

## MEETING SUMMARY

### Upper Trinity River Basin Coordinating Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 24, 2017

9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

North Central Texas Council of Governments

616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011

Meeting Room: Regional Forum Room

- Welcome & Introductions (Larry Beran)
- Texas Stream Team (TST) Updates
  - Overview & Trainings (Kelly Albus)

AgriLife staff provided an overview of the core and advanced training opportunities conducted recently. A core training was held in February and had maximum attendance. Participants included teachers and administrators, university students, and professionals. An advanced training was held in July. Advanced training is infrequent due to low interest from the community and volunteers. However, some volunteers indicated having difficulty finding an Advanced training course and expressed interest in attending future sessions.

AgriLife also discussed the outcome of recent stakeholder meetings, including feedback on the lack of access to kits and sampling sites. AgriLife noted the need to improve coordination between the partner organizations and volunteers after the training, and that the new TST website could be the first step in achieving this goal.
  - Webpage, Resources, & Available Volunteers (Mayra Lopez)

NCTCOG staff provided an overview of the Texas Stream Team webpage found within the NCTCOG website, designed to become a hub of information for local partners and volunteers. The website will include an overview of the Citizen Scientist program, becoming a citizen scientist, becoming a partner, measured parameters, training details, training opportunities, testing kit information, TST data, equipment overview, and contact information for partners in the DFW region. The NCTCOG requested feedback from the committee, which will be incorporated before making the website available to the public.
- Project Updates in the Basin
  - NCTCOG – Tamara Cook

The Coordination Committee adopted the first I-Plan Implementation Status Report June 2017. The NCTCOG hosted several events recently: The North Texas Urban Feral Hog Forum was held May 2017, the Intermediate/Advanced IDDE dry Weather Field Screening Training was held July 2017, and the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Initiative Benefits Webinar was held August 2017. A Field Technician Training for Non-Potable Water Sampling will be held October 10, 2017. More

information on the upcoming training can be found on the NCTCOG website. The fourth quarterly TMDL newsletter was released August 2017 and can be found on the NCTCOG TMDL website.

- o City of Fort Worth – Casey Nettles  
A status update on the development of the development of the Sycamore Creek TMDL in June 2017. The Sycamore Creek TMDL is still on schedule to be incorporated into the I-Plan by June 2018. A public meeting was also held August 15, 2017, at the Ella Mae Shamblee Branch Library in Fort Worth.
- o NTMWD – Galen Roberts  
Efforts are currently underway to strengthen the NTMWDs educational outreach endeavors, which includes the development of several education videos. The NTMWD will also be hosting a Septic System Workshop on September 8<sup>th</sup>, and the Texas Riparian & Stream Ecosystem Workshop on September 13<sup>th</sup> from 8am - 4pm in McKinney.
- o City of Dallas – Kevin Hurley  
The new MS4 permit process is currently underway. The City of Dallas will continue to focus on expanding their outreach programs.
- o TRWD – Tina Hendon  
The TRWD has received and is currently working on responding to comments by the EPA submitted on the Eagle Mountain Lake TMDL. Also, a new watershed specialist will be joining the TRWD soon.
- o TRA – Aaron Hoff  
The VCLA WPP sampling was completed in May 2017. Preliminary SELECT inputs will be reviewed by the Steering Committee and final inputs will be taken to the next Committee meeting for approval. The next outreach meeting will be September 28, at 6:30 pm at the Forest Hill City Hall. The TRA will also be adapting and developing several one-page fact sheets for homeowner/landowner BMPs.

A WPP proposal was submitted for the Joe Pool Lake Watershed. The WPP will initially address impairments, protect the water supply, and slow the loss of reservoir capacity due to sedimentation. A detailed list of TRA updates can be found on the NCTCOGs TMDL website.

- Project VISION and Next Steps (Dania Grundmann)  
TCEQ will continue its partnership with NCTCOG to plan and facilitate the URTBCC meetings. TCEQ is looking at how it can improve the website and current email communications. Going forward, the focus of the meetings will be on outreach programs and grant applications with plans of inviting WPP, grant writing, and/or education and outreach specialists to speak at the meetings to help members prepare proposals.

NCTCOG will coordinate citizen science water sampling awareness, training and efforts in the region. TCEQ and NCTCOG will look to home owners associations as potential partners. AgriLife will continue to work on an “educational toolbox” of resources for the group, which is projected to be ready within 6 months.

- Transitioning Facilitator Parties (Tamara Cook & Dania Grundmann)  
NCTCOG will be facilitating the UTRBCC meetings moving forward. AgriLife’s contract will end after FY17. The committee voted to continue meeting bi-annually in person.
- Confirmation Vote on Committee Meeting Schedule Per Year (Dania Grundmann)  
The next meeting will be held February of 2018. TCEQ will coordinate with NCTCOG to plan the next meeting and determine meeting date.
- Close  
NCTCOG reminded the group that Solid Waste will have an open call for projects in January. Funds can be used to purchase items such as illegal dumping signs.