

Lower Colorado-Lavaca
**REGIONAL FLOOD
PLANNING GROUP**

REGION 10

May 2, 2022

Region 10 Lower Colorado-Lavaca RFPG

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Welcome**
- 3. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting**

Region 10 Lower Colorado-Lavaca Flood Planning Group Meeting
April 7, 2022
9:30 AM
Hybrid Meeting

Roll call:

Voting Member	Interest Category	Present (x) / Absent () Alternate Present (*)
Terry Been	<i>Agricultural interests</i>	X
Phillip Spenrath	<i>Counties</i>	X
Jason Ludwig	<i>Electric generating utilities</i>	
Kirby Brown	<i>Environmental interests</i>	X (joined @ 11:10am)
G. Nicholas "Nick" Textor	<i>Flood districts</i>	X
Brandon Klenzendorf	<i>Industries</i>	X
Matt Hollon	<i>Municipalities</i>	X
Frances Acuna	<i>Public</i>	X
Patrick Brzozowski	<i>River authorities</i>	X
Kelly Payne	<i>River authorities</i>	X
Ann Yakimovicz	<i>Small business</i>	X
Kacey Cubine Paul	<i>Water districts</i>	X
Hank Smith	<i>Water utilities</i>	X

Non-voting Member	Agency	Present (x) / Absent () Alternate Present (*)
Charles "CW" Schneider	<i>Texas Commission on Environmental Quality</i>	
Lauren Mayes	<i>Texas Department of Agriculture</i>	X
James Guin	<i>Texas Division of Emergency Management</i>	
Shonda Mace	<i>Texas General Land Office</i>	X
Beth Bendik	<i>Texas Parks and Wildlife Department</i>	X
Allen Nash	<i>Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board</i>	X
Tressa Olsen	<i>Texas Water Development Board</i>	X
Mark Vogler	<i>Region 8 – Lower Brazos Liaison</i>	*Brian Fambrough
Chuck Brown	<i>Region 9 – Upper Colorado Liaison</i>	
Ronald G. Fieseler	<i>Region 11 – Guadalupe Liaison</i>	X
Cara Tackett	<i>Region 12 – San Antonio Liaison</i>	

Quorum:

Quorum: **Yes**

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: **11 at start of meeting**

Number required for quorum per current voting membership of 13: **7**

Other Meeting Attendees: **

**Meeting attendee names were gathered from those who entered information for joining the Zoom meeting.

James Bronikowski - TWDB
 Matt Bucchin – Halff Associates, Inc.
 Cindy Englehardt – Halff Associates, Inc.

Mike Personett – Halff Associates, Inc.
 Karen Ford – WaterPR
 Jay Scanlon, Freese & Nichols

Cris Parker – HDR, Inc.
Jennifer Bassett – LCRA
Lauren Graber - LCRA
Annette Keaveny – LCRA
Marcin Tyszka – LCRA
David Walker - LCRA
Bill Barker – Great Springs Project
Selina Lee Brandon

TJ Browder
Donna Green
Nick Kincaid, City of Austin
Mieko Mahi
Lisa McCracken Mairs – USACE
Matt Nelson
Ray Don Tilley

All meeting materials are available for the public at:
www.lowercoloradolavacafood.org/meetings

Agenda:

1) Call to Order

Chair Phillip Spenrath called the meeting to order at 9:32 CDT. A roll call of the planning group members was taken to record attendance and a quorum was established prior to calling the meeting to order.

2) Welcome

Chair Phillip Spenrath welcomed members and other attendees to the meeting.

3) Approval of minutes from the previous meeting

The draft meeting minutes were reviewed.

Ann Yakimovicz moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Kacey Paul. The motion passed by a vote of 11-0.

4) Public comments– limit 3 minutes per person

Chair Phillip Spenrath called for public comments.
No public comments were given.

5) TWDB Update

Tressa Olsen gave an update on TWDB items:

- Region 10 contract amendment was executed on February 25th. Sponsor will need to send a copy of the subcontract to the TWDB for review.
- First set of comments on the Technical Memo will be available in April then another round in May.
- Flood planning newsletter was sent with information on the 60-day public comment period and guidance on FMX voting.
- TWDB will be scheduling chairs and conference calls in late May.

6) Update from RFPG liaisons

Ron Fieseler reported that Region 11 is meeting in person in Seguin monthly and is currently reviewing Chapter One.

Ann Yakimovicz reported that Region 9 is meeting in person and working through draft Chapter One and on their goals.

Brian Fambrough reported that Region 8 will wrap up four public meetings today and expects participation to be minimal. The College Station meeting last Tuesday was best attended.

