

Meeting Minutes
Region 6 San Jacinto Regional Flood Planning Group
September 8, 2022 at 9:00 AM
Hybrid Meeting | Virtual Registration: <https://bit.ly/3TcU72j>
Houston Advanced Research Center: 8801 Gosling Rd., The Woodlands, TX 77381

Roll Call:

<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>Interest Category</u> <u>(Executive Committee role)</u>	<u>Present (x) / Absent () /</u> <u>Alternate Present (*)</u>
Timothy E. Buscha	Industries (Chair)	X (In-Person)
Alia Vinson	Water Districts (Vice Chair)	X (In-Person)
Erwin Burden	Counties (Secretary)	X (In-Person)
Gene Fisseler	Public (At-Large member)	X
Matthew Barrett	River Authorities (At-Large member)	X
Elisa Macia Donovan	Agricultural Interests	
Connie Pothier	Small Business	X
Paul E. Lock	Electric Generating Utilities	X
Rachel Powers	Environmental Interests	X
Stephen Costello	Municipalities	
Dena Green	Flood Districts	*Dr. Tina Petersen
Todd Burrer	Water Utilities	X
Brian Maxwell	Coastal Communities	*Bob Kosar
Christina Quintero	Public	X
Neil Gaynor	Upper Watershed	*Stephanie Zertuche

<u>Non-voting Member</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent () /</u> <u>Alternate Present (*)</u>
Hope Zubek	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	X
Michelle Ellis	Texas Division of Emergency Management	
Kristin Lambrecht	Texas Department of Agriculture	X
Joel Clark	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	
Karla Freyre Stripling	Texas General Land Office	X
Megan Ingram	Texas Water Development Board	X
Melinda Johnston	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	
Justin Bower	Houston-Galveston Area Council	X
Ellie Alkhoury	Texas Department of Transportation	*Alfred Garcia
Tom Heidt	Port Houston	
Michael Turco	Harris-Galveston Subsidence District	
Brandon Wade	Region H Regional Water Planning Group	
Sally Bakko	Gulf Coast Protection District	X
Eric Stevens	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	*Lisa Mairs

<u>Liaisons from RFPG</u>	<u>Regional Flood Planning Group</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent () /</u> <u>Alternate Present (*)</u>
Todd Burrer	Trinity Region RFPG	
Stephen Costello	Neches Region RFPG	
Michael Turco	Lower Brazos RFPG	

<u>Liaisons from Other Entities</u>	<u>Entity</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)</u>
Mark Vogler	Lower Brazos RFPG	X
Scott Harris	Trinity Region RFPG	
Liv Haselbach	Neches Region RFPG	X
Brandon Wade	Region H Regional Water Planning Group	

<u>Technical Consultant Team Members</u>	<u>Entity</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)</u>
Cory Stull	Freese and Nichols Inc.	X (In-Person)
Maggie Puckett	Freese and Nichols Inc.	X (In-Person)
Hayes McKibben	Freese and Nichols Inc.	
Andrew Moore	Halff, Associates	
Jacob Torres	Torres & Associates	X
Evan Adrian	Torres & Associates	X
Rachel Herr	Halff, Associates	X
Mariah Najmuddin	Hollaway Environmental + Communications	X (In-Person)

<u>Project Sponsor</u>	<u>Entity</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)</u>
Fatima Berrios	Harris County Engineering Department	X (In-person)
Claudia Garcia	Harris County Engineering Department	X (In-person)

Quorum:

Quorum: **Yes**

Number of voting members or alternates that were present: 13

Number required for quorum per current voting membership of 15: 8

Attendees:**

In Person: Mr. John Graziano (The Lovin' G, LLC), Mr. Jim Canfield (LCWCID#1), Mr. Leonard Vyoral (LCWCID#1), Mr. Keith Bille (Costello, Inc.), James Bronikowski (TWDB)

Remote:

Ashley Poe (FNI)

Brian Edmondson (FNI)

Caitlin Heller

Craig Maske

Marcus Stuckett

Morgan White (FNI)

Peggy Zahlaer

Reem Zoun (TWDB)

Shane Porter

Stephan Gage

Susan Chadwick

Terry Barr

***Meeting attendee names were gathered from those who entered information on the WebEx meeting registration.*

All meeting materials were available for the public at: [Meetings - San Jacinto Regional Flood Planning \(sanjacintofloodplanning.org\)](https://sanjacintofloodplanning.org)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order

Mr. Buscha called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Welcome and Roll Call

Ms. Berrios took attendance. A quorum was determined to be present. It was also noted that because Ms. Zertuche was having video issues, she could not act as a voting member without being on camera display.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Registered Public Comments on Agenda Items (Limit of 3 Minutes Per Person)

Mr. Buscha opened the floor for registered public comments and the members of the public present at the meeting requested to make comments under Agenda Item No. 16.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Texas Water Development Board Update

Mr. Buscha yielded the floor to Ms. Ingram from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for updates. Ms. Ingram noted that TWDB is currently performing the technical review of the draft Regional Flood Plan. James Bronikowski was present at the meeting and noted an administrative item from the TWDB.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Approval of Meeting Minutes – August 11, 2022

Mr. Buscha opened the floor for comments on the August 11, 2022 meeting minutes. Mr. Barrett offered revisions for consideration. Ms. Vinson moved to approve the minutes, as revised. Mr. Burden seconded. Mr. Buscha called for a vote and stated the motion passed to approve the August 11 meeting minutes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Announcement of New Alternate Members and New Non-Voting Members

