

North Central Texas Council of Governments

Summary

Water Resources Council

Thursday, October 10, 2013

10:30 AM, William J. Pitstick Executive Board Room

NCTCOG Offices, CPII

616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

Chair: Ron McCuller, City of Grand Prairie

1. **Welcome and Introductions.**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made that included members, guests and the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff.

DISCUSSION / PRESENTATION / ACTION ITEMS

2. **Approval of Meeting Summary.** The Water Resources Council (WRC) June 13, 2013 Draft Meeting Summary is available for review online at www.nctcog.org/envir/committees/wrc/WRCDraftSummary20130613.pdf%20.

Richard Talley made a motion to approve the June 13, 2013 meeting summary. Robert McCarthy seconded the motion. The WRC was unanimous in its approval.

FY2014 Water Quality Management Planning Work Scope. NCTCOG has recently executed the water quality planning contract with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the coming fiscal year. NCTCOG staff will present an overview the work scope and tentative schedule for development of the 2014 Annual Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) update and present the tentative schedule for the WQMP development.

The 2013 Water Quality Management Plan Update is currently under review by TCEQ. Comments are expected soon. For 2014, a public hearing is anticipated in May. The Update would then be submitted to NCTCOG's Executive Board for approval. NCTCOG staff asked the WRC for any suggestions on information or items that might be portrayed in the Plan. There was a lengthy discussion regarding grant applications and the types of regional projects NCTCOG could undertake given the proper funding.

In keeping with the TCEQ contract, NCTCOG may be called upon to perform conformance reviews for 208/201 grants.

It was noted that the Houston-Galveston Council of Governments no longer conducts a water quality management plan update.

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3. **Trinity River TMDL Implementation Plan for PCBs.** NCTCOG staff will present information on this TMDL Implementation Plan effort that is beginning this fall with continued funding from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

It is anticipated that the Bacterial TMDL I-Plan will be on the agenda for the TCEQ's Commissioners meeting on December 11, 2013. Once approved, the project will enter a maintenance mode, with the project's progress reviewed annually.

The TMDL PCBs project, which is larger in scope, begins in Navarro County and includes the Upper Trinity, the entire West Fork below Lake Worth, and a portion of the Clear Fork below Lake Benbrook. NCTCOG staff is taking great care to contact stakeholders, MS4's, and other government entities that might be impacted by this project. TCEQ is providing the funding.

INFORMATION ITEMS

4. **Feral Hog Forum.** NCTCOG, along with the City of Dallas, the Fort Worth Nature Center, and Texas Parks and Wildlife, is hosting a regional forum on management of urban feral hogs in North Texas. The event will be held on October 24, 2013, at the Ruthe Jackson Center, in Grand Prairie, from 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

The City of Dallas requested NCTCOG host a forum to begin a dialog regarding the feral hog issue. Using waterways like a highway, feral hogs have infiltrated almost every part of the region, negatively impacting property and habitat. Different jurisdictions address their feral hog problem utilizing different techniques as there is no one fix solution. WRC members and their staff were encouraged to attend the event to lend their expertise and to learn how others are addressing this matter.

5. **Cooperating Technical Partnership Update.** NCTCOG staff will update the Committee on our FY2012-2013 activities for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) discovery of flooding issues in the Lower West Fork and Elm Fork watersheds of the Trinity River. Additionally we will present our new program just approved by FEMA for an FY2013-2014 technical production activities addressing portions of the Village Creek watershed.

For the past several years, NCTCOG has been a Cooperative Technical Partner with FEMA. In Fiscal Year 2012-2013, NCTCOG partnered with FEMA for a Discovery Project that encompassed the Lower West Fork and the Elm Fork. The project included outreach and data collection of flood risk and hazard mitigation for communities within those watersheds. The information was collected and submitted to FEMA. An opportunity arose out of the Discovery Project to perform a technical production for Village Creek in Kennedale. NCTCOG will be overseeing the work to be performed by Halff and Associates. FEMA is funding the project, with a 25 percent match from Arlington, Kennedale, and Tarrant County.

6. **Upper Trinity River Feasibility Study Regulatory Update.** Through a cooperative effort between the Fort Worth District of the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and NCTCOG, representing the participating communities of the Trinity River COMMON VISION Program, an update of the Trinity River regulatory model was recently approved. It will be used as the USACE regulatory model for federal permitting and will be incorporated into the Trinity River Corridor Development Certificate programs as well.

For over 20 years, the NCTCOG has partnered with and acted on behalf of communities along the Trinity River Corridor. As part of that partnership, the NCTCOG has served as local sponsor in the Upper Trinity River Feasibility Study process with USACE. The NCTCOG, acting on behalf of the Trinity River COMMON VISION Program, was invited by the USACE to participate in the federal re-evaluation of the regulatory model used along the corridor.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

7. **Other Business.** Committee members will be asked to share what is happening in their communities.

The Tarrant Regional Water District remains at drought Level 1 with no plans in the foreseeable future to move to Level 2.

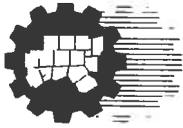
The Doe Branch Water Reclamation Facility should be on-line in about a year and a half.

After a 12 year wait, the Trinity River Authority said that the 10 Mile Creek Plant is now permitted by TCEQ.

Proposition Six, on the November 5, 2013 ballot, was discussed. It would allocate funds from the Rainy Day Fund to support water infrastructure.

8. **Schedule for the Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Water Resources Council is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2013.
9. **Adjournment.**

The WRC adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



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MEMBER SIGN IN SHEET

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John Baker		City of Garland
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Mike Curtis		City of North Richland Hills
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Liz Fernandez		City of Dallas
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