

Region 10 Lower Colorado-Lavaca Flood Planning Group Meeting
November 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
G. Nicholas "Nick" Textor	<i>Flood districts</i>	
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
Vacant	<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
Lauren Moore	<i>Texas Department of Agriculture</i>	X
Hollie Bierbauer	<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>	
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: **10**

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.

James Bronikowski – TWDB
 Reem Zoun - TWDB
 Cindy Engelhardt – Halff Associates, Inc.
 Mike Personett – Halff Associates, Inc.
 Jay Scanlon - Freese & Nichols
 Morgan White – Freese & Nichols

Cris Parker – HDR
 Karen Ford – WaterPR
 Lauren Graber - LCRA
 Jennifer Bassett – LCRA
 Annette Keaveny – LCRA
 Rene Ogando-Nanita – LCRA

Vic Ramirez - LCRA
Damon Derr - LCRA
CBS Austin
Fred Cantu
Jed Darland

Joe Hoffman
MLuna
V Miller
Arsum Pathak
Gwyneth Teves

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Agenda:

1) Call to Order

Chair Spenrath called the meeting to order at 9:34 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 September 15th were reviewed.

Kirby Brown moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Patrick Brzozowski. The motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

4) Public comments– limit 3 minutes per person

Chair Spenrath called for public comments on all agenda items.

Jed Darland provided comments related to the RFPG meeting and events occurring after the meeting on September 15th, LCRA's response and filings with the Attorney General related to his open records requests, Chapter 18 of the United Nations Agenda 21, and his opinion that the regional flood planning group does not consider public comment.

5) TWDB Update

Tressa Olsen reported that on 10/19 the TWDB sent out a request for feedback regarding preliminary input and suggested changes to state and regional flood planning rules for the second cycle of flood planning. TWDB is requesting that all written feedback be submitted back to the TWDB by November 18th.

6) Update from RFPG liaisons

Ann Yakimovicz reported that Region 9 postponed its November meeting due to limited comments.

Ron Fieseler reported that he attended a FEMA organized and sponsored county hazard mitigation plan revision process meeting. FEMA discussed various hazards like tornadoes, hurricanes, and will be looking at low water crossing issues and updating flood planning maps. Most people in attendance were unaware of the regional flood planning groups. They are now aware of the Region 10 and Region 11 flood plans.

Frances Acuna reported that she has received feedback from the residents that the draft plan was too complicated for them to understand and did not address the issues they are having.

7) Update from the Planning Group Sponsor

Lauren Graber explained the window for nominations for the vacant water district position is open until November 30th and nominations may be submitted through the RFPG website.

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 10-0.

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

Lauren Graber presented the latest sponsor administrative expenses for reimbursement. Kirby Brown moved to approve the administrative expenses, seconded by Brandon Klenzendorf. The motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

10) Discussion and potential action to authorize the Planning Group Sponsor to take all necessary steps to reallocate task budgets in the regional flood planning grant contract and technical consultant subcontract

Lauren Graber presented a revised task budget. This will allow unspent funds from other tasks to be placed in Task 12. The consultants will then be able to reallocate funds amongst the consulting teams to complete Task 12 work. Sponsor funds are not being reallocated with this adjustment.

Ann Yakimovicz moved to authorize the planning group sponsor to reallocate task budgets for the regional flood planning grant contract and technical consultant subcontract, seconded by Patrick Brzozowski. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 10-0.

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

a) Project status

b) Overview of TWDB and public comments received on the Draft Regional Flood Plan

c) Look-ahead and next steps

Mike Personett (Halff Associates, Inc.), Cindy Engelhardt (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:

- Discussion of outreach and comments on the draft regional flood plan; including comments from TWDB, communities, individuals, and group/organizations.

- RFPG process and timeline for responding to comments and making necessary adjustments to the final plan.
- Discussion related to participation and involvement in the planning process moving forward.
- Discussion related to the next cycle of regional flood planning and TWDB rule revisions and guidance.
- Potential future budget adjustments in 2023.

12) Consider date and agenda items for next meeting

After general discussion, Chair Phillip Spenrath concluded that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 15 at 9:30am CST with an Executive Committee meeting after the RFPG meeting. The RFPG will meet January 5th for final adoption of the plan. The Technical Committee will meet on December 1st.

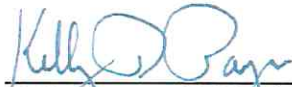
Potential agenda items at next meeting:

- Review and potentially approve additional FMXs generated from comments received on the draft plan.
- Discuss and review the draft regional flood plan including other changes made as a result of comments received.

13) Adjourn

Kelly Payne made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Patrick Brzozowski. The motion passed 10-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 10:51 AM CST by Chair Phillip Spenrath.

Approved by the Lower Colorado-Lavaca RFPG at a meeting held on December 15, 2022.



Kelly Payne, SECRETARY



Phillip Spenrath, CHAIR