

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	Agricultural interests	X
Phillip Spenrath	Counties	X
Jason Ludwig	Electric generating utilities	
Kirby Brown	Environmental interests	X (joined @ 11:10am)
G. Nicholas "Nick" Textor	Flood districts	X
Brandon Klenzendorf	Industries	X
Matt Hollon	Municipalities	X
Frances Acuna	Public	X
Patrick Brzozowski	River authorities	X
Kelly Payne	River authorities	X
Ann Yakimovicz	Small business	X
Kacey Cubine Paul	Water districts	X
Hank Smith	Water utilities	X

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

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

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www.lowercoloradolavacaflood.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 May 2, 2022.



Kelly Payne, SECRETARY



Phillip Spenrath, CHAIR