

Lower Colorado-Lavaca
**REGIONAL FLOOD
PLANNING GROUP**

REGION 10

January 5, 2023

Region 10 Lower Colorado-Lavaca RFPG

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Welcome**
- 3. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting**

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

Roll Call:

Voting Member	Interest Category	Present (x) /Absent ()
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	
Patrick Brzozowski	River authorities	X
Ann Yakimovicz	Small business	X
Vacant	Water districts	
Hank Smith	Water utilities	X
Kelly Payne	River authorities	X

Non-voting Member	Agency	Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)
Charles "CW" Schneider	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	
Lauren Moore	Texas Department of Agriculture	
Hollie Bierbauer	Texas Division of Emergency Management	X
Shonda Mace	Texas General Land Office	*Stephen McDonald
Beth Bendik	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	X
Allen Nash	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	X
Tressa Olsen	Texas Water Development Board	X
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: **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 – Half 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

All meeting materials are available for the public at: www.lowercoloradolavacafood.org/meetings

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 RFPG 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 21st 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 4th.

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 1st 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 (Half 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 31st, 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 [REDACTED].

Kelly Payne, SECRETARY

Phillip Spenrath, CHAIR

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- 4. Public comments – limit 3 minutes per person**
- 5. TWDB Update**
- 6. Update from RFPG liaisons**
- 7. Update from the Planning Group Sponsor**

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

Date of Meeting	Description	Total Mileage	Per Mile Rate	Total
December 15, 2022	Region 10 RFPG Meeting – Spenrath	295	\$0.625	\$184.38
Approved Budget	Travel Cost Previously Approved	Cumulative Travel Cost	Balance	
\$16,000.00	\$1,406.67	\$1,591.05	\$14,408.96	

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- 9. Technical Consultant presentations and discussions related to regional flood planning**
 - a. Project status
 - b. Look-ahead calendar and next steps



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AGENDA

Project Status

- Discussion of final Regional Flood Plan for the Lower Colorado-Lavaca Region
- Look-ahead calendar and next steps

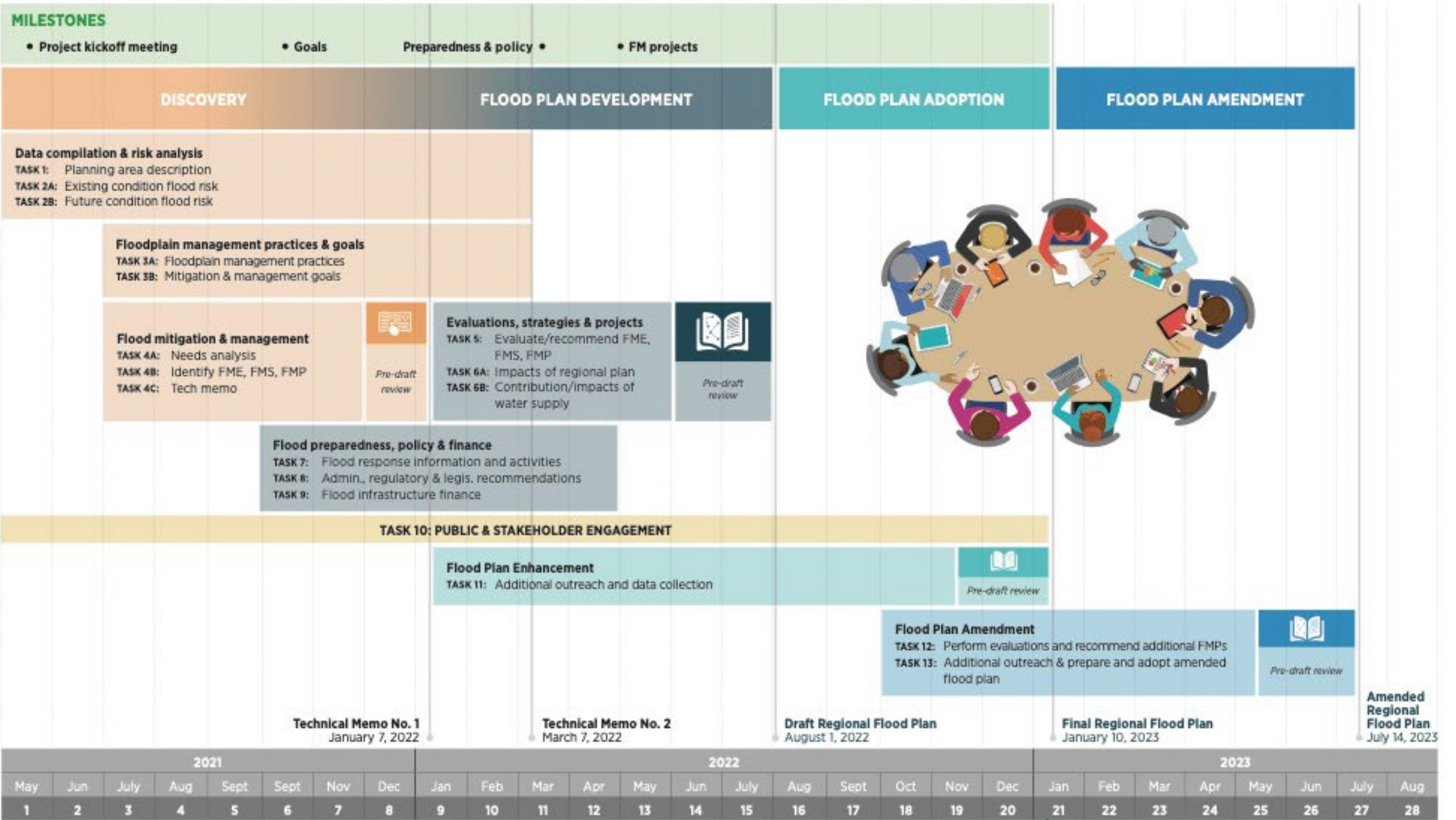
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- Discussion and potential action to adopt the final Regional Flood Plan and approve submittal of the final Regional Flood Plan to the Texas Water Development Board on or before January 10, 2023

