

Region 10 Lower Colorado-Lavaca Flood Planning Group Meeting
 November 15, 2021
 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>	X
Kirby Brown	<i>Environmental interests</i>	X
G. Nicholas "Nick" Textor	<i>Flood districts</i>	X
Brandon Klenzendorf	<i>Industries</i>	X
Matt Hollon	<i>Municipalities</i>	X
Frances Acuña	<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
		Left @ 10:50am (Item 11)
Kacey Cubine Paul	<i>Water districts</i>	X
Hank Smith	<i>Water utilities</i>	Joined @ 10:06am (Item 9)

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>	X
James Guin	<i>Texas Division of Emergency Management</i>	X
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>	X
Mark Vogler	<i>Region 8 – Lower Brazos Liaison</i>	* Brian Fambrough
Chuck Brown	<i>Region 9 – Upper Colorado Liaison</i>	X
Ronald G. Fieseler	<i>Region 11 – Guadalupe Liaison</i>	
Cara Tackett	<i>Region 12 – San Antonio Liaison</i>	

Quorum:

Quorum: **Yes**

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: **12 at start of meeting**

Number required for quorum per current voting membership of 13: **7**

Other Meeting Attendees: **

James Bronikowski - TWDB
 Ryke Moore – TWDB
 Matt Nelson - TWDB
 Cindy Englehardt – Halff Associates, Inc.
 Matt Bucchin – Halff Associates, Inc.

Mike Personett – Halff Associates, Inc.
 Jay Scanlon - Freese
 Cris Parker – HDR, Inc.
 Karen Ford – WaterPR
 Lauren Graber – LCRA

Annette Keaveny – LCRA
Marcin Tyszka – LCRA
Mayor Anthony Groves; Brady, TX
Lisa McCracken Mairs, USACE

Nick Kincaid
Meiko Mahi
S Rockwood
Jeff Haeber

**Meeting attendee names were gathered from those who entered information for joining the Zoom meeting.

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www.lowercoloradolavacaflood.org/meetings

Agenda:

1. Call to Order

Chair Phillip Spenrath called the meeting to order at 9:30 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 Phillip Spenrath welcomed members and other attendees to the meeting.

3. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting

The draft meeting minutes were reviewed and one correction was made to change “State Flood Plan” to “Regional Flood Plan” in Item 5: TWDB update. Kirby Brown moved to approve the minutes with the proposed correction, seconded by Kelly Payne. The motion passed by a vote of 12-0.

4. Public comments– limit 3 minutes per person

Chair Phillip Spenrath called for public comments.

No comments were given from those present. Lauren Graber noted that two written public comments were received since the last meeting and were distributed to Planning Group members.

5. TWDB Update

Tressa Olsen from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) noted that Morgan White was away on maternity leave and to please direct all questions to Tressa Olsen.

She also noted that TWDB hosted a contract amendment webinar for RFPG chairs, sponsors, and technical consultants.

She noted that deliverables associated with Tasks 2a and 2b are due with the second technical memo on March 7, 2022.

6. Update from RFPG liaisons

No updates given.

7. Update from the Planning Group Sponsor

a. Discussion regarding draft amended Regional Flood Planning Grant contract scope of work and budget

Lauren Graber reminded the group that in the last meeting the RFPG authorized the sponsor to amend the grant contract with TWDB and subcontract with the technical consultant to incorporate additional funding and tasks. She outlined the three new tasks associated with the new funding and said that the sponsor and technical consultant recommend that the \$793,800 available to Region 10 be apportioned as follows:

- \$150,000 for Task 11: Outreach and data collection to support tasks 1-9.
- \$328,800 for Task 12: Perform identified Flood Management Evaluations, identify, evaluate, and recommend additional Flood Management Projects.
- \$315,000 for Task 13: Preparation and adoption of the Amended Regional Flood Plan, of which \$15,000 would be for the sponsor's administrative costs for additional RFPG meetings and staff support.

The contract amendment is currently drafted and under LCRA legal review.

8. Discussion of RFPG roles and responsibilities

Chair Spenrath reviewed the role of the RFPG to clarify this group's role is to develop a plan that could be implemented by a local entity. As such, it does not have the authority or funding to fund or implement actual flood projects.

Project implementation is the domain of local governments. Members of the public who wish to report flood risks should contact their local officials.

The Regional Flood Plan will identify projects but local sponsor will thereafter need to take responsibility for finding and providing funding.

9. Technical Consultant presentations and discussions related to regional flood planning

Mike Personett, Cindy Englehardt, and Matt Bucchin (all Halff Associates, Inc.) and Karen Ford (WaterPR), provided updates, briefings, and discussion on the following:

- a. Project status
- b. Public and stakeholder engagement strategies update
- c. Task 4C – Review draft Technical Memorandum
- d. Look-ahead – December and January RFPG meetings

Planning Group members commented on large scale of project lists; the need for local communities to confer with the technical consultants to ensure all info on lists; the need to ensure good coverage of rural areas; holding outdoor meetings with community members; need to find a local sponsor; and the possibility to consider beneficial projects that do not strictly meet TWDB's no-adverse-impact standard.

10. Discussion and potential action to approve draft flood mitigation and floodplain management goals

Mike Personett and Matt Bucchin gave an update on flood mitigation and floodplain management goals and called for RFPG member comments.

Matt Hollon proposed an amendment to goal 4.5 to change "future land use plan and development regulations" to "future land use plan or development regulations" and

moved to approve the goals with this wording change. The motion was seconded by Kelly Payne and passed by a vote of 13-0.

11. Discussion and potential action to approve the process to be used by the RFPG to identify and select FMEs, FMSs, and FMPs

Cris Parker (HDR) presented a proposed process for selecting FMEs, FMSs, and FMPs for the Regional Plan members' consideration.

Kelly Payne moved to support the proposal and Kirby Brown seconded. The motion passed on a vote of 12-0.

12. Public comments – limit 3 minutes per person

Chair Phillip Spenrath called for public comments.

Mieko Mahi expressed appreciation for the work of the RFPG, e.g., the floodplain quilt and detailed lists of projects. She recommended that contact names for persons involved in these projects be included for follow-up inquiries.

13. Consider date and agenda items for next meeting

Chair Phillip Spenrath opened discussion to consider the date and agenda items for the next meeting.


Chair Spenrath proposed that the next meeting agenda include review of preliminary Task 4A results. He asked that voting members be present or arrange an alternate for purposes of a vote on this item. Chair Spenrath also proposed that the next meeting agenda include an item to consider a subcommittee to develop recommendations on FMEs, FMSs, and FMPs.

After general discussion, Chair Phillip Spenrath concluded that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 16, 2021, 9:30AM and that the January meeting will be held Thursday, January 20, 2022, 9:30AM.

14. Adjourn

Kelly Payne made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kirby Brown. The motion passed 12-0 and the meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM CST by Chair Phillip Spenrath.

Approved by the Lower Colorado-Lavaca RFPG at a meeting held on December 16, 2021.



Matt Hollon, SECRETARY



Phillip Spenrath, CHAIR