7) Update from the Planning Group Sponsor

The TWDB contract with additional tasks 11, 12 & 13 was approved and now working with Halff on the amendment to their contract.

8) Discussion and potential action regarding administrative expenses to be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for reimbursement

Lauren Graber presented the latest administrative expenses for TWDB reimbursement. Kacey Paul moved to approve the administrative expenses, seconded by Ann Yakimovicz. The motion passed by a vote of 11-0.

9) Discussion and potential action to approve mileage expenses for reimbursement

Lauren Graber presented the latest voting member mileage expenses for reimbursement. Patrick Brzozowski moved to approve the mileage expenses, seconded by Kacey Paul. The motion passed by a vote of 11-0.

10) Update from the Technical Committee

Kelly Payne reported that the Technical Committee met on March 9th with all members in attendance. Halff gave FMS, FMP and FME updates. Next hybrid meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 4/13/22 and will have approximately 20-25 projects to review and recommend to the full planning group at our May meeting. Materials should be posted on the website later today. Members of the Tech Committee will have homework ahead of the meeting and should be prepared to ask questions with our time allotted next week.

11) Technical Consultant presentations and discussions related to regional flood planning

Mike Personett, Matt Bucchin, and Cindy Englehardt (all from Halff Associates, Inc.), Karen Ford (Water PR), Cris Parker (HDR), and Jay Scanlon (FNI) provided updates, briefings, and discussion on the following:

a) Project status

- Public and Stakeholder Engagement
- Task 3A – Evaluation and Recommendations on Floodplain Management Practices
- Task 3B – Flood Mitigation and Floodplain Management Goals
- Task 4A – Flood Mitigation Need Analysis

- Task 4B - Identification and Evaluation of Potential Flood Management Evaluations and Potentially Feasible Flood Management Strategies and Flood Mitigation Projects
- Task 5 – Evaluation/Recommendation of FMEs, FMSs, and FMPs
- Task 7 – Flood Response Information and Activities
- Task 9 – Flood Infrastructure Financing Analysis

b) Look-ahead

Planning group members asked questions and made comments during the presentation. No action was taken.

12) Public comments – limit 3 minutes per person

Chair Phillip Spenrath called for public comments.

No public comments were given.

13) Consider date and agenda items for next meeting

After general discussion, Chair Phillip Spenrath concluded that the next meeting will be held on Monday, May 2nd, 2022 @ 9:30 AM CDT.

The next Technical Committee Meeting will be held Wednesday, April 13th, 2022 @ 9:00 AM CDT.

14) Adjourn

Kelly Payne made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kirby Brown. The motion passed 12-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM CDT by Chair Phillip Spenrath.

*Approved by the Lower Colorado-Lavaca RFPG at a meeting held on **DATE**.*

Kelly Payne, SECRETARY

Phillip Spenrath, CHAIR

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- 4. Public comments – limit 3 minutes per person**
- 5. TWDB Update**
- 6. Update from RFPG liaisons**
- 7. Update from Planning Group Sponsor**

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8. Discussion and potential action to approve mileage expenses for reimbursement

Date of Meeting	Description	Total Mileage	Per Mile Rate	Total
April 7, 2022	Region 10 RFPG Meeting – Spenrath	293	\$0.585	\$171.44
Approved Budget	Travel Cost Previously Approved	Cumulative Travel Cost	Balance	
\$16,000.00	\$339.89	\$511.33	\$15,488.67	

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- 9. Update from the Technical Committee**
- 10. Technical Consultant presentations and discussions related to regional flood planning**
 - a. Project status**
 - b. Look-ahead**



