



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Flood Management Task Force
Friday, November 6, 2015
9:30 AM, William J Pitstick Executive Board Room
NCTCOG Offices, CPII
616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011

1. **Welcome and introductions.**

Edith Marvin welcomed everyone to the Flood management Task Force (FMTF) meeting. Each person introduced themselves and identified whom they represent.

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION/ACTION ITEMS

2. **Update of CDC Applications.** The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff will provide an update on CDC applications received.

NCTCOG staff updated the FMTF on the two applications from Fort Worth and Grand Prairie that were recently received and are currently under review. NCTCOG staff also mentioned that the new GIS map is online, and that projects which were granted exemptions were included on the map.

3. **CDC Manual Update.** NCTCOG staff will provide an update on the 4th Edition of the CDC Manual.

NCTCOG noted that updates were still being made on the CDC Manual, and that the Task Force will receive an updated version when all edits have been made.

INFORMATION ITEMS

4. **COMMON VISION Floodplain Management Seminar.** NCTCOG staff will provide an update on the upcoming Floodplain Management Seminar tentatively scheduled for mid-February and seek input on potential topics and speakers.

NCTCOG staff reminded the FMTF of the topics that presented on a the previous Floodplain Management Seminar: CASA Technology, Benefits of Joining the CRS program, Managing Relationships with Developers, and Dallas' Flood Warning Technologies. The Task Force was asked for a suggestions of potential topics for the next Floodplain Management Seminar, and suggested Flood Insurance Costs from a resident's perspective, and a discussion of Hazard Mitigation Action Plans.

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

Rachel Ickert, TRWD, informed the Task Force that the working team had met on October 19th and decided to continue with the scope as planned. UTA will continue with their scope of work, expected to be completed by May 2016.

6. **Community Rating System (CRS) Webinars.** Webinars which provide information on different topics within CRS have been hosted by NCTCOG and TFMA monthly as part of the development of a North Central Texas CRS Users Group. NCTCOG staff will update the FMTF on webinar attendance and future CRS Users Group opportunities.

NCTCOG staff informed the Task Force that the Floodplain Administrators / CRS Users Group hosted a meeting in October to discuss Substantial Damage and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. NCTCOG staff noted that over 130 different people have registered to attend these meetings since the first meeting occurred in October 2014. It was mentioned that the next meeting and webinar viewing will be held on November 18, 2015 and is titled "Floodplain Management Planning (Activity 510)".

7. **Cooperating Technical Partnership (CTP).** NCTCOG staff will provide an update on the Bear Creek Risk Assessment Project. NCTCOG staff will also provide an update on upcoming projects.

NCTCOG staff noted that the Bear Creek Risk Assessment Project is continuing with the survey being mostly completed.

NCTCOG was recently awarded additional grants to complete regional projects including Discovery in the Cedar and Denton watersheds, Flood Risk Identification Projects in West Irving Creek and Lynchburg Creek watersheds, and a project management grant. The Request for Proposals for the Discovery and Flood Risk Identification projects will be released on Tuesday November 10, 2015.

NCTCOG staff also mentioned that a meeting with the five CTPs in this region would be held after the FMTF meeting.

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

NCTCOG staff provided an update on the Benefits of iSWM Meetings that are being held throughout the region. NCTCOG staff noted that we are now preparing for Meeting 10 and that we are now in Tarrant County. NCTCOG staff also provided an update on the City of Denton's approved application for Silver Level Designation in the iSWM program.

9. **Flood Photo Collection.** NCTCOG staff will give an update on the status of the flood photo collection which can be accessed at www.nctcog.org/envir/flooding.

NCTCOG staff noted that over 200 photos and at least three videos had been collected and encouraged Task Force members to continue to submit photos.



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- 10. National Flood Insurance Program Training.** 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 30 – December 3, 2015 with the CFM Exam held on Friday, December 4, 2015. NCTCOG staff will brief the Task Force on registration.

NCTCOG staff updated the FMTF on the 20th Annual NFIP 4-day course, and noted that the class is now full. TFMA President, Jessica Baker, noted that past course instructors will be recognized at a celebration during the course, and asked the FMTF for the names of their instructors if they took the 4-day course in Arlington. NCTCOG staff also expressed thanks to FEMA for creating this partnership 20 years ago, and continuing to pursue the education of local floodplain managers today.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

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

Jerry Cotter, USACE updated the Task Force on the progress that has been made in bringing ATLAS 14 to Texas. Jerry informed the FMTF that funds are still needed to complete the task and that work will continue on the project in early 2016.

NCTCOG staff updated the Task Force on grant funding from the USACE in their Continuing Authorities Program (CAP). The task force was given a handout with the types of projects that are eligible for 4 grant categories applicable to the north Central Texas region.

Mike Seering and James Pittman, RAMPP team, briefed the Task Force on the progress being made with the FEMA/USACE consolidated model. The RAMPP team is moving into a more technical phase of the project and RAMPP is continuing to work with the USACE on information sharing.

Steve Parker, City of Dallas, noted that Dallas is updating its HazMAP.

Clair Davis and Cindy Robinson, City of Fort Worth, informed the FMTF that Fort Worth has almost completed its Floodplain management Plan. They also mentioned that Tarrant County's HazMAP was adopted in August.

Bill Brown, City of Arlington, updated the FMTF on the recent Community Assistance Visit (CAV) that occurred in Arlington.

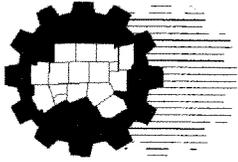
Jeff Kelly, City of Lewisville, informed the Task Force that their bond election had recently occurred with some funding approval occurring.

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Jessica Baker, President of TFMA, reminded the Task Force that CEC's need to be submitted to TFMA. She mentioned a few different CEC opportunities still left before the end of the year, including a full day refresher course in Denton, the TFMA regional luncheon, and a full day course in Fort Worth. Jessica also mentioned that the TFMA Spring Conference will occur in Houston in March 2016. Jessica also mentioned that TFMA is working with the state to secure more funding for floodplain initiatives.

Stephanie, Griffin, City of Grand Prairie, informed the FTMF that Grand Prairie is working on its Program for Public Information within the CRS program. Grand Prairie is also working on securing Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding.

12. **Schedule for the Next Meeting.** The next meeting date will be Friday, January 15, 2016, at 9:30 a.m., in NCTCOG's Metroplex Conference Room, CPII.
13. **Adjournment.**



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