Region 6 : San Jacinto
Regional Flood Planning Group
Public Engagement Committee Meeting
October 5, 2022
1:30 PM
Hybrid Meeting

Item 1:
Call to Order

Item 2:
Welcome and Roll Call

Item 3:

Registered Public Comments on Agenda Items

(limit of 3 minutes per person)

Item 4:

Approval of Minutes – August 5, 2022

Meeting Minutes
Region 6 San Jacinto Regional Flood Planning Group
Public Engagement Committee
August 5, 2022 at 1:30 PM
Hybrid Meeting | Virtual Registration: https://bit.ly/3omQVTG
Harris County Flood Control District: 9900 Northwest Fwy., Houston, TX 77092 – Rm. 100

Roll Call:

Public Engagement Committee Member	Interest Category	Present (x) /Absent ( ) / Alternate Present (*)
Todd Burrer	Water Utilities (Chair)	X (In-person)
Paul Lock	Electric Generating Utilities (Vice Chair)	X
Rachel Powers	Environmental (Secretary)	
Christina Quintero	Public	X
Connie Pothier	Small Business	X

Quorum:
Quorum: Yes
Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: 4
Number required for quorum per current voting membership: 5:3

Attendees: **
Voting: None
Non-Voting: None

In- Person: Claudia Garcia (HCED), Fatima Berrios (HCED)

Remote:
Connor Stokes (Hollaway)
Ericka Reyes (FNI)
John Graziano
Mariah Najmuddin (Hollaway)
Peggy Zahler
Richard Bagans (TWDB)
Susan Chadwick

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

All meeting materials are available for the public at: Flood Planning Group Meeting Schedule | Texas Water Development Board

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order

Mr. Burrer called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Welcome and Roll Call
Ms. Berrios took attendance and a quorum was confirmed to be present.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Registered Public Comments on Agenda Items – limit 3 minutes per person
Mr. Burrer opened the floor to registered public comments. Ms. Berrios stated there were no registered public comments.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Approval of Minutes – July 5, 2022
Mr. Burrer opened the floor for comments to the July 5th meeting minutes and none were heard. Mr. Lock moved to approve the July 5th meeting minutes and Ms. Pothier seconded. Mr. Burrer called for a vote and announced the motion passes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Update from the Communications Consultant on logistics for the next Public Outreach meetings
Mr. Burrer yielded the floor to the Communications Consultant. Ms. Najmuddin, with Hollaway Environmental + Communication Services, gave an overview of public outreach considerations. Meeting venue ideas and suggested ideal locations to house the draft Regional Flood Plan hardcopies were also discussed. Ms. Najmuddin offered discussion about having either one or two virtual meetings. Discussion ensued. Consensus was reached among the Committee on having one virtual and one public meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Discussion and possible recommendations on outreach and strategies for future public engagement meetings

a. **Selection of September Public Outreach date, meeting format, and venues**
b. **Discussion on locations for the printed Draft Regional Flood Plan**

Ms. Najmuddin then led a discussion about meeting venues and the Pros/Cons for each location, including accessibility and area of town. White Oak venue was recommended due to accessibility and location. The Public Engagement Committee came to a consensus on the meeting venue being at White Oak.
Ms. Najmuddin reviewed the four locations that were vetted four housing the hard copies of the draft Reginal Flood Plan. Discussion ensued. The three libraries on the list of potential locations were agreed to by consensus. Discussion was heard regarding the date of the public outreach, which will be targeted to the last week of September.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Consider agenda items for the next meeting
Mr. Burrer opened the floor to additional agenda items and none were heard. The next Public Engagement Committee meeting to be held-post public outreach meetings is to be October 5th from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Public comments – limit 3 minutes per person
Mr. Burrer opened the floor for public comments and none were heard.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Adjourn

Mr. Burrer opened the floor a motion to approve adjournment. Mr. Lock motioned to approve and Ms. Quintero seconded. A vote was taken and Mr. Burrer announced the motion passed to adjourn at 2:00 p.m.

