

**Region 10 Lower Colorado-Lavaca Flood Planning Group Meeting  
December 15, 2022  
9:30 AM  
Hybrid Meeting**

**Roll Call:**

<b>Voting Member</b>	<b>Interest Category</b>	<b>Present (x) /Absent ( )</b>
<b>Terry Been</b>	<i>Agricultural interests</i>	<b>X</b>
<b>Phillip Spenrath</b>	<i>Counties</i>	<b>X</b>
<b>Jason Ludwig</b>	<i>Electric generating utilities</i>	<b>X</b>
<b>Kirby Brown</b>	<i>Environmental interests</i>	<b>X</b>
<b>G. Nicholas “Nick” Textor</b>	<i>Flood districts</i>	<b>X</b>
<b>Brandon Klenzendorf</b>	<i>Industries</i>	<b>X</b>
<b>Matt Hollon</b>	<i>Municipalities</i>	<b>X</b>
<b>Frances Acuna</b>	<i>Public</i>	
<b>Patrick Brzozowski</b>	<i>River authorities</i>	<b>X</b>
<b>Ann Yakimovicz</b>	<i>Small business</i>	<b>X</b>
<b>Vacant</b>	<i>Water districts</i>	
<b>Hank Smith</b>	<i>Water utilities</i>	<b>X</b>
<b>Kelly Payne</b>	<i>River authorities</i>	<b>X</b>

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

Frances Acuna (technical difficulties joined @ 9:47am)  
James Bronikowski – TWDB  
Reem Zoun - TWDB  
Ian Blair - TWDB  
Bobby Seiferman  
Mike Personett – Halff Associates, Inc.  
Cris Parker – HDR

Karen Ford – WaterPR  
Lauren Graber - LCRA  
Annette Keaveny – LCRA  
Rene Ogando-Nanita – LCRA  
Joe King  
Anita Machiavello  
Lisa McCracken Mairs

## **Other Meeting Attendees (cont'd)**

Eric Scheibe  
Bobby Seiferman

Ken Teague  
Thomas Wynn

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### **Agenda:**

#### **1) Call to Order**

Chair Spenrath called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM CST. 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 Spenrath welcomed members and other attendees to the meeting.

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

The draft meeting minutes of November 7th were reviewed. Brandon Klenzendorf offered proposed corrections to the minutes to amend a typo of RPPG on the last page first word with RFPG.

Brandon Klenzendorf moved to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Kirby Brown. The motion passed by a vote of 11-0.

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

Chair Spenrath called for public comments on all agenda items.

Joe King from Glen Flora in Wharton County offered support of the new proposed FME for Glen Flora and for the RFPG to consider adopting the FME.

Ken Teague, from Austin and a former Wharton County resident, offered support for the Glen Flora FME as well. He suggested a title and scope of study change to the FME to include additional study of the Colorado River and remove the reference to a levee from the title.

#### **5) TWDB Update**

Tressa Olsen reported that the TWDB sent out an email blast on December 6, 2022 which outlined final submission requirements for the final regional flood plan which is due to the TWDB by January 10, 2023. The TWDB is currently having a board meeting to discuss TWDB priorities for the 88th Texas Legislative Session. Tressa encouraged RFPG members to listen in to the TWDB meeting after our RFPG meeting.

#### **6) Update from RFPG liaisons**

Ann Yakimovicz reported that Region 9 will be holding their next meeting on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> to finalize where they are with the plan in order to get it ready for submission in January.

Ron Fieseler reported that Region 11 recently approved the last two sections of their report and will approve submission on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

Lauren Graber explained since our last meeting the LCRA amended both the LCRA/TWDB and LCRA/Half contracts to reallocate the budget as approved by the RFPG at the last meeting. For our next RFPG meeting, we are required to post the agenda and materials by mid next week.

**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 Ann Yakimovicz. The motion passed by a vote of 11-0.

**9) Update from the Technical Committee**

Kelly Payne reported that the Technical Committee met on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am. In the meeting they discussed with the consultant team three groups of FMXs. The first group included new potential FMXs for inclusion in our regional flood plan. The sources of these new FMXs were comments received on the draft plan. The second group of FMXs included projects that need to be reclassified. The sources of the reclassification requests were the sponsors of the individual projects. The third group includes FMXs the sponsors have asked to remove from the plan. These three groups of studies will be discussed by our consultant in detail later in the meeting. After the consultant's update, there will be an opportunity for the RFPG to vote on adding, modifying or removing the FMXs as recommended by the Technical Committee.

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

**a) Project status**

**b) Response to TWDB and public comments on draft regional Flood Plan**

**c) Task 5 – Review and discuss additional Flood Management Evaluations and Potential Feasible Flood Management Strategies and Flood Mitigation Projects**

**d) Task 8 – Review and discuss Administrative, Regulatory and Legislative Recommendations**

**e) Look-ahead calendar and next steps**

Mike Personett (Halff Associates, Inc) and Karen Ford (Water PR) provided updates, briefings, and discussion on the project status and look-ahead.

Planning group members asked questions and made comments during the presentation. The following items include highlights of the discussion during this agenda item:

Beth Bendik voiced concerns about potential negative environmental impacts from two of the proposed new FMEs being considered for inclusion in the regional flood plan.

Ann Yakimovicz discussed proposed revisions to Chapter 8: Administrative, Legislative and Regulatory Recommendations. The RFPG members discussed the proposed revisions.

Mike Personett mentioned that after Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, a request will be made to the RFPG to reallocate any remaining funds for Tasks 1-10 to Task 12.

**11) Discussion and potential action on recommendations regarding Task 5 – Flood Management Strategies, Flood Management Evaluations, and Flood Mitigation Projects**

After discussion, Kelly Payne moved to approve for inclusion in the Region 10 Regional Flood Plan, to be submitted to the TWDB in early January, the additional FMEs, the reclassified FMPs and the removal of the requested FMXs as reviewed and recommended by the Technical Committee subject to non-substantive changes and refinements. The motion was seconded by Matt Hollon. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed by a vote of 11-0.

NOTE: Frances Acuna's camera not working. Therefore, her vote was not included.

**12) Discussion and potential action on recommendations regarding Task 8 – Administrative, Regulatory and Legislative Recommendations**

After discussion, Kelly Payne moved to approve additional policy recommendations under Chapter 8 – Administrative, Regulatory and Legislative Recommendations, as presented subject to non-substantive changes and refinements, seconded by Kirby Brown. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

NOTE: Terry Been and Frances Acuna cameras were not on. Therefore, their votes were not counted.

**13) Discussion and action to approve responses to TWDB and public comments**

After discussion, Kelly Payne made a motion to accept Appendix D as included in the meeting materials, 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 10-0.

NOTE: Terry Been and Frances Acuna cameras were not on. Therefore, their votes were not counted.

**14) Consider date and agenda items for next meeting**

After general discussion, Chair Phillip Spenrath announced that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 5 at 9:30am for final adoption of the plan (due to TWDB by Jan. 10). We will also hold officer elections, executive committee at-large position elections, and potential consideration of a new member to fill the vacant water district position.

The Executive Committee will meet today, following this meeting.

**15) Adjourn**

Kelly Payne made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kirby Brown. The motion passed 10-0 and the meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM CST by Chair Phillip Spenrath.

*Approved by the Lower Colorado-Lavaca RFPG at a meeting held on January 5, 2023.*

  
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Kelly Payne, SECRETARY

  
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Phillip Spenrath, CHAIR