



North Central Texas Council of Governments

**REGIONAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT
COORDINATING COUNCIL**

February 22, 2012

MEETING SUMMARY

The NCTCOG Regional Stormwater Management Coordinating Council met on February 22, 2012 in the Pitstick Executive Board Room at the NCTCOG offices. Members/representatives in attendance are recorded on the sign in sheet, available on request. NCTCOG staff present included Jack Tidwell, Jeff Rice, Tracy Michel, and Mary Tatum. Council Chair, Sue Alvarez, called the meeting to order.

AGENDA ITEMS

Summary of the November 9 Meeting: The summary from the November 9th meeting was unanimously approved as presented.

TMDL Presentation: Jennifer Vuitel, NCTCOG staff, gave a presentation about the TMDL project and its relation to stormwater. Jennifer updated the council on where TMDLs are in the region and what committees were formed to develop the implementation plan. There will be a draft version sent in August, and the final will be complete by early fiscal year 2013.

Regulatory Update: Staff updated the Council on several regulatory items related to:

Phase II MS4 Permit Renewal –Another draft dated November 15th was sent to EPA. Following a public meeting in March, the TCEQ's response to comments will be available by the end of May. The new permit is scheduled for adoption by the TCEQ commissioners in July 2012.

Pesticide General Permit Meeting –NCTCOG hosted a meeting for the pesticide general permit on December 9th. Charles Maguire from TCEQ presented the information and answered questions. COG staff has copies of the presentation for those who are interested.

TPDES Construction General Permit – The current Construction General Permit expires in March of 2013. TCEQ has been conducting discussions on the renewal of the CGP with the Stormwater Stakeholders Group. Susan Alvarez attended the February 21 meeting of the Stakeholders group and reported that TCEQ is taking suggestions from interested parties on recommended modifications to the existing permit until March 6.

EPA's National Rulemaking – EPA did not meet the December 2011 deadline for issuing the draft rule. There is no new official information regarding this rulemaking; however a Water Environment Federation newsletter stated that EPA intends to issue a schedule for the rule development process on March 16, 2012.

FY2012 Work Program Status Report: Staff gave an update on the status of activities for each program area.

Public Education Task Force (PETF) – Tracy Michel, PETF coordinator, updated the Council on recent PETF activities. March will mark the annual "March is Texas SmartScape Month." In

preparation for this, the PETF came up with the theme, "Beat the Drought, Go the Texas SmartScape Route." A press release template has been posted and PSA's for print have also been made available. A Texas SmartScape class, presented by Dotty Woodson, will be held on February 24th. Planning for Own Your curb continues as members have decided a door hanger would be best for the campaign. The Green Business project is also in the planning stages and the task force has decided that targeting landscape maintenance companies will be the best approach. The PETF also submitted their votes for FY13 Work Program ideas, and targeting school kids is the project that members are most interested in.

Pollution Prevention (P2) – Tracy continued with P2 Task Force activities. The construction video is complete and DVDs are available for 2011 stormwater participants. The Peer 2 Peer project has started and the first meeting of comparing checklists and photographs occurred in January. Participants were asked to share their checklists that they use in P2 operations as well as any photos they might have questions about. COG staff compiled these checklists for P2 members to compare. In March the P2 Task Force will meet in Bedford for the first site visit as part of the project.

Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination (IDDE) – Tracy updated the council on IDDE activities for Erin, who is on maternity leave. Comments on a revised draft of the PowerPoint module for training municipal staff were due to COG staff Dec 16, and the draft was revised accordingly. COG staff has been and will continue to work on including additional language in the PowerPoint to help enhance the presentation and further guide conversations. Once this is complete, COG staff will coordinate a "train-the-trainer" session with Environmental Trainers and staff from a local municipality to teach this module. Environmental Trainers will provide tips on how to engage your audience, etc. while a local municipality will present the module as if he/she were presenting it to his/her staff.

Planning for the Municipal Industrial Inspectors Workshop has begun. This workshop is designed to provide a venue for municipal industrial inspectors to discuss methods and tools for conducting inspections and promoting pollution prevention concepts to local industries. COG staff sought feedback from the IDDE Task Force on possible locations for this workshop. Contact has been made to several industries in Carrollton.

Stormwater Monitoring Program – Jeff Rice gave a brief update on the activities that have been conducted by Atkins, NCTCOG's contractor for providing regional monitoring program assistance. Stormwater monitoring and bioassessment protocols have been developed. The draft Annual Regional Monitoring Report for year one has been prepared. Also, the first quarter 2011 stormwater samples have been collected.

Public Works Coordination – Jeff provided an update of the recent activities regarding iSWM, notably:

- Conducted Construction Stormwater Inspection Training Class in January
- Developed new iTools web page including training materials and iSWM Case Studies
- Providing limited support to the DFW Land / Water Sustainability Forum for a Low Impact Development Competition featuring iSWM
- An iSWM Program Implementation Training Class is scheduled for February 29

FY2013 Work Program and Budget: Staff presented recommendations for FY2013 stormwater work program and budget. The three RDI Task Forces presented their top-ranked projects to the Work Program Committee (WPC) for consideration and the WPC has selected three, one from each program area, for inclusion in the FY2013 Work Program, with the budget of \$288,000 remaining the same as FY2012. The proposed projects are:

- Public Education – Target school children by creating an educator's toolbox
- Pollution Prevention – Self audit guidebook and regional standard operating procedures
- IDDE – IDDE summary/training video and a shop poster

These comprise approximately 25% – 30% of the budget while the recurring work program elements, which include administrative support, meeting support, established projects and the regional monitoring program make up the remaining 70% - 75%. The FY2013 projects and budget were approved as presented.

CASA Presentation: Brenda Phillips, with the Center for Collaborative Adaptive Sensing of the Atmosphere, gave a presentation about how they are sensing weather for better emergency preparedness.

Special Presentation: David Hunter, City of Denton, discussed Denton's Project XL, which was to help integrate what was being done in the Industrial Pretreatment Program as a springboard into the Phase II Storm Water Regulations.