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Rachel Powers, Secretary

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Todd Burrer, Chair

Item 5:
Update from the Technical Consultant on the Public Open House Meetings

Public Engagement Meeting Format Recap

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Three Meetings

- One In-Person Meetings
- One Virtual Meeting

Format

- Open-house style (in-person and virtual)

Accommodations

- Live Interpretation
- Translated Meeting Notices/Materials

Overview of Comments

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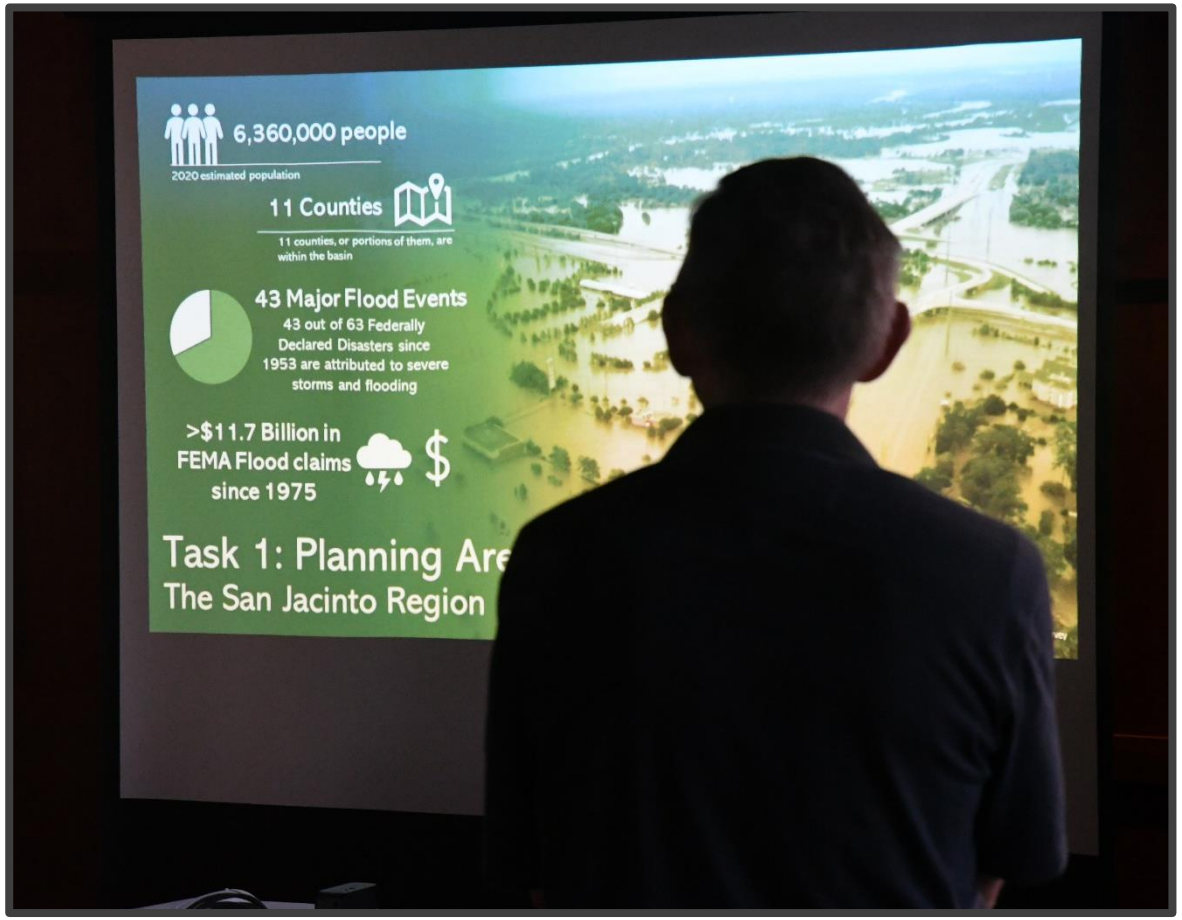
- Concerns expressed about the readability of the draft plan
- Concerns expressed about specific locations were not represented in the FMXs.
- Questions about how to get projects into the plan if a Sponsor is not identified
- Questions about who qualifies as a Sponsor
- Questions about the prioritization of FMXs

