

Meeting Minutes
Region 10 Lower Colorado-Lavaca Flood Planning Group Meeting
July 19, 2021
9:00 AM
Zoom Virtual 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>	X
Brandon Klenzendorf	<i>Industries</i>	X
Matt Hollon	<i>Municipalities</i>	X
Frances Acuña	<i>Public</i>	X (left during agenda item 8)
Patrick Brzowski	<i>River authorities</i>	X
Ann Yakimovicz	<i>Small business</i>	X
Kacey Cubine Paul	<i>Water districts</i>	X
Hank Smith	<i>Water utilities</i>	
Kelly Payne	<i>River authorities</i>	X

Non-voting Member	Agency	Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)
Shonda Mace	General Land Office	X
Charles "CW" Schneider	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	X
Lauren Mayes	Texas Department of Agriculture	
Natalie Johnson	Texas Division of Emergency Management	X
Beth Bendik	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	X
Allen Nash	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	X
Morgan White	Texas Water Development Board	X
Ronald G. Fieseler	Region 11 – Guadalupe Liaison	X
Mark Vogler	Region 8 – Lower Brazos Liaison	X
Cara Tackett	Region 12 – San Antonio Liaison	X
Chuck Brown	Region 9 – Upper Colorado Liaison	X

Quorum:

Quorum: Yes

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: 11

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

Other Meeting Attendees: **

Matt Nelson, TWDB
Lauren Graber, LCRA
Annette Keaveny, LCRA
Marcin Tyszk, LCRA
Mike Moya, Halff Associates, Inc.

Mike Personett, Halff Associates, Inc.
Cindy Engelhardt, Halff Associates, Inc.
Matt Bucchin, Halff Associates, Inc.
Cris Parker, HDR, Inc.
Karen Ford, WaterPR

Evan Adrian
Abram Barker
Fabiola de Carvalho
Charlie Flatten
Victoria Garcia
Kathryn Johansen
Stephen Johnson
Nick Kincaid

Allison Land
Mieko Mahi
Colleen O'Neil
Cory Shockley
Jacob M. Torres

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

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

Agenda:

1. Call to Order

Chair Phillip Spenrath called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. 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 no corrections or additions were made. Ann Yakimovicz moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Patrick Brzozowski. The motion passed by a vote of 11-0.

4. Public comments– limit 3 minutes per person

Chair Phillip Spenrath called for public comments.

No public comments were made.

5. TWDB Update

Morgan White from the Texas Water Development Board said that the State Legislature appropriated additional funding of \$10M that will be available September 1, 2021. A survey was distributed to flood planning group sponsors to gauge how funds should be appropriated between the 15 groups. More information to come.

6. Update from RFPG liaisons

Ron Fieseler reported that Region 11 Guadalupe is holding an in-person meeting at the Wimberley Community Center on August 4, at 4PM. There will be a public input component for flood information and potential projects, problem areas, and plans. The consulting team will be in attendance. Stakeholders from Austin, Caldwell, Hays, and Travis counties are invited to join.

7. Update from the Planning Group Sponsor

Lauren Graber reported that the emergency orders to allow virtual meetings will expire on September 1, 2021. Future meetings will be held in person in Austin, with more details to be announced. Mileage is only item that can be reimbursed, and the start time may be adjusted to account for commuters. The sponsor will inquire as to whether certain members may be permitted to attend virtually.

8. Technical Consultant presentations and discussions related to regional flood planning Tasks 1-5, 8, and 10

Mike Personett, Matt Bucchin, and Cindy Englehardt (all Halff Associates, Inc.), Karen Ford (WaterPR), and Cris Parker (HDR) provided updates, briefings, and discussion on the following: project status and outlook; public and stakeholder engagement strategies; requirements and approach to Task 2A/2B – Existing and Future Conditions Flood Risk Analysis; Task 3B – Floodplain Management; Tasks 4B and 5 – Flood Mitigation Evaluations, Flood Mitigation Strategies, and Flood Mitigation Projects; approach to Task 8 – Administrative, Regulatory, and Legislative Recommendations; and goals and plans for the August RFPG meeting.

9. Public comments– limit 3 minutes per person

Chair Phillip Spenrath called for public comments.

Mieko Mahi expressed interest in having projects supported by the Flood Plan also help improve water quality to remove waterways from the impaired waterways list.

10. Consider date and agenda items for next meeting

Chair Phillip Spenrath opened discussion to consider the date and agenda items for the next meeting. After general discussion, Chair Phillip Spenrath concluded that the next meeting will be held on Monday, August 16, 2021 or Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at 9:00 AM.

Lauren will let everyone know if the next meeting is the 16th or the 24th, and there will be two possible external presentations.

11. Adjourn

Kelly Payne made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kirby Brown. The motion passed 10-0 and the meeting adjourned at 11:07 AM CDT by Chair Phillip Spenrath.

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



Matt Hollon, SECRETARY



Phillip Spenrath, CHAIR