

San Jacinto Regional Flood Planning Group
Technical Committee Meeting Minutes
March 31, 2022 | 10:00 AM
Hybrid Meeting | Virtual Registration: <https://bit.ly/3IFROhX>
Flood Control District – 9900 Northwest Fwy., Houston, TX 77092 – Rm. 100

Roll Call:

Committee Member	Interest Category	Present / Alternate Present
Elisa Macia Donovan (Chair)	Agricultural	X (In-Person)
Neil Gaynor (Secretary)	Upper Watershed	X
OPEN	Flood Districts	
Stephen Costello (Vice Chair)	Municipalities	X
Bob Kosar	Coastal Communities	X

Quorum:

Quorum: Yes

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: 4

Number required for quorum per current voting membership of 5:3

Other Meeting Attendees: **

Voting: Flood Districts Alternate - Dena Green (FCD)

Non-Voting:

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

Remote:

Amber Thibodeaux

Andrew Moore (Halff)

Casey Christman

Cory Stull (FNI)

Dena Green (FCD)

Dude Hall

Evan Adrian (Torres & Associates)

Hayes McKibben (FNI)

Jacob Torres (Torres & Associates)

John Graziano

Maggie Puckett (FNI)

Megan Ingram (TWDB)

Peggy Zahler

Rachel Herr (Halff)

Rebecca Andrews

Stephan gage

Susan Chadwick

W. Ross Hosket

****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

Ms. Donovan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Welcome and Roll Call

Dr. Gaynor took roll call, and a quorum was determined to be present.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Registered Public Comments on Agenda Items (limit of 3 minutes per person)

Ms. Donovan opened the floor for registered public comments. Ms. Berrios stated that there were none.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Approval of minutes – February 03, 2022

Ms. Donovan opened the floor for meeting minutes approval. Dr. Gaynor opened the floor for comments and brought up a minor revision to the minutes. Dr. Gaynor moved to approve the minutes contingent on that correction and Mr. Costello seconded. After a vote was taken, Ms. Donovan announced the motion carried to approve the February 3 meeting minutes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Discussion on Technical Approach for conducting the Needs Analysis (Task 4A) for potential recommendation to the San Jacinto RFPG

Mr. Moore, with Halff, discussed Task 4A (Flood Mitigation Needs Analysis) in detail, to gain consensus. Discussion ensued regarding the following list:

- 1a. Area most prone to flooding (existing)
- 1b. Area most prone to flooding (future)
2. Floodplain Management, Land Use, Infrastructure
3. Adequacy of Floodplain Maps
4. Adequacy of Floodplain Models
5. Emergency Need
6. Existing Modeling Analysis and Mitigation Plans
7. Identified Flood Mitigation Projects
8. Documentation of Historical Storms
9. Implemented Flood Mitigation Projects
10. Other Factors (SVI)

The Technical Committee discussed to score and prioritize areas, per the list.

Ms. Donovan announced a 6-minute recess, to reconvene at 11:30 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Discussion on Minimum Standards to recommend or adopt in the regional flood plan (Task 3A) for potential recommendation to the San Jacinto RFPG

Mr. Stull facilitated discussion on Task 3A Floodplain Management Practices. Ms. Puckett went through the evaluation of floodplain management practices referencing the goals, as related to Task 3A. Ms. Puckett stated the task was split in two sub-tasks including evaluation and recommendation or adopting flood management practices. Ms. Puckett described that adopting meant local entities must meet minimum standards. Ms. Puckett stated that the Technical Consultant's recommended approach for the first planning cycle is a moderate level of flood management practices and to identify those below the moderate level. Discussion and brainstorming ensued.

Mr. Stull and Ms. Donovan opened the floor for public comment before the committee reached consensus. A member of the public offered comments. Ms. Berrios read a (previously submitted) public comment. Ms. Donovan recapped the Technical Committee's consensus to recommend the list of minimum standards after revising certain verbiage. Discussion ensued. Ms. Puckett reviewed the next steps to include revising the list, to refine, and to review the goals, and to present the draft list to the RFPG in April; not for voting just for consideration for continued discussion. Mr. Stull suggested to make a broad recommendation from the Technical Committee to the RFPG. Discussion ensued.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Next Key Milestones and Important Dates

Ms. Puckett updated the RFPG on the upcoming schedule: Chapter 3 wouldn't have final vote to adopt or recommend until the May meeting. Prior to that we have opportunity to draft the majority of chapter 3. 10 major task items with associated chapters will be forthcoming, per Mr. Stull. Ms. Puckett concluded by reminding the Committee that major votes will be reviewed at the April RFPG meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Consider Agenda Items for the next Technical Committee Meeting

Ms. Donovan asked for additional items to be considered in the next agenda and none were heard.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Public Comments – limit 3 minutes per person

Ms. Donovan opened the floor to public comments. Ms. Berrios stated that no additional requests were made for public comments.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Adjourn

Ms. Donovan moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:41 p.m.



Neil Gaynor, Secretary

Elisa Donovan, Chair

Additional public comments in chat:

From Susan Chadwick to everyone: 12:25 PM

I guess we would like to see more focus on addressing the causes of flooding and what individuals and communities can do, in addition to the focus on reducing flood damage.

From John to everyone: 12:28 PM

No, the money for the land is not important. It forces eminent domain on those of us who have had property for generations