

**Region 10 Lower Colorado-Lavaca Flood Planning Group Meeting**  
**June 9, 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	X
Kirby Brown	Environmental interests	X
G. Nicholas "Nick" Textor	Flood districts	X
Brandon Klenzendorf	Industries	X
Matt Hollon	Municipalities	X
Frances Acuna	Public	X joined @ 9:48am
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	X
Lauren Mayes	Texas Department of Agriculture	
Hollie Hischer	Texas Division of Emergency Management	
Shonda Mace	Texas General Land Office	
Beth Bendik	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	X
Allen Nash	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	X
Tressa Olsen	Texas Water Development Board	*James Bronikowski
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: 12 Frances joined @ 9:48am changing voting members to 13

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 or signed in at the meeting location.

Reem Zoun - TWDB  
 James Bronikowski - TWDB  
 Morgan White – Freese & Nichols  
 Kim Patak – Freese & Nichols  
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Mike Personett – Halff Associates, Inc  
 Jay Scanlon, Freese & Nichols  
 Mark Evans – Freese & Nichols  
 Jason Recker – Watershed Protection

Mark Evans – Freese & Nichols  
Karen Ford – WaterPR  
Jennifer Bassett – LCRA  
Lauren Graber - LCRA  
Annette Keaveny – LCRA  
Marcin Tyszka – LCRA

Bill Barker, FAICP, FITE  
Steve Dean - PD  
Bob Fitzner - Granite  
Charlie Flatten – Hays Trinity GCD  
Nick Kincaid  
John Middleton

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**Agenda:**

**1) Call to Order**

Chair Judge Spenrath called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM 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.

Kacey Paul announced that she accepted a position with Wellington Water and her family is moving to New Zealand later this month. This will be her last meeting and she expressed appreciation for being a part of this group.

**3) Approval of minutes from the previous meeting**

The draft meeting minutes of May 2<sup>nd</sup> were reviewed. Ann Yakimovicz requested that Frances Acuna's name be added to the paragraph where Ann Yakimovicz and Beth Bendik proposed green infrastructure in Chapter 8.

Kacey Paul moved to approve the minutes with the proposed correction, seconded by Kirby Brown. The motion passed by a vote of 12-0.

**4) Public comments– limit 3 minutes per person**

Chair Judge Spenrath called for public comments.

No public comments were given.

**5) TWDB Update**

James Bronikowski reported that TWDB informal comments from the March 7<sup>th</sup> technical memo went out several weeks ago.

**6) Update from RFPG liaisons**

Ann Yakimovicz reported that Region 9 is moving ahead about the same step of the process that we are. Ann noted that one Region 9 recommendation is for the legislature to look at county responsibilities related to land development for storm water

management. Region 9 has a number of rural counties and what they are experiencing is buildings going up without the knowledge of the county. The county finds out about the construction when the owners apply for the septic permit. Only then does the county realize issues in the construction including building in the floodplain. A second Region 9 recommendation is to provide administrative cross training in local governments code enforcement and building inspections to catch issues in the floodplain in time to fix any problems.

Ron Fieseler reported that Region 11 is reviewing draft chapters for the regional plan; meeting June 29<sup>th</sup> to approve the draft plan; and setting up the calendar for the rest of the year. Region 11 plans to hold one or two public meetings outside of Seguin, possibly in Victoria and Kerrville.

## **7) Update from the Planning Group Sponsor**

Lauren Graber gave an update on the following items:

- On behalf of the RFPG, LCRA has executed a contract amendment with the technical consultant to include the additional three tasks added to the RFPG by the TWDB.
- LCRA submitted the amended Halfp contract for the additional three tasks to the TWDB for their review.
- The Technical Committee plans to meet next Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> to approve the remaining FMXs and bringing those to the full group on July 7<sup>th</sup>.
- The full RFPG will take action to approve the submittal of the draft plan on July 18<sup>th</sup>.
- The official meeting of the full RFPG to accept comments from the public must be posted 30 days prior to meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup> with the comment period at least 30 days prior to and 30 days after this meeting. We will host open houses during the 60-day comment period in the Lavaca Basin, and the lower and upper portions of the lower Colorado basin.
- By the next meeting, the executive committee will start the process of accepting nominees for the "water districts" position on the board. We will also need to hold officer elections to replace Kacey Paul's position as Vice Chair of the RFPG and Technical Committee.

## **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 13-0.

## **9) Update from the Technical Committee**

Kelly Payne reported the Technical Committee met on May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 25<sup>th</sup> to review the 140 FMEs and over 50 FMPs for the group to consider today subject to non-substantive changes and refinements. The Technical Committee will have another batch of FMXs to review next Thursday and will bring recommendations to the RFPG on July 7<sup>th</sup>. These FMXs will serve as the backbone to Chapter 5 of the regional plan. Kelly thanked the technical committee members for working through the FMXs with thoughtful consideration. Kelly thanked Ann Yakimovicz for doing a great job summarizing our Technical Committee meeting minutes and encouraged the RFPG member to go back and review those if interested.

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

Mike Personett (Half Associates, Inc.), Karen Ford (Water PR), 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

Jason Recker (City of Austin Watershed Protection) and Kim Patak (Freese & Nichols) presented the Guadalupe Street Storm Drain Improvements Project.

Planning group members asked questions and made comments during the presentation.

## **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.

James Bronikowski mentioned that the FMXs must be on the recommendation list for the TWDB to even consider them in the final plan. Prioritizing and ranking is still to be determined.

Beth Bendik, on behalf of the TPWD, relayed the following general comment. With respect to selected projects or studies, we should attempt to minimize stream and aquatic resource impacts from the projects that are recommended. TPWD generally recommends making sure the crossing designs allow for sediment transport and passage of aquatic organisms. Designs that make the crossings invisible to the creek are ideal. Bridges that span the creek or culverts that have an active channel area lower than the culverts on the side of the flood plain bench so you can have a concentrated low flow channel to allow the aquatic organisms to pass instead of spreading out the water. We just want to make sure that idea is incorporated into consideration.

Patrick Brzozowski is concerned with who the sponsor is for Project 129 located in Batch 2B2.

Ann Yakimovicz is concerned the 10-year-old outdated flood maps. Mike Personett can look into developing new maps with the additional funding received under Task 12.

After discussion, Kelly Payne moved to recommend FME Batches 2A, 2B, 2C and 3 and FMP Batches 1 and 2 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 13-0.

## 12) Public comments – limit 3 minutes per person

Chair Judge 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 Thursday, July 7th, 2022 @ 9:30 AM CDT.

- The first meeting in July is July 7th. We will receive a copy of the draft Region 10 plan for review and will vote to approve the remaining FMXs, chapter 8 and 9.
- The last meeting in July is July 18th. At this meeting, we will approve the consultants to submit the entire draft Region 10 flood plan to TWDB before the Aug 1 deadline.
- Any other items that come up before the meeting
- Will need to include officer elections.
- On July 18<sup>th</sup> we will discuss potential FMEs that the consultant will work on to advance them to FMPs (Task 12).

The next Technical Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, June 16th, 2022 @ 1:00 PM CDT.

Ann Yakimovicz mentioned that in May the TWDB announced a new brochure packet for community officials which has been a tremendous resource.

## 14) Adjourn

Kacey Paul made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kelly Payne. The motion passed 13-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM CDT by Chair Phillip Spenrath.

*Approved by the Lower Colorado-Lavaca RFPG at a meeting held on July 7, 2022.*

  
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Kelly Payne, SECRETARY

  
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Phillip Spenrath, CHAIR