



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Regional Stormwater Management Coordinating Council

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

9:30 AM, William J. Pitstick Executive Board Room

NCTCOG Offices, CPII

616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

Chair: Echo Rexroad, City of Grand Prairie

Vice Chair: To Be Announced (Cody Whittenburg, City of Fort Worth)

1. Welcome and Introductions.

2. Council Election Update.

NCTCOG informed the council that the Chair position has been filled by Vice-Chair Echo Rexroad Senior Environmental Specialist, City of Grand Prairie, and the election for Vice-Chair resulted in Cody Whittenburg, Environmental Manager, Air & Water Quality, City of Fort Worth, to fill this vacancy effective as of February 17, 2016.

ACTION ITEMS

3. Regional Stormwater Management Coordinating Council (RSWMCC) Meeting Summary.

The [November 18, 2015](#) meeting summary is available on the web for viewing.

The November 18, 2015 meeting summary was approved with a request/amendment to include the Member Sign-in Log that was omitted in error.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Council Regulatory Update.

Staff will update the council on recent regulatory actions.

General Permit Remand Rule

NCTCOG staff updated the Council on the General Permit Remand Rule wherein the EPA has proposed options to change the permitting for small MS4s. NCTCOG staff said they will provide more information about this proposal through an email, and for members who wish to submit comment to follow up with the email. Public comment is due to the EPA by March 31, 2016.

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TCEQ Graywater Rulemaking

NCTCOG staff updated the Council on the TCEQ Graywater Rulemaking. Some discussion was had over some details of the plan. NCTCOG staff said they will provide more information about this proposal through a later email, and for members who wish to submit comment to follow up with the email. Staff said they will follow up to inform the members of the due date for comments.

5. FY2016 Work Program Status Report. The NCTCOG staff will discuss past, on-going, and planned task force activities and other components of the regional stormwater management program. Topics will include:

- General program activities
 - Public Education Task Force
 - Pollution Prevention Task Force
 - Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination Task Force
 - Stormwater Monitoring Program
 - Construction/Post-Construction (iSWM™) Program Activities
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- General program activities
NCTCOG staff noted that 43% of the budget has been received so far and 33 communities have returned their Commitment Response Forms. Staff noted there are 22 additional communities we expect to continue participation and return their forms. Staff then asked that the members double check to verify that they have submitted their forms. The council requested additional budget information related to the cost share program and itemized expenses. NCTCOG staff will bring that information to the next meeting.
 - Public Education Task Force (PETF)
Staff informed the council that they will be emailed the FY2015 project final draft for review. Staff also provided an update on the Do the Right Thing campaign, informing the group that the 2017 Calendar Contest pledge form is now available online and the Task Force will be provided with outreach materials in the coming weeks. Staff also provided an update on current Texas SmartScape program work, including the March Is Texas SmartScape Month initiative and recently created deliverables, the training session led by Dotty Woodson with Texas A&M AgriLife, the 2016 regional plant sale planning, the soft launch of the new plant list, and the upcoming website review. NCTCOG staff informed the council that the PETF decided on its proposed FY2017 project (an extension of the Educator's Toolbox).
 - Pollution Prevention Task Force (P2TF)
NCTCOG staff gave an overview of the Grand Prairie Municipal Airport tour held in December, and also noted that the Task Force will be discussing potential site tour locations for either a spring or fall tour/peer-to-peer exchange opportunity. The Task Force is also developing its FY2016 project, the Water Utilities/Public Works training module for sanitary sewer overflows and water main breaks/repairs. Staff informed the council that the P2TF selected its FY2017 project (updating the current training modules).

- Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination Task Force (IDDE)
NCTCOG staff informed the group of the updated IDDE Trainings and Screening Manual. Also, there is to be an Industrial Inspector Workshop held on March 22, 2016 at the McKinney Airport. The SSO rule reporting revisions requirements are currently under review at TCEQ. Also, the FY16 Potable Water Discharges and Fish Kills Factsheet is being prepared.
- Stormwater Monitoring Program
NCTCOG noted the first draft of the 2015 report has been reviewed and revised by the Task Force, so at the next meeting on February 23, 2016 the report will be approved for submission to TCEQ. The Task Force will also discuss the final summary report and the upcoming 4th permit term.
- Construction/Post-Construction (iSWM™) Program Activities
Staff noted there have been 11 meetings held, and 2-3 remaining iSWM Benefits Meetings scheduled in the region. Staff then mentioned the next quarterly training will be held on May 4, 2016. The next Public Works Roundup will occur in May or June. The call for Flood Photo Collection is still underway to document the May 2015 flooding issues, and the staff asked the members to submit any photos they may have.