Highlights

- Conversations with the public were more engaged than during previous meetings
- Intro video created added value and additional context for the project and meeting
- Participants traveled to the public meeting from outside of Harris County
- Total of 36 participants:



Item 6:
Discussion on future public engagement activities

Public Engagement Ideas

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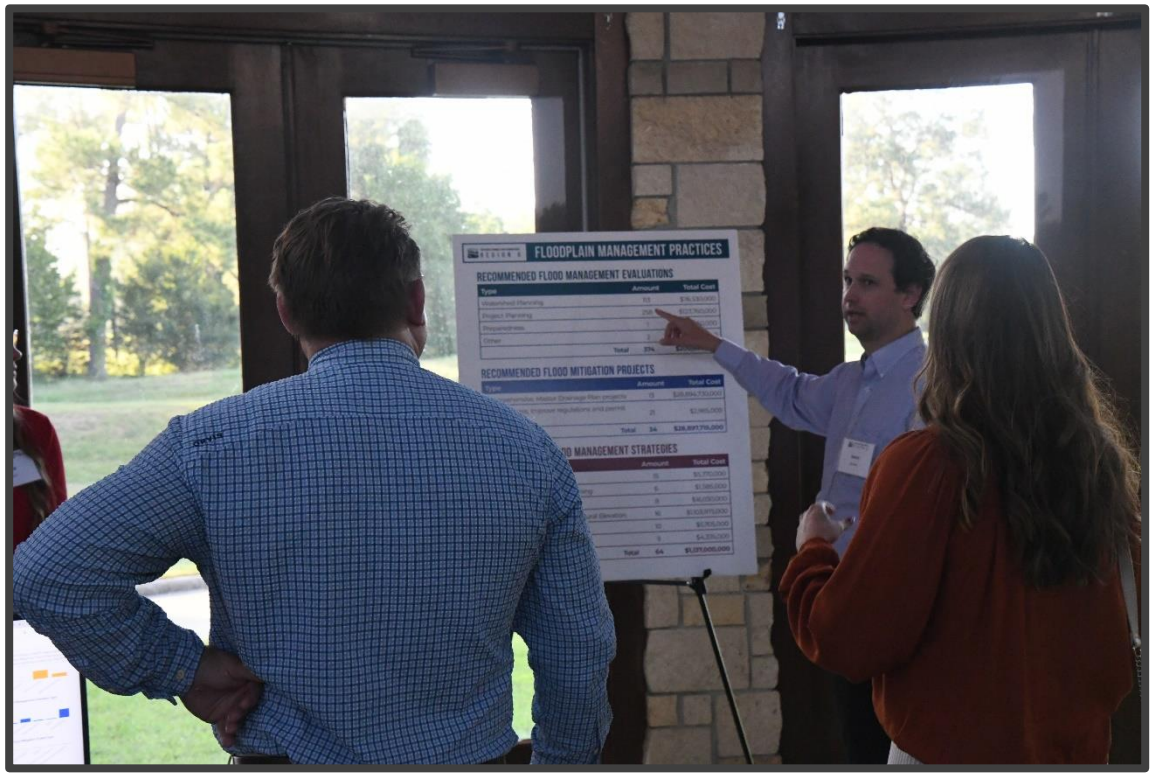
Important Considerations

- No required public engagement activities per the TWDB scope of work until the second cycle
- Limited scope and budget

Opportunities

- Greater flexibility in engagement format and purpose
- Target specific communities or stakeholder groups



Item 7:
Consider agenda items for next meeting

Item 8:
Public Comments – limit 3 minutes per person

Item 9:
Adjourn