Look-Ahead



Project Status





Regional Flood Plan Revisions

REGIONAL FLOOD PLAN REVISIONS

Due January 10, 2023

Chapter	Revisions
Executive Summary	Revised to reflect changes in other chapters, notably the addition, reclassification, and deletion of FMXs
Chapter 1	Per TWDB comment, provide low water crossing data sources and update proposed and in-progress projects
Chapter 2	Per TWDB comment, provide table of flood risk types and amend critical facilities from points to polygons
Chapter 3	Per TWDB comment, expand discussion of residual flood risk
Chapter 4	Per TWDB comment, minor updates to acronyms
Chapter 5	Revisions in response to TWDB comments and to reflect the addition, reclassification, and deletion of recommended FMXs

REGIONAL FLOOD PLAN REVISIONS

Chapter	Revisions
Chapter 6	Revised to reflect changes to Chapter 5, notably the addition, reclassification, and deletion of FMXs
Chapter 7	Per TWDB general comment, minor formatting adjustments
Chapter 8	Added policy recommendations approved by RFPG 12/15/22
Chapter 9	Revised to reflect changes to Chapter 5, notably the addition, reclassification, and/deletion of FMXs (i.e., numbers and estimated costs)
Chapter 10	Updated public outreach metrics, added summary of public comment period, and added summaries of TWDB and public comments and responses
Appendices	Revised to address TWDB comments and added a new Appendix D for the summary of comments and responses



Look-Ahead

RFPG MEETINGS THROUGH MID-2023

January 5, 2023 – RFPG Meeting

- Approve final initial Regional Flood Plan

January 10, 2023

- Submit to TWDB on or before!
- Amendments to be adopted by July 14, 2023

February 16, 2023

- Budget review and amendment
- Consider additional FME to FMP studies (Task 12)

May - June 2023 – Technical Committee and RFPG (TBD)

- Review results of FME to FMP studies
- Consider and adopt amendments to the Regional Flood Plan (submit amended plan by July 14, 2023)



Wrap Up

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- 10. Discussion and potential action to adopt the final Regional Flood Plan and approve submittal of the final Regional Flood Plan to the Texas Water Development Board on or before January 10, 2023**

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- 11. Consider Executive Committee's recommendation, discussion, and consider taking action to fill the vacant water district interest category position for a term commensurate with the initial voting members**
- 12. Nominations, discussion, and possible action to elect RFPG Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary**

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- 13. Nominations, discussion, and possible action to electing two members-at-large to serve on the Executive Committee**
- 14. Consider date and agenda items for next meeting**
- 15. Adjourn**