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SUMMARY

Flood Management Task Force
Friday, November 4, 2016
9:30 AM, Metroplex Conference Room
NCTCOG Offices, CPII
616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011

1. **Welcome and introductions.**

The meeting began at 9:30 a.m. with introductions of all present.

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION/ACTION ITEMS

2. **Meeting Summary.** The August 19, 2016 meeting summary is available online for review. Comments will be sought at the meeting. (Mia Brown)

The meeting summary was reviewed and two comments were made to correct Dr. Kang to Dr. Fang under Item 7, and to clarify the RAMPP timeline under Item 5. A motion to approve the summary with changes was carried.

3. **FY 2016 Trinity River COMMON VISION Work Product Final Drafts.** NCTCOG staff will seek approval from the FMTF for the final draft versions of the FY 16 Work Products: flood report and promotional brochures. (Mia Brown)

The Task Force approved all FY 16 work products to be finalized and posted to the NCTCOG website without changes. NCTCOG staff will email the items once more to the members.

4. **Update on Common Software Options for Rain/Stream Gauge Systems.** NCTCOG staff will update the FMTF on the October special meeting concerning rain/stream gauge software. (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown referred the Task Force to a handout with the list of items discussed at the special FMTF meeting on October 28th regarding common software options for rain/stream gauge systems, per additional technical activity "A" in the FY 17 Work Program. Mia gave a brief overview of the discussions held at that meeting and emphasized to the Task Force that the October 28th meeting was the first of many discussions on the topic, and that the handout will be an evolving document. Edith Marvin explained to the Task Force what the administrative side of this project may look like, and that one possibility for moving forward would be a technical review committee. The Task Force agreed that there was still interest in this subject, and that they would like to see the item develop further with more discussion at future meetings, since many were unable to attend the special meeting.

5. **CDC Manual Updates.** NCTCOG staff will seek input on proposed updates to the CDC Manual 4th Edition related to on-site versus off-site valley storage, provided by Mike Danella, USACE. (Mia Brown)

The Task Force felt they did not have adequate time to review the materials presented to them before the meeting, and requested the item be tabled until the January 2017 meeting. The Task Force requested that all materials for review be sent in separate emails instead of multiple items in one email.

6. **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region VI RAMPP Team Presentation on Model Consolidation Progress.** The FEMA Risk Assessment, Mapping, and Planning Partners (RAMPP) team will give an update on the status of the integration of the CDC model for a shared consolidated model across agencies.

Barrett Goodwin of the RAMPP Team discussed the hydrology data that had been distributed to the Task Force via email the week prior to the meeting. He showed the Task Force the Technical Standards Data Notebook and explained the folder structure in the zip file that had been sent for review. Barrett stated that comments will be accepted for the next four weeks, with the deadline being the first week in December. He also mentioned that they filed a change request to push this information into next year. During discussion about flows used, Barrett noted that the RAMPP Team took recommendations from the USACE to use 2005 CDC flows. James Pittman mentioned that the hydraulics submittal will have a similar structure to the hydrology, and that the georeferencing will be submitted to the USACE the following week.

INFORMATION ITEMS

7. **Training Update.**

- a. NCTCOG and the Texas Floodplain Management Association (TFMA) continue to hold meetings for floodplain administrators and CRS users throughout the region. The next meeting will be held on December 14th from 12pm-2pm. (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown informed the Task Force of the upcoming CRS Users Group meeting at NCTCOG on December 14th, noting that registration is now on the TFMA website instead of the NCTCOG website.

- b. NCTCOG staff will brief FMTF on the combined Elected Officials Seminar/CRS Users Group meeting which took place on August 31, 2016. (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown briefed the Task Force on the successful combined Elected Officials Seminar/CRS Users Group meeting held on August 31, 2016, noting that 80 people were registered with about half of those being elected officials, who were especially engaged during the meeting.



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- c. NCTCOG staff will update FMTF on efforts to hold a Substantial Damage Estimator Training. (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown informed the Task Force that NCTCOG is working with TFMA to hold a Substantial Damage Estimator training for local building officials, at the request of the Task Force. No further details were available at the time of the meeting.

- d. NCTCOG staff request input for future training to be offered as part of the FY 17 Work Program. (Mia Brown)

Lissa Shepard of Dallas County requested a County Floodplain Manager's Roundtable. Amy Cannon of Arlington requested a floodproofing training.

- e. NCTCOG will be partnering again with FEMA and TFMA to host the FEMA L-273 4-day course and CFM exam. This class will be held November 28 – December 1, 2016 with the CFM Exam held on Friday, December 2, 2016. NCTCOG staff will brief the Task Force on registration. (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown informed the Task Force that space is still available for the 4-day course, and that registration is open on the TFMA website.

