



North Central Texas Council of Governments

**REGIONAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT  
COORDINATING COUNCIL**

**June 8, 2011**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

The NCTCOG Regional Stormwater Management Coordinating Council met on June 8, 2011 in the NCTCOG offices Regional Forum Room. Members/Representatives in attendance are recorded on the sign in sheet, available on request. NCTCOG staff present included Keith Kennedy, Jeff Rice, Erin Blackman, Tracy Michel, and Mary Tatum. Council Chair, David Hunter, called the meeting to order.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Summary of the March 2, 2011 Meeting:** The summary from the March 2, 2011 meeting was unanimously approved as presented.

**Special Presentation:** Albert Lawrence, City of Garland's stormwater coordinator, gave a brief presentation about their litter control program and then went on to show a few slides about his future assignment in Europe. This was his last meeting with the group since he had recently accepted a civilian position with the U.S. Army to oversee water quality programs at army bases in Europe. He will be stationed in Germany. The committee wished him well.

**Regulatory Update:** The majority of the discussion centered around the two stormwater stakeholder meetings that TCEQ had held recently on the draft changes to the Phase II permit. TCEQ is proposing to make significant and drastic changes to the Phase II permit and several members expressed their opinions on the matter. A third stakeholder meeting had been scheduled for the following week and staff had proposed that a group could attend together. The next discussion centered on the Water Environment Federation's recent position statement where they were recommending that EPA make significant changes to the stormwater program. The third point of discussion was with regard to an EPA memo outlining the handling of stormwater sources in TMDL allocations. Several water quality organizations were calling for EPA to rescind the directive and to incorporate any such changes into their 2012 stormwater program overhaul. Staff then wrapped up the discussion with information about two local TMDLs being out for public comment and suggesting that communities in the watershed should likely get involved in the development of the I-Plan for the TMDL.

**FY2011 Work Program Status Report:**

Public Education Task Force (PETF) – Tracy Michel, PETF coordinator, updated the Council on activities related to pet waste, yard waste, and stormwater issues. The PETF decided to update the pet waste bookmarks this year. Kara Roberson from Denton volunteered to redesign them. They have updated text to inform the public about the issues of pet waste left on the ground as well as the health risks to other pets and humans. The bookmarks have new pictures and a new design. The pet waste online pledge is open to the public and members have access to paper pledges as well. Landscape companies will be the target of the next yard waste campaign. It will be a chance to inform the company and workers about BMPs for yard waste. They will be sent an agreement and if they comply, will be recognized for their commitment. Under the Stormwater Issues campaign, a Jeopardy

type game will be produced for school children. Erin Blackman updated the Council on the Construction Site Field Guide. Based on the feedback from stormwater contacts and the iSWM implementation committee, minor changes were made and the guide was finalized. It is now in the process of being put into InDesign.

Pollution Prevention – Tracy Michel, P2 coordinator, updated the Council on the Construction Video and other P2 activities. The script for the video is completed and approved. Now staff is seeking construction sites where filming can occur. There have been a few leads on cities that have current construction, but the more filming that goes on, the more effective the video will be. At the last meeting, it was determined that having the large P2 shop posters available at different sizes would be convenient to participants. The new posters will be 11 x 14 and 8 x 10, and will be easily accessed by members.

Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination (IDDE) – Erin Blackman, IDDE coordinator, updated the Council on activities related to the IDDE Field Investigation Guide, Dry Weather Field Screening, and IDDE Training. Based on interest from the IDDE Task Force and other RSWMP participants, NCTCOG will be ordering 500 of the IDDE Field Investigation Guide for approximately \$8/each. The guide will be 3-hole punched and printed on waterproof paper at the 8.5" tall by 5.5" wide size. Because this was a FY2010 project, participants in the FY10 RSWMP will receive one free copy of this guide. A Dry Weather Field Screening Workshop has been scheduled for June 22, and a second workshop is being considered due to great interest in this first workshop. Finally, an IDDE Training that walks participants through the approaches discussed in the IDDE Field Investigation Guide is being planned for September.

Storm Water Monitoring Program – Keith Kennedy updated the committee on the series of activities that had occurred since the last meeting in March concerning the regional monitoring program. Since that time, an RFP process had been completed and two firms responded. The Monitoring Task Force had evaluated the RFP submittals and had ranked Atkins at the top. The next step was to seek approval to contract with them from the NCTCOG Executive Board in June. Contract negotiations would follow.

Public Works Coordination – Jeff Rice updated the Council on recent Public Works program activities to facilitate adoption of iSWM. A survey of local governments has been conducted to determine the status of and issues regarding iSWM adoption. Various flexible alternatives for adoption are being considered. The project consultant is also developing training materials for two iSWM training classes; one on water quality and one on iSWM implementation. A construction inspection training class was held in May; the next class is scheduled for August 21.

**FY2012 Draft Work Program** – The draft FY2012 Work Program was approved unanimously as presented. In September, FY2012 contracts (Commitment Response Forms and Letters of Authorization) will be posted on [dfwstormwater.com](http://dfwstormwater.com) and members will be notified via email.

**Roundtable Discussion:** Municipalities shared information about the activities going on in their communities:

- Carrollton is conducting dry weather field screening and mapping outfalls.
- Lewisville is conducting post-construction inspections and a second round of outfall inspections. They just finished with pollution prevention training.
- Rockwall is targeting dog parks for pet waste educational efforts.