Ms. Berrios stated there were no new announcements.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Liaison Reports Pertaining to Other Region(s) Progress and Status and other Related Entities:

a. Trinity Region – Mr. Burrer stated that Trinity Region is holding a public input meeting on September 8 at 6 p.m.

b. Neches Region – Mr. Costello was not available to provide an update.

c. Lower Brazos Region – Mr. Vogler provided an update that the Lower Brazos Region is aligned with the other regions.

d. Region H Water – Mr. Turco was not available to provide an update.

e. Gulf Coast Protection District – Ms. Bakko provided minor updates regarding the differences between the House and Senate bills related to, and the timing for applying for funding of the Texas Coastal Study. The GCPD executives are going to be traveling to Washington DC for further discussion.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Presentation by GLO Combined River Basin Flood Study Central Region Team – Study Update and Potential Future Leveraging Opportunities

Mr. Buscha turned the floor over to Ms. White with Freese & Nichols, Inc., from the Central Region team of the General Land Office (GLO) River Basin Flood Study. Ms. White provided an overview, status, and potential future leveraging opportunities related to the regional Flood Study being performed. Ms. White offered to return at the start of the second Region 6 planning cycle, after July 2023, to coordinate ways to work together and transfer data. Discussion ensued. The group was directed to the GLO website for further information. Ms. Bakko provided an update on agenda item No. 7e.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Presentation and Update from the Technical Consultant on the Development of the Regional Flood Plan

Ms. Puckett provided an update on the draft Regional Flood Plan public comment period. Ms. Puckett announced the name of the SJRFPG Facebook page: San Jacinto Flood Planning, for the group's reference. Ms. Puckett reviewed upcoming efforts for collecting public input on the draft Regional Flood Plan and spoke about comments received thus far. Ms. Puckett updated the group regarding amending the Regional Flood Plan and about outreach to project sponsors. Ms. Puckett requested points of contact from the RFPG for any communities or groups that have contacted them for outreach. In reviewing Task 12 regarding the amended Regional Flood Plan, Ms. Puckett went over the considerations for FME prioritization. Ms. Puckett presented a draft list of prioritizations ranking criteria for FMEs. Discussion ensued. After hearing interest, Ms. Puckett offered the opportunity for the RFPG to see and comment on an updated version of the prioritization framework after revisions are incorporated.

Ms. Puckett presented the schedule and upcoming milestones of the Regional Flood Plan process noting the possibility of skipping upcoming monthly meetings to allow the consultant to focus on amending the Regional Flood Plan. Discussion ensued.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Update and recommendation(s) from the Technical Committee; discussion, and possible action from the RFPG as it pertains to prioritization framework for selecting FMEs under Task 12

Mr. Buscha yielded the floor to the Technical Committee for discussion on the prioritization framework and no comments from the committee were provided. Ms. Puckett reviewed key points from the most recent Technical Committee meeting and directed the voting members to participate in a short Mentimeter survey for FME prioritization. The survey and discussion ensued.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Approval and Certification of Administrative Expenses Incurred by the Project Sponsor for The Development of Regional Flood Plan

Mr. Buscha confirmed the Project Sponsor's administrative expenses. Ms. Vinson moved to approve the Project Sponsor expenses and Ms. Powers seconded. A vote was taken and Mr. Buscha stated the motion was passed to approve the Project Sponsor administrative expenses.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Presentation of 2022 Planning Group Key Dates and Deadlines:

- a. Upcoming Planning Schedule Milestones**
- b. Next SJRFPG Planning Meeting to be held on October 13, 2022**

Mr. Buscha reviewed the upcoming schedule as outlined in the meeting materials. Mr. Buscha reminded the group regarding the upcoming public input meetings for the draft Regional Flood Plan.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Update and Discussion Pertaining to In-Person RFPG Meeting Location(s)

Mr. Buscha stated that the monthly meetings would continue to be at HARC through the end of the year. Mr. Buscha stated the Project Sponsor would work with HGAC as a potential meeting location in 2023.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: Reminder Regarding Planning Group Member Training on Public Information Act and Open Meetings Act

Mr. Buscha reminded the group that anyone who hasn't completed the training needs to do so and to submit records to the Project Sponsor.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: Consider Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Mr. Buscha identified the following items for the next agenda:

- Update from the Public Engagement Committee regarding the public input meetings. Mr. Fisseler requested a general report regarding attendance at the other Flood Planning Group meetings.
- Mr. Buscha mentioned that possible action would be needed in the next RFPG meeting regarding the Flood Districts voting member position.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16: Public Comments – Limit 3 Minutes Per Person

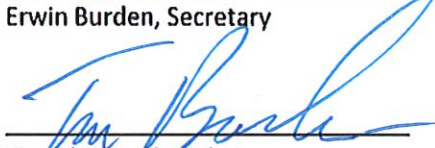
Mr. Buscha opened the floor to public comments. Mr. Vyoral offered comments regarding retention ponds in Kingwood and funding for potential projects to acquire property for the ponds. Mr. Bower offered comments regarding GLO funds. Mr. Graziano stated suggestions for Ms. Bakko. No additional public comments were made.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17: Adjournment

Mr. Buscha announced the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.



Erwin Burden, Secretary



Timothy Buscha, Chair