

Region 10 Lower Colorado-Lavaca Flood Planning Group Meeting
May 2, 2022
9:30 AM
Hybrid Meeting

Roll call:

Voting Member	Interest Category	Present (x) / Absent () Alternate Present (*)
Terry Been	<i>Agricultural interests</i>	
Phillip Spenrath	<i>Counties</i>	X
Jason Ludwig	<i>Electric generating utilities</i>	X
Kirby Brown	<i>Environmental interests</i>	X
G. Nicholas "Nick" Textor	<i>Flood districts</i>	X
Brandon Klenzendorf	<i>Industries</i>	X
Matt Hollon	<i>Municipalities</i>	*Nick Kincaid
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>	
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>	X (joined @ 9:36am)
Lauren Mayes	<i>Texas Department of Agriculture</i>	
Hollie Hischer	<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 (joined @ 10:41am)
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>	
Cara Tackett	<i>Region 12 – San Antonio Liaison</i>	

Quorum:

Quorum: **Yes**

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: **11**

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
 Cindy Englehardt – Halff Associates, Inc.
 Cris Parker – HDR, Inc.

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

Jennifer Bassett – LCRA
Lauren Graber - LCRA
Annette Keaveny – LCRA
Marcin Tyszka – LCRA
Erin Duhon – USACE Galveston
Jorge Losoya
Lisa McCracken Mairs – USACE

Matt Nelson
Sanjay Negi
Stephen Rockwood
Frank Trull
Donald Warschak
Ted Woolsey

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 9:31 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 Judge Spenrath welcomed members and other attendees to the meeting. Non-voting member representing TDEM has changed. James Guin changed positions at TDEM, so Hollie Hischer is now on the RFPG10 representing TDEM.

3) Approval of minutes from the previous meeting

The draft meeting minutes were reviewed.

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

4) Public comments– limit 3 minutes per person

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

5) TWDB Update

Tressa Olsen gave an update on TWDB items:

- In April the TWDB staff provided informal comments on the January Technical Memo deliverables and the next letter for the March 7th deliverables will be provided this month.
- Friendly reminder to please submit the executed subcontract amendment once it is executed.
- TWDB will have a RFPG Chairs call on Wednesday, May 25th and a Tech Consultants call on Tuesday, May 24th.

6) Update from RFPG liaisons

Ann Yakimovicz reported that Region 9 is meeting on Thursday to discuss Chapters 3 and 4.

7) Update from the Planning Group Sponsor

The sponsor is working on Halff's revised subcontract and hope to get a copy to the TWDB shortly. In addition, we are busy coordinating multiple technical committee meetings as well as the full group meetings.

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

Lauren Graber presented the latest voting member mileage expenses for reimbursement. Kelly Payne moved to approve the mileage expenses, seconded by Kirby Brown. The motion passed by a vote of 11-0.

9) Update from the Technical Committee

Kelly Payne reported that the Technical Committee met on April 13th and April 28th to review the first 25 FMXs for the group to consider today. One project is not currently on the list for approval today. The committee is recommending a total of 24 FMXs this morning. We have two more meetings scheduled in May to continue approving FMXs to bring forward to the group at our June RFPG meeting.

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

Mike Personett and Cindy Englehardt (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
 - Updates on regional flood plan tasks 1-10
- b) Look-ahead

Planning group members asked questions and made comments during the presentation. Ann Yakimovicz, Frances Acuna, and Beth Bendik would like to see Chapter 8 include different ways of flood prevention, support for innovative approaches especially in small communities and develop a recommendation for green storm infrastructure and low impact development.

Chapter 8 comments should be emailed to Mike Personett, Karen Ford, or Lauren Graber to track before the next meeting.

11) Discussion and potential action on recommendations regarding Task 5 – FMEs, FMSs, and FMPs

To be considered as an FMP and move out of FME status, a project needs to have performed an adverse impacts evaluation to confirm the project does not create adverse impacts upstream or downstream.

After discussion, Kelly Payne moved to recommend 21 FMEs and 3 FMSs, subject to non-substantive changes and refinements, seconded by Ann Yakimovicz. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed by a vote of 11-0.

12) Accept public input on an initial flood hazard map 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>

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

13) Public comments – limit 3 minutes per person

Chair Phillip Spenrath called for public comments.

No public comments were given.

14) Consider date and agenda items for next meeting

After general discussion, Chair Phillip Spenrath concluded that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 9th, 2022 @ 9:30 AM CDT.

Agenda items for the next meeting will include Task 5 and Task 8 recommendations.

The next Technical Committee Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 10th, 2022 @ 2:00 PM CDT.

15) Adjourn

Kelly Payne made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kirby Brown. The motion passed 11-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 11:55AM CDT by Chair Phillip Spenrath.

Approved by the Lower Colorado-Lavaca RFPG at a meeting held on June 9, 2022.



Kelly Payne, SECRETARY



Phillip Spenrath, CHAIR