- f. NCTCOG staff will brief the FMTF on the Trinity Common Vision Steering Committee meeting which took place on September 15, 2016. (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown informed the Task Force that the Trinity Common Vision Steering Committee voted to finalize the FY 17 Work Program with no changes. She also stated that nearly all of the members of the Steering Committee attended.

8. **East Fork Update.** NCTCOG staff will update FMTF on initiatives to bring additional communities along the East Fork Trinity into the Common Vision program. (Edith Marvin)

Edith Marvin updated the Task Force on the initiative to bring the East Fork Trinity communities into the Common Vision program. NCTCOG staff held a meeting in Mesquite in September to discuss the program with stakeholder communities. The City of Combine did not attend, and NCTCOG staff are still working to get in touch with them. Edith also mentioned to the Task Force that as a result of that same September meeting, that NCTCOG staff will speak with the Kaufman County Commissioners Court in January about the Common Vision program.

9. **Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD) Update.** TRWD staff will update the FMTF on the Floodway Stakeholders Steering Committee.

Craig Ottman of TRWD told the Task Force that there is currently an ongoing review of the SPF Fort Worth Floodway. Dr. Fang provided the draft report 2 weeks prior. The report will be presented to the working committee soon; that date has not yet been determined.

10. **Cooperating Technical Partnership.** NCTCOG staff will provide an update on the CTP projects that are ongoing. (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown informed the Task Force that the FY 15 projects for the Cedar and Denton watersheds will have discovery meetings sometime in January or February. The Irving and Lynchburg FY 15 projects are wrapping up engineering work and transitioning into mapping. NCTCOG was awarded new CTP grants for FY 16. Two of them are Phase 2 projects in the Lower West Fork Trinity and Middle Brazos-Lake Whitney watersheds, and one is a Phase 1 discovery project in the East Fork Trinity watershed.

11. **Integrated Stormwater Management (iSWM) Program.** An update on iSWM activities will be provided by NCTCOG staff. (Derica Peters)

Derica Peters informed the Task Force that NCTCOG released a Request for Proposals for a new iSWM consultant, and based on two responses, the reviewing committee selected Halff Associates. Ben Pylant of Halff is the project manager, and is currently reviewing the work scope with the iSWM Implementation Subcommittee.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

12. **CDC Tracking.** NCTCOG staff will provide for review the CDC tracking tables compiled by Mike Danella showing applications as of April 7, 2016. (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown distributed the CDC tracking tables to the Task Force, and asked them to look over them for any needed corrections between now and the next meeting.

13. **CDC Applications.** NCTCOG staff will share CDC applications received since the last FMTF meeting and invite FMTF members to share any upcoming CDC applications. (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown shared that NCTCOG has received one CDC application from Grand Prairie (GP 020915-1) and one extension request for application LEW 063011-1 since the August meeting. Amy Cannon with Arlington shared that an extension request for a CDC landfill project will be arriving in the next 6-7 months.

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

TRA shared that the Malloy Bridge Road survey will result in RAS models that they will send to the RAMPP Team.

Lissa Shepard of Dallas County mentioned that there has been a push within county government to create a special floodplain department for the unincorporated areas of the county, which would result in floodplain being removed from the Public Works Department.

Steve Parker with the City of Dallas informed the Task Force that the Public Works Department has been renamed the Mobility and Street Services Department.



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Mike Danella of the USACE asked the Task Force to keep him informed of needed updates for the CDC Tracking Charts.

Jessica Baker with TFMA mentioned several trainings remaining in the calendar year that would allow CFMs to get any needed continuing education credits. She shared that a one-day course will be held in Denton on November 16th, that the four-day L-273 course at NCTCOG still has space, that there will be a one-day CFM refresher at the TXDOT facility in Fort Worth on December 6th, a TFMA luncheon will be held December 7th in Grapevine, and that the Floodplain Administrators/CRS Users Group will be at NCTCOG on December 14th. Jessica also emphasized that for the upcoming Texas legislative session, the TWDB has requested an additional \$12 million dollars for their biennial budget, which would benefit the flood protection grant program and the TFMA FloodEd Program. She asked the Task Force to consider writing personalized letters to their senators and representatives emphasizing the need for this additional funding. The first ever TFMA Day at the Capitol will be held February 21st.

15. **Schedule for the Next Meeting.** The next meeting date will be Friday, January 20, 2017, at 9:30 a.m., in NCTCOG's Pitstick Conference Room, CPII.

16. **Adjournment.**

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Mia Brown by phone at (817) 695-9227, or by email at MBBrown@nctcog.org.

Thank you.