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Date: March 22, 2017
To: Commissioners Court
From: Jon Kleinheksel 
Re: PWERT Mutual Aid Agreement

The Public Works Emergency Response Team was established as a cooperative effort to coordinate resources of multiple jurisdictions during emergency situations. PWERT affords participating cities and counties the ability to request assistance from member agencies and manage a major emergency beyond existing local resources.

Joining the coalition offers many benefits to the impacted agency beyond the physical resources being loaned. PWERT also alleviates workload of the impacted jurisdiction by finding requested resources, organizing deployment, providing staging management and offering assignment coordination.

In addition to personnel, PWERT supports sharing of equipment such as barricades, heavy equipment, generators, sand bags, and trailers. Today, the coalition has close to 50 members in the north central Texas region. PW staff supports joining PWERT since this would enhance our ability to proficiently respond to emergencies and it would demonstrate our willingness to assist the sister agencies in the region.

Public Works requests Commissioners Court's consideration to approve the mutual aid agreement authorizing Collin County's membership in the North Central Texas Public Works Emergency Response Team. Should you require additional information, please contact me and I will respond accordingly.