



North Central Texas Council of Governments

# SUMMARY

## **Flood Management Task Force**

Thursday, December 19, 2013

9:30 AM, Tejas Conference Room

NCTCOG Offices, CPIII

600 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

### **1. Welcome and Introductions.**

Jack Tidwell, Manager of Environment and Development, welcomed everyone to the Flood Management Task Force meeting. Each person introduced themselves and identified the agencies they represent.

## **DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION/ACTION ITEMS**

### **2. Flood Management Task Force Meeting Recap.** Jack Tidwell will deliver a brief recap on discussions from the FMTF meeting on October 17, 2013.

Jack Tidwell provided a brief recap of the FMTF meeting held on October 17, 2013. Jack mentioned that the discussion at the last meeting included the variety of steps toward future interests. Since the meeting NCTCOG has been entertaining discussions on what lies in the future for us in terms of the CDC (Corridor Development Certificate process) and overall Trinity River COMMON VISION on a Corridor basis and beyond.

Jack mentioned that the City of Dallas was present. NCTCOG has received good feedback from the City of Dallas. We are expecting them to continue their participation.

### **3. Corridor Development Certificate (CDC) Manual Update.** The Flood Management Task Force (FMTF) will continue discussions on revisions necessary for the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition CDC Manual.

Jack Tidwell, resumed the discussion from the last FMTF meeting on the outline of necessary steps to update the manual. He addressed the assumptions used in the regulatory model update and how they compare to the current CDC Manual 4<sup>th</sup> Ed.

Brett Higginbotham stated that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) updated all the tables including the: discharge tables, water elevations, and specific prior development. He suggested that focus should be on the Specific Prior Development.

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4. **Projects Included in CDC Model.** The FMTF will discuss specific prior development portion of the manual.

Jack Tidwell led the discussion over the project considerations included in the regulatory model update. The group worked together to provide a cursory review, on a community-by-community basis, of the projects listed on the CDC Tracking table. Participants were asked to provide additional comments to address “?” marks indicating the lack of information on particular projects. Comments should be sent to Bret Higginbotham at [Bret.W.Higginbotham@usace.army.mil](mailto:Bret.W.Higginbotham@usace.army.mil) and to Leo Valencia at [lvalencia@nctcog.org](mailto:lvalencia@nctcog.org).

All projects included on the CDC tracking are included in the regulatory model update that NCTCOG has already made available for review.

Mike Danella expressed that there is a desire, by the USACE, to maintain an updated CDC tracking table to be made available with the regulatory model. The regulatory model shall also be continually updated as projects are added.

Jack initiated review of the “Grandfathered” projects list. He expressed the importance of ensuring the accuracy of the list. Candidates to be considered as “Grandfathered” will fall into that category in the updated CDC model and process. Projects that are identified as CDC applications prior to January 1, 2014 will not be required to utilize the updated CDC information associated with the regulatory model update. They may proceed with the data as outlined in the pre January 1, 2014 CDC model update.

Jerry Cotter stated that there are projects which are currently candidates for “Grandfathering”. These projects will not have significant impacts to the valley storage in the updated CDC regulatory model. They include projects that are substantially underway in the design process and continue to be evaluated under the current model criteria. He indicated that communities should have some latitude when making decisions on whether or not to include projects with the “Grandfathered” designation if decisions are purely administrative with no technical implications. The USACE can work with individual communities to determine whether or not these candidate projects need to be re-evaluated under the updated regulatory model. Projects not started before January 1, 2014 will need to comply with the criteria in the updated regulatory model and not the updated CDC regulatory model in effect prior to this date.

Jack Tidwell clarified that the CDC regulatory model roll-out will be January 1, 2014. There is a new understood latitude in terms of projects that have had work underway. It will be established as a review of the proposals as they come in. Some combination of the current list of specific prior development projects incorporated into model and “grandfathered” projects will be presented back to the FMTF. This newly developed list shall be reviewed by the FMTF as a potential list of specific prior developments for the purposes of the CDC manual.