6. FY 2017 Work Program Discussion. NCTCOG has developed a new work program for FY 2017 based on the input from the Work Program Subcommittee and the respective Task Forces. The recommended projects have been included for review and approval.

NCTCOG staff presented the committee with the proposed Work Program draft for FY2017. Staff explained that the new document has been edited and condensed to be more concise in its description of the program. Staff also noted that the P2 and PETF sections will be revised with minor changes. The budget is \$314,000.

NCTCOG staff described the FY17 Work Program – Task Force Objectives as follows:

IDDE – Plan to match the training and manual; contact list

P2 – Develop online training modules to accompany the 2016 Water Utilities/Public Works training module. (See work program document for more details.)

PETF – Develop an extension of the Educator’s Toolbox to provide educators with resources for demonstrations and talks so they do not have to reinvent the wheel. (See work program document for more details.)

Stormwater Monitoring – Staff reminded the committee that this program is based on TCEQ schedule, not a fiscal year work program. This program will start a new permit term soon.

Some members of the committee asked to receive a more detailed list of Work Program expenditures, as well as a report on the history of participant communities’ cost share commitment, and an MS4 contact list.

The Task Force Objectives portion of the FY17 Work Program was approved by the committee. The general FY17 Work Program document will be reviewed further by the committee and will be revised as needed to be voted for approval at the next meeting in May.

7. Committee Procedures – Subcommittees, Working Groups, and Task Forces.

Members will be asked to provide thoughts on updating the Committee Procedures to clarify the definitions of subcommittees, working groups, and task forces. The potential need for additional membership parameters, specifically for Task Force membership, will also be brought forth for discussion by the group.

NCTCOG staff asked the members of the committee for feedback on the RSWMCC Committee Procedures. There was concern about the use of watershed boundaries for memberships, voting rights of committee members versus non-cost-share participants, and questions on the weight of the vote for participants. NCTCOG staff said they will revise the document to address these concerns, and bring it back to the committee for further input.

8. General Updates. Staff will provide the Council with an update on current and future initiatives.

NCTCOG staff presented an updated Training Matrix, and asked for any revisions or additional training opportunities to add. Some ideas were suggested, and staff will make changes and post matrix to website.

Krista Pender with the City of Carrollton presented the committee with the details of a potential training session on BMP and Post-Construction Inspection developed by a trainer from the North Carolina State University. As proposed, this training session could be available with an admittance fee to anyone interested. Staff said there was a possibility of NCTCOG assisting with the preparation of this training session, and will help with the initial payment of the fee -- with the possibility of recouping a portion or all of the costs (depending on the number of attendees). This initial payment would be charged to the NCTCOG Stormwater Deferred Account from FY15. The session date and location is to be determined. The committee voted to approve the facilitation and funding of the training through NCTCOG.

Julie Winchell with the City of Cleburne informed the group about a training opportunity at the Bluebonnet RC&D Conference.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

9. Roundtable Discussion. Discussion of activities within individual jurisdictions and other topics as time allows.

Grand Prairie – New staff in training

Fort Worth –New staff in training and are looking to fill vacancies in Water Quality

Cleburne – Vacancy for a Code Enforcement Outreach/Keep Cleburne Beautiful Coordinator
Allen- The MS4 Permit annual report has been submitted.

Dallas –Addressing citizen concern over blue water and algae at White Rock Lake.

Requested that members provide public education materials for this issue. The MS4 Permit annual report has been submitted.

Frisco –Considering the adoption of an ordinance for the legal enforcement of repeat violators of stormwater laws.

10. Schedule for the Next Meeting. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 11, 2016.

11. Adjournment.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Derica Peters by phone at (817) 695-9217, or by email at dpeters@nctcog.org.