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AGENDA

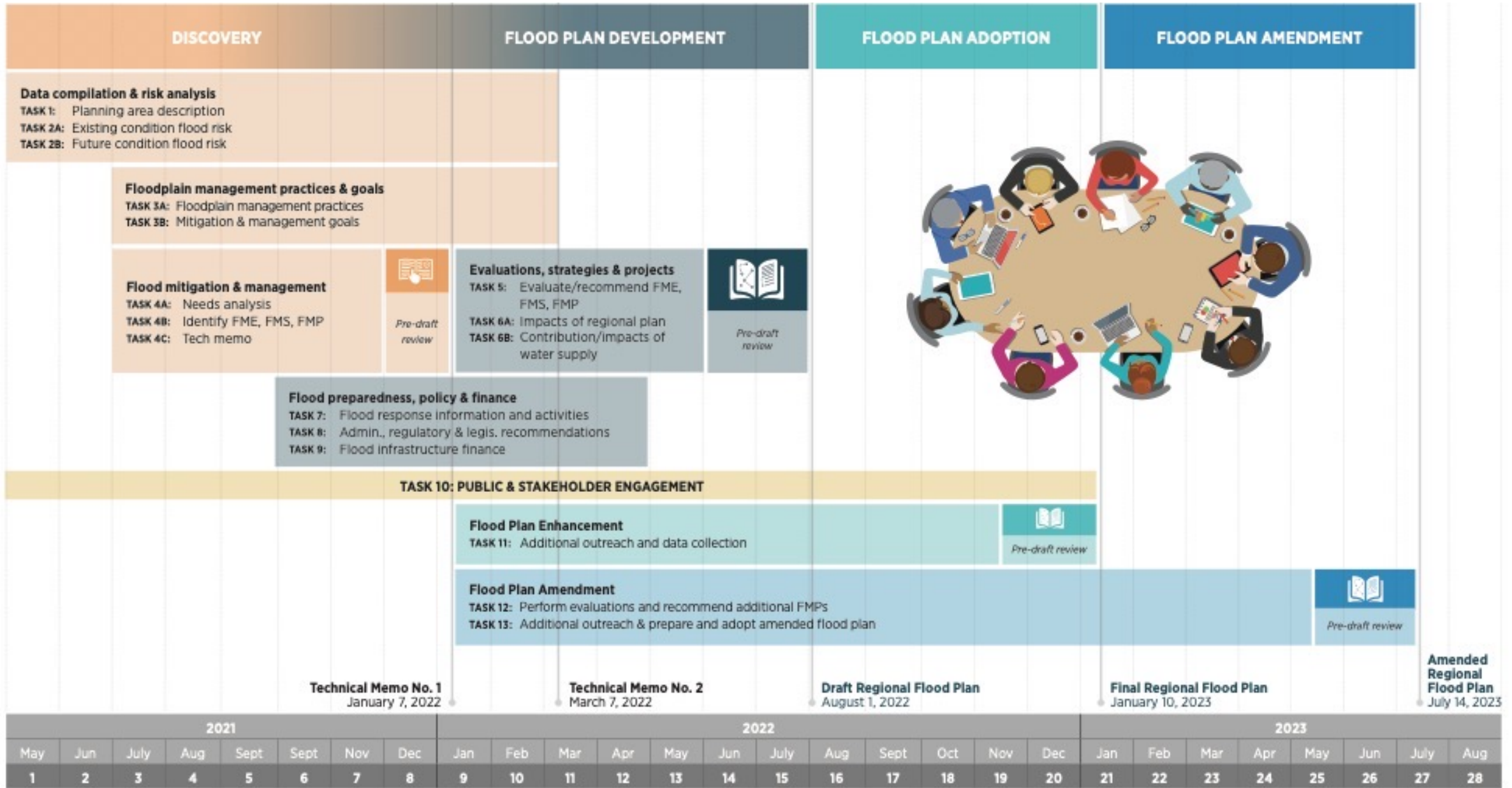
Project Status

- Review Workflow Chart
- Task 10 – Public and Stakeholder Engagement
- Tasks 1-10 Status and Outlook
- Task 5 - Review and Discuss Draft Summaries for:
 - Regional Flood Management Strategies
 - Flood Management Evaluations
 - Flood Mitigation Projects
- Task 8 – Administrative, Regulatory, and Legislative Recommendations

Look-ahead Calendar



Project Status



TASK 10 – PUBLIC OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

Karen Ford – WaterPR



Ongoing Strategies to Reach Audiences

Email Blasts to Community & Public Stakeholders (492)

- Technical Committee meetings, 4/13 and 4/28
- RFPG meeting, 5/2

Website

- Flood Risk Map interactive page

Media

- Media Alert: April 27, 2022
- Social media posts re meetings

Public Comments

- Receiving via Email, Web, Direct
- Tracking Matrix (date/name/comment/response)



NEXT MEETING | Lower Colorado
REGIONAL PLANNING GROUP

Monday
April 7, 2022
9:30am to Noon

HYBRID MEETING | Agenda & link at:
LowerColoradoLavacaFlood.org

Next Meeting | Lower Colorado-Lavaca
REGIONAL FLOOD PLANNING GROUP
REGION 10

Thursday
April 28, 2022
9:00am

HYBRID MEETING | Agenda and link to join at:
LowerColoradoLavacaFlood.org

TASK 10 – PUBLIC OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

Ongoing Discussion

Public Review of DRAFT Regional Flood Plan (RFP)

