



## North Central Texas Council of Governments

# SUMMARY

### **Pollution Prevention Task Force**

Thursday, June 9, 2016

9:30 a.m., Tejas Conference Room

NCTCOG Offices, CP111, Third Floor

600 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011

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

### **DISCUSSION**

2. **FY16 Project Discussion.** The group continues developing its training modules geared toward Water Utilities/Public Works for potable water discharges and sanitary sewer overflows. The group works on finalizing the module content, deciding on quiz questions, and brainstorming ideas for accompanying photos, graphics, and videos.

Previously, members had asked NCTCOG staff to research whether TCEQ would consider approving these modules and/or the larger module project (FY17 project) for water or wastewater operator credits. Staff relayed that, based on a conversation with Linda Saladino of TCEQ, the likelihood of approval is very low.

Staff outlined the reasons that Ms. Saladino provided:

- NCTCOG is not an industry-related association that TCEQ would approve for training development.
- The group could look for an approved association to develop the training, but that association would need to also host the online training—even if the regional training center has appropriate software that meets TCEQ’s criteria—because in-house subject matter experts need to be available to answer students’ questions.
- Even if the Task Force did find an approved association to develop and host the training, the module subject matter still would not likely be approved, as the topics do not appear to cover critical tasks, which is what TCEQ currently aims for when approving courses for credits. (Ms. Saladino also noted that TCEQ does not consider stormwater pollution a critical element for water and wastewater operators.)

Staff asked the group if anyone had follow-up questions to ask TCEQ. No one had any.

The group then reviewed the sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) module script, providing detailed feedback on both content and structure.

- The pre-assessment section was moved so it would be viewed prior to starting the video, rather than integrated in it. The group decided the questions should provide the viewer with a framework for key ideas to look for, and that the quiz at the end should cover the same content, but be phrased differently.

- Content was clarified with wording changes (for example, changing “untreated sewage” or “sewage” to “untreated wastewater”).
- A few sentences were deleted or condensed.
- Some information was moved from one section to another.
- The response steps were changed to bullet points rather than numbered steps.
- The group agreed the module should include a short resources page as well as general information about reporting pollution and illegal dumping.

The group then reviewed the potable water discharge module script.

- The group agreed that NCTCOG staff should make relevant wording and organization changes from those provided for the SSO module script.
- Specific wording changes were suggested for the sections covering how discharges could contaminate water and high-level points related to state regulations.
- In the BMP section, the dechlorination information was moved to come before the erosion and sediment control information. Howard Redfearn, City of Mansfield, also suggested that the erosion and sediment control information be organized by discharge type (uncontrolled vs controlled).

NCTCOG staff will send the revised scripts to the Task Force for a final review and quiz development. After the script is finalized, staff will also create and distribute a list of photo/video requests to the Task Force, general stormwater program contacts, and Public Works contacts.

3. **Fall Site Tour.** The group discusses a potential fall site tour/mock self-inspection.

The group is interested in holding another site tour/mock self-inspection. September was mentioned as a preferred time. Jeff Shiflet, City of Irving, informed the group that Irving is no longer able to host a site tour. Howard said that the City of Mansfield could host another site tour/mock self-inspection, looking at new features such as its StormCeptor and water quality pond. Krista Pender, City of Carrollton, said she could ask for permission as well. Members suggested the City of Grand Prairie as another possibility.

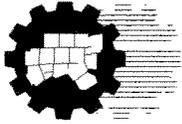
## **OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

4. **Roundtable.** Members share what is happening in their communities.

None of the people present had any issues or questions they wanted to ask the group. Due to lack of time, the group did not hold a full roundtable.

5. **Next Meeting Date.** Thursday, August 11, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. (William J. Pitstick Executive Board Room, CPII).

6. **Adjournment.**

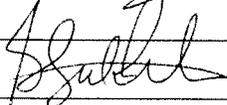
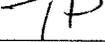
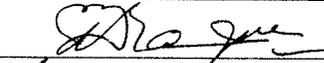
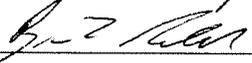


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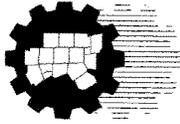
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### MEMBER SIGN IN SHEET

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Robert Berndt		Tarrant County
Mike Brownlee		City of Duncanville
Jon Bunner		City of Duncanville
Joseph Daley		City of McKinney
<del>Moss Fennell</del> <i>Jim York</i>		North Texas Tollway Authority
Brigitte Gibson		City of Arlington
Becca Grassl-Petersen		Tarrant County
Perry Harts		City of Frisco
Taylor Hollingshead		Town of Addison
Bennett Howell		City of Benbrook
Jerry Joslin		City of Hurst
Jerry Laverty		City of Bedford
Jodie Ledat		City of University Park
David Lenartowicz		City of Burleson
Cindy Mendez		City of Grand Prairie
Amitis Meshkani		North Texas Tollway Authority
Christopher Metz		City of Forney
Kevin O'Dell		City of Bedford
Krista Pender		City of Carrollton
Tim Porter		City of Allen
Muhammad Rafique		DFW Airport
Brent Redd		City of Irving
Howard Redfearn		City of Mansfield
Echo Rexroad		City of Grand Prairie
Paul Rosalez		City of Bedford
Jeff Shiflet		City of Irving

SEE REVERSE

<b>Janice Tower</b>		<b>City of Richardson</b>
<b>Jennifer Vuitel</b>		<b>City of Fort Worth</b>
<del>Sarah Wallace</del> <i>Eric Mason</i>	<i>Eric Mason</i>	<b>City of Fort Worth</b>
<b>Julie Winchell</b>		<b>City of Cleburne</b>
<b>Robert Woodbury</b>	<i>Robert Woodbury</i>	<b>City of Cedar Hill</b>
<del>Zach Young</del>	<i>Tisha S. Lane</i>	<b>City of Richardson</b>



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NAME	ORGANIZATION
Eric Abbott	City of Cleburne
Floyd Reynolds	City of Cleburne
Tisha S. Lane	City of Richardson
WILLIAM NAWAS	City of Allen
ESTHER OUTINDE	DFW Airport
Jack Gaubert	City of Cedar Hill
Gregg Kidal	City of Cedar Hill