5. **Updated Flows.** The FMTF will discuss the updated tables, including elevations and future conditions.

Updated flows are available online.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

6. **Cooperating Technical Partnership (CTP) – FY2013.** The NCTCOG staff will provide an update on the CTP opportunity for the Village Creek Watershed Flood Risk Identification project.

Jack Tidwell informed everyone that NCTCOG's proposed business plan was selected by FEMA. The plan addresses a need which was identified through the Mappings Needs Assessment process and our recent Discovery efforts. We have gone through the process of developing a project work-scope and involving local stakeholders. We underwent a RFP / RFQ process which will be presented for approval to the NCTCOG Executive Board in December.

We are currently working on a business plan for FY14 to be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board. We will continue incorporating the concept we have used in the recent past into future activities for other business plans, into the future.

7. **Feral Hog Management.** Jack Tidwell will provide an update on the Feral Hog Conference held on October 24, 2013.

Jack provided a brief update on Feral Hog Forum held at the Ruthe Jackson Center in Grand Prairie. He mentioned that NCTCOG, along with the City of Dallas, and Texas Parks and Wildlife, hosted this regional forum on the management of urban feral hogs in North Texas. It was recognized that issues associated with feral hogs do not simply apply to rural settings but impact urbanized areas as well. The problems caused by feral hogs definitely impact a variety of municipal departments at multiple levels.

This event was a half day conference that started a regional dialogue on handling feral hog issues which will continue into the future. NCTCOG has set-up a webpage with information shared at the forum. The website also provides the option to allow people to provide feedback and additional information related to feral hog issues. NCTCOG seeks to continue collecting information on how communities are addressing issues in hopes of assisting in establishing consistencies across the region.

## OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

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

Edith Marvin discussed NCTCOG's Environment & Development (E&D) Department's Strategic Plan Update and the Stakeholder Survey. The strategic plan is a four to five year outlook as to what E&D and the entire agency anticipate as our services to be to our communities. Edith described the contents of the survey and expressed our interest to gather input from NCTCOG participants for use in formulating our strategic plan. The survey will assist us in identifying new and emerging regional issues, help us strategize steps to success, and develop indicators to track progress. The updated Strategic Plan will provide structure and guidance needed in the coming years to enable NCTCOG to continue effectively working with and for local governments to address the region's critical needs.

(Survey is available at <http://www.nctcoq.org/envir/survey/>)

USACE is starting to work with the office of Hydrology from NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration). USACE is exploring NOAA Atlas-14 which is the replacement for TP-40 (Technical Paper No. 40) and HYDRO-35. Atlas 14 is currently being used in almost every state except Texas. USACE is seeking to raise funds (about \$1 million over three years) to use Atlas-14 in Texas. USACE will provide a presentation on Atlas-14 at the next FMTF meeting.

Mike Danella mentioned that discussions have been started on making the CDC Regulatory Model available online. USACE will investigate the option of making the model available on the USACE website through a SharePoint that will be open to the public. Discussion will continue at the next FMTF meeting.

Garry Fennell informed the group of an anticipated CDC application approval (Campion Trail Bridges started in 2010 using the model current as of December 19, 2013)

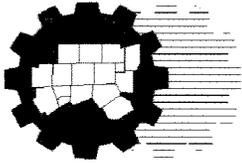
Mike McKay informed the group about the ramping-up of the I-35 construction and his completion of a 2D model.

Jessica Baker reminded everyone of the TFMA lunch event scheduled for January 23, 2014 in Grapevine. FEMA will be presenting on BW-12. Immediately after the luncheon event will follow a Floodplain Administrator's discussion.

#### **Schedule for the Next Meeting.**

Scheduled for Thursday, February 6, 2014, at 9:30 A.M. in the Tejas Conference Room

#### **9. Adjournment.**



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