- August 1, 2022: Draft Regional Flood Plan due to TWDB
- January 10, 2023: Final adopted plan due to TWDB
- **Proposed Plan for Public Engagement**
 - Public comment period from Aug 1 to Oct 15 (75 days)
- DRAFT Regional Flood Plan available online Aug 1 to Oct 15
- Hard copy DRAFT RFP available for public inspection at four locations Aug 15 to Oct 15
 - Proposed locations: Lavaca basin, Wharton County, Austin, Marble Falls
- Promote via email blasts, news media, social media, web, RFPG members
- One public meeting with RFPG quorum, hybrid, Thursday, Sept 15 (post 30 days in advance)
- Plus, three open houses with consultant (in-person, locations tbd)
 - Hand-outs, presentation boards, short introductory presentation
 - Hosted by LCRA with technical consultant support
 - No quorum present, not subject to open meetings posting
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TASKS 1-10 STATUS AND OUTLOOK



Task 1 – Planning Area Description

- Draft Chapter 1 completed and posted last fall for RFPG and public review

Task 2 – Existing and Future Condition Flood Risk Analysis

- Drafting of Chapter 2 is in progress
- Post for RFPG and public review mid-May

Task 3 – Floodplain Management Practices and Floodplain Management and Flood Mitigation Goals

- Draft Chapter 3 nearly complete, incorporating RFPG input from April 7 meeting
- Post for RFPG and public review mid-May

TASKS 1-10 STATUS AND OUTLOOK

Task 4A – Flood Mitigation Needs Analysis

- Additional analysis of "gaps" in progress
- Post draft Chapter 4 for RFPG and public review late June in advance of July 7 RFPG meeting

Task 4B & 5 – Evaluation and Recommendation of Studies, Strategies & Projects

- Includes results of initial screening in Task 4B
- Chapter 5 to be drafted once RFPG has adopted recommendations
- Post for RFPG and public review late June in advance of July 7 RFPG meeting

TASKS 1-10 STATUS AND OUTLOOK

Task 6 – Impacts of Regional Flood Plan and Contributions to and Impacts on Water Supply

- Analysis requires substantial completion of Task 5
- Post draft Chapter 6 for RFPG and public review late June in advance of July 7 RFPG meeting

Task 7 – Flood Response Information and Activities

- Work in progress
- Post draft Chapter 7 for RFPG and public review late June in advance of July 7 RFPG meeting

Task 8 – Administrative, Regulatory and Legislative Recommendations

- Potential recommendations under consideration today
- Post draft Chapter 8 for RFPG and public review late-May
- Consider adoption of recommendations at June 9 RFPG meeting

TASKS 1-10 STATUS AND OUTLOOK

Task 9 – Flood Infrastructure Financing Analysis

- Present results of sponsor survey at June 9th RFPG meeting
- Post draft Chapter 9 for RFPG and public review late June in advance of July 7 RFPG meeting

Task 10 – Public Participation and Plan Adoption

- Chapter 10 to summarize public activities and appendices with public comments and RFPG responses to comments
- Post draft of Chapter 10 for RFPG and public review late June in advance of July 7 RFPG meeting
- Draft Chapter 10 to be revised after public comment period in the fall

Executive Summary and Appendices



Task 5

Recommendation of Studies (FME), Strategies (FMS)
and Associated Projects (FMP)

TASK 5 – RECOMMEND FMEs, FMSs AND FMPs

Jay Scanlon – Freese & Nichols



Objective

- Evaluate and recommend flood management evaluations and strategies and flood mitigation projects for inclusion in the 2023 regional flood plan

Requirements

- Continuation of Task 4B evaluation process
- Mitigate to 1.0% annual chance flood (100-year) where feasible
- Mitigation of more frequent events may be recommended
- No adverse impact (e.g., downstream flooding, water supply)
- Continue coordination with sponsors and other entities

