the Task Force that only one community had returned their CDC tracking tables with corrections and additions. She said she would resend the tracking tables. Barrett Goodwin emphasized the importance of receiving the updates so that they could be incorporated into the consolidated model.

9. **CDC Applications.** NCTCOG staff will share CDC applications received since the last FMTF meeting and invite FMTF members to share any upcoming CDC applications. (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown let the Task Force know that six applications had been received from Fort Worth, Arlington, Coppell, and Grand Prairie. Clair Davis of Fort Worth said he will be sending an email in the future to clarify application FW 121916-1. Fort Worth will also have a new CDC application coming up for a residential development on Precinct Line Road. Garry Fennell of Irving said that an application would be coming in soon for a project on the West Fork Trinity near Loop 12. Mike McKay requested clarification on the 30 day comment window. Jerry Cotter, USACE, responded that it was best to wait for USACE approval before allowing the project to move forward even if the 30 days has ended. Mia Brown also informed the Task Force that there was no longer a need to send a physical copy of an application to NCTCOG; only a digital copy is needed. She also said that the USACE copy can be sent directly to them, with only the digital copy and fee being sent to NCTCOG; however if the community prefers to send the USACE copies to NCTCOG, they will promptly forward them.

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

Mia Brown shared that she is keeping track of floodplain related bills in the Texas Legislature and U.S. Congress. The only bill that had seen forward progress was Texas HB 1257, relating to the prosecution of and punishment for the offense of criminal mischief involving property used for flood control purposes or a dam.



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Stephanie Griffin of Grand Prairie said that their RFP for flood warning software was out. She is also soliciting information from other cities for OEM pond examples.

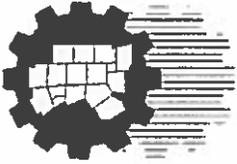
Kristine Blickenstaff said she will talk about inFRM at the next meeting.

Jessica Baker, TFMA said that the TFMA Spring Conference will be the following week and that there will be an announcement for the newly elected board.

11. **Schedule for the Next Meeting.** The next meeting date will be Friday, June 16, 2017, at 9:30 a.m., in NCTCOG's Pitstick Conference Room, CPII.
12. **Adjournment.**

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Mia Brown by phone at (817) 695-9227, or by email at MBBrown@nctcog.org.

Thank you.



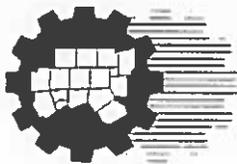
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MEMBER SIGN-IN SHEET

Contact	Signature	Agency
Susan Alvarez		City of Dallas
Marc Bentley		City of Farmers Branch
Laura Blaylock		Tarrant Regional Water District
Amy Cannon		City of Arlington
Kent Collins		City of Coppell
Jerry Cotter	<i>Jerry Cotter</i>	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
Clair Davis	<i>Clair Davis</i>	City of Fort Worth
Garry Fennell	<i>Garry Fennell</i>	City of Irving
James Gossie	<i>James Gossie</i>	Denton County
Stephanie Griffin	<i>Stephanie Griffin</i>	City of Grand Prairie
Jeff Kelly	<i>Jeff Kelly</i>	City of Lewisville
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Mike McKay	<i>Mike McKay</i>	City of Carrollton
Steve Parker		City of Dallas
Mike Segner		Texas Water Development Board
Lissa Shepard	<i>Lissa Shepard</i>	Dallas County
Joe Trammel	<i>Joe Trammel</i>	Tarrant County
Ron Wanhanen	<i>Alan Johnson for</i>	FEMA Region 6



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Guest Sign-in Sheet

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Krishine Brickerstahl	USGS
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Tam Vu	City of Dallas
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Ramesh Chintala	Atkins
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