

Region 10 Lower Colorado-Lavaca Flood Planning Group Meeting
July 18, 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>	
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 Mayes	<i>Texas Department of Agriculture</i>	
Hollie Hischer	<i>Texas Division of Emergency Management</i>	*joined at 9:59am
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>	X
Tressa Olsen	<i>Texas Water Development Board</i>	*Megan Ingram
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.

Megan Ingram – TWDB
 Cindy Engelhardt – Halff Associates, Inc.
 Mike Personett – Halff Associates, Inc.
 Jay Scanlon - Freese & Nichols
 Cris Parker - HDR
 Karen Ford – WaterPR

Nick Arnold – LCRA
 Jennifer Bassett – LCRA
 Lauren Graber – LCRA
 Annette Keaveny – LCRA
 Juston McMahon - LCRA
 Rene Ogando – LCRA

Steven Dean
Bob F.
Domingo Gonzalez
Lisa McCracken Mairs - USACE

Mieko Mahi
Stephen Rockwood
Melissa Rushing
Elizabeth Williams

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Agenda:

1) Call to Order

Chair Spenrath called the meeting to order at 9:31 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 Spenrath welcomed members and other attendees to the meeting.

3) Approval of minutes from the previous meeting

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

4) Public comments – limit 3 minutes per person

Chair Spenrath called for public comments.

No public comments were given.

5) TWDB Update

Megan Ingram sat in for Tressa Olsen. She indicated that the TWDB had no updates to deliver to the RFPG.

6) Update from RFPG liaisons

Kirby Brown reported that San Antonio Region 12 will hold their public outreach meeting on September 15, 2022.

7) Update from the Planning Group Sponsor

Lauren Graber gave an update on the following items:

- Approval to submit the draft regional flood plan to TWDB is on the agenda today.
- The RFPG is still accepting nominations for the vacant position. Lauren reminded the RFPG that they can nominate someone, and that the deadline is 5PM Friday, July 29th. The RFPG Executive Committee will meet on August 24th to discuss which candidate to recommend to the full group.
- Lauren stated that we are required to have a quorum during our September 15th meeting where we will seek public input on the draft regional flood plan. We are also having other in-person open houses in the region to seek input on the draft plan. The planning group cannot have a quorum at the open houses.

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

Lauren Graber presented the latest voting member mileage expenses for reimbursement. The mileage rate has increased to \$0.625/mile. Kelly Payne moved to approve the mileage expenses from the July 7th meeting, seconded by Kirby Brown. The motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

9) Update from the Technical Committee

Kelly Payne reported that since the last RFPG meeting, the Technical Committee met on Monday, July 11th. The Technical Committee members and our technical consultants worked through one FME (study) that we are bringing to the RFPG for consideration today. In addition, the Technical Committee reviewed and added to the list of potential FMEs that our consultant may further to FMP (project) status. This is part of the Task 12 assigned to our planning group by the TWDB during the allocation of the second tranche of funding for regional flood planning. Once the preliminary list is approved by the RFPG, our consultant will work out scopes of work for the studies on the list, including estimates of costs to complete each, and come back to the RFPG with a final list they propose to work on (based on the effort to complete and the funds available in Task 12).

The Technical Committee recommends that the RFPG consider one additional FME for inclusion in the Regional Flood Plan. Additionally, the Technical Committee recommends that the RFPG consider approving a preliminary list of FMEs to be furthered to FMP status by our technical consultant. The RFPG will take these up and vote later in the agenda.

The next Technical Committee Hybrid Meeting will be held September 6th at 2:00PM CDT.

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

a) Look-ahead calendar

b) Project status

- i. Public and stakeholder engagement strategies update**
- ii. Updates on regional flood plan tasks 1-10 including review and discussion of the Draft Regional Flood Plan**
- iii. Task 5 – Review and discuss draft summaries for Flood Management Strategies, Flood Management Evaluations, and Flood Mitigation Projects**
- iv. Task 12 – Review and discuss performing draft Flood Management Evaluations for additional Flood Mitigation Projects**
- v. Next Steps**

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

Planning group members asked questions and made comments during the presentation. Highlights of the discussion include:

- Public outreach meetings on the Draft Regional Flood Plan
 - 9/13/22 Lavaca River Basin: LNRA headquarters office 5:30-7:00pm
 - 9/15/22 RFPG hybrid public meeting: LCRA 9:30am
 - 9/21/22 Lower Basin: Wharton County Courthouse 5:30-7:00pm
 - TBD Upper Basin: Llano

- Hard copies of the Draft Regional Flood Plan to be distributed to approximately 17 locations throughout the basin. This exceeds the requirement of at least 3 locations.
- Mike Personett provided an overview and update on development of the draft plan.
- Mike Personett discussed FMX Batch 7 which includes one new FME to take a basin wide look or a significant look at socially vulnerable areas within the floodplain quilt.
- Matt Hollon mentioned that during the last Technical Committee meeting, Brandon Klenzendorf requested the figure on the FME to be replaced with Figure 2.25. Mike assured that additional polishing will take place before submitting the final draft plan to TWDB.
- Mike Personett stated the objectives, requirements, and timeline of Task 12.
- Beth Bendik noted that most of the FMEs on the list of studies to potentially be furthered into FMPs (as part of Task 12) are low water crossings. Beth reiterated TPWD's desire to attempt to minimize stream and aquatic resource impacts on projects making sure the crossing designs allow for sediment transport and passage of aquatic organisms.

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 recommend one additional FME for inclusion in Chapter 5, as 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 10-0. RFPG members Terry Been and Nick Textor were absent.

12) Discussion and potential action to adopt the draft Regional Flood Plan and approve submittal of the draft Regional Flood Plan to the Texas Water Development Board on or before August 1, 2022

After discussion, Kelly Payne moved to recommend adoption of the Draft Regional Flood Plan and to approve submittal of the Draft Regional Flood Plan to the Texas Water Development Board on or before August 1, 2022, 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 10-0. RFPG members Terry Been and Nick Textor were absent.

The consultant will continue to work on the draft plan and finalize next week. Matt Hollon suggested non-substantive edits for consideration. Kirby Brown commended the consultant on the quality of the executive summary.

13) Discussion and potential action on recommendations regarding Task 12 – Perform Identified Flood Management Evaluations, Identify, Evaluate, and Recommend Additional Flood Mitigation Projects

After discussion, Kelly Payne made a motion to approve the initial list of 13 FMEs recommended by the Technical Committee for the consultants to evaluate further to determine which studies may be good candidates to be performed and further developed into an FMP/Project. The motion was seconded by Kirby Brown and passed by a vote of 10-0.

14) Public comments – limit 3 minutes per person

Chair Spenrath called for public comments.

No public comments were given.

15) Consider date and agenda items for next meeting

After general discussion, Chair Phillip Spenrath concluded that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 15 at 9:30AM CDT.

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held August 24 at 9AM CDT.

The next Technical Committee Meeting will be held September 6 at 2:00PM CDT.

16) Adjourn

Kelly Payne made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kirby Brown. The motion passed 10-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM CDT by Chair Phillip Spenrath.

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



Kelly Payne, SECRETARY



Phillip Spenrath, CHAIR