**TECHNICAL
COMMITTEE
April - June**

**RFPG REVIEW /
APPROVAL
May - July**

**DUE TO TWDB
August 1, 2022**

TASK 5 – RECOMMEND FMEs, FMSs AND FMPs

Review and discuss proposed studies, strategies, and projects

Page Number	Action Type	County	Action Name	Action Number
1	FMS	Regional	Floodplain Management and Regulation	102000001
2	FMS	Regional	Flood Awareness and Preparation Education and Outreach	102000002
3	FMS	Regional	Low Water Crossing Assessment, Prioritization, and Mitigation	102000003
4	FMP	Travis	Arroyo Doble/Twin Creeks Drainage Phases 3-7	103000014
5	FME	Bastrop	Shiloh Road Bridge West of State HWY 304	101000002
6	FME	Bastrop	Willie May Way in Precinct 4 at Trib	101000003
7	FME	Bastrop	Green Valley Drive in Precinct 1	101000006
8	FME	Bastrop	Old McDade Rd in Precinct 4 near Norwood Rd	101000007
9	FME	Bastrop	Old Sayers Rd & Little Sandy Creek	101000012
10	FME	Bastrop	Paffen Rd & Grassy Creek Draw	101000013
11	FME	Bastrop	Meduna Rd & Barton Oaks Draw 1	101000014
12	FME	Bastrop	Pine Canyon Dr & Wet Weather Creek	101000015
13	FME	Bastrop	Hall Rd & Young's Branch	101000016
14	FME	Bastrop	Friendship Rd & Turner Creek A and B	101000017
15	FME	Bastrop	Patterson Rd & Barton's Creek	101000018
16	FME	Bastrop	Upper Elgin River Rd & Cotton Creek	101000019
17	FME	Bastrop	Old Sayers Rd & Big Sandy Creek	101000020
18	FME	Bastrop	Caldwell Rd & Wet Weather Creek	101000021
19	FME	Bastrop	Farm Street, Pine Street, Chestnut Road, MLK Drive	101000022
20	FME	Travis	County Road 328 at Cow Creek	101000031
21	FME	Gillespie	Edison & Creek Street	101000043
22	FME	Gillespie	College/N Llano, Sycamore/Travis	101000047
23	FME	Jackson	MLK Blvd to Mexico St	101000062
24	FME	Blanco	Citywide Drainage Plan	101000107
25	FME	Brown	Willis Creek Detention	101000112



Task 8

Policy Recommendations

TASK 8 – POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Draft Chapter 8

RFPGs may adopt recommendations on policy issues related to floodplain management and flood mitigation planning and implementation:

- Legislative recommendations considered necessary to facilitate floodplain management and flood mitigation planning and implementation.
- Other regulatory or administrative recommendations considered necessary to facilitate floodplain management and flood mitigation planning and implementation.
- Any other recommendations that the RFPG believes are needed and desirable to achieve its regional flood mitigation and floodplain management goals.
- Recommendations regarding potential, new revenue-raising opportunities, including potential new municipal drainage utilities or regional flood authorities, that could fund the development, operation, and maintenance of floodplain management or flood mitigation activities in the region.



Look-Ahead

2022 RFPG MEETINGS – THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2022

May

- 5/2/22 RFPG Meeting - TODAY
 - Present and discuss Task 10 planning for public outreach/comment period following August 1, 2022
 - Presentation, discussion, and possible action re: Task 5 recommendations
 - Discuss preliminary draft Chapter 8 policy recommendations
- 5/11/22 and 5/25/22 Technical Committee Meetings
 - Presentation, discussion, and possible action re: Committee approval of FMS/FME/FMP recommendations

June

- 6/9/22 RFPG Meeting
 - Discussion and possible action re: Task 5 and Task 8 recommendations
 - Task 9 Flood Infrastructure Finance – review of findings and consider potential recommendations
- 6/16/22 and 6/30/22 Technical Committee Meetings (if needed)
 - Presentation, discussion, and possible action re: Committee approval of FMS/FME/FMP recommendations

2022 RFPG MEETINGS – THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2022

July

- 7/7/22 RFPG Meeting
 - Presentation and discussion of complete draft Regional Flood Plan – Chapters 1-10
 - Consider and take action to approve recommendations - Task 5, Task 8, and Task 9
 - Discuss and provide guidance re: next steps of Regional Flood Plan adoption and Regional Flood Plan amendment process
- 7/11/22 Technical Committee Meeting (if needed)
- 7/18/22 RFPG Meeting
 - Approve submittal of final draft Regional Flood Plan (due to TWDB August 1, 2022)

August

- 8/4/22 RFPG meeting (if needed)

September

- 9/1/22 RFPG meeting (if needed)
- 9/15/22 RFPG meeting and "official" public meeting to accept comments on the draft Regional Flood Plan



Wrap Up

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11. Discussion and potential action on recommendations regarding Task 5 - FMEs, FMSs, and FMPs

****See summaries file for details***

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- 12. Accept public input on an initial flood hazard map(s) to identify additional flood hazards in the Lower Colorado-Lavaca Flood Planning Region that may not have been identified on the initial map(s)**

Flood risk map posted online:

<https://www.lowercoloradolavacaflood.org/documents-for-public-view-1>

- 13. Public comments – limit 3 minutes per person**

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14. Consider date and agenda items for next meeting

15. Adjourn