

Meeting Minutes
Region 6 San Jacinto Regional Flood Planning Group
October 12, 2023 at 9:00 AM
Hybrid Meeting | Virtual Registration: [Link](#)
United Way; 50 Waugh Drive; Houston, TX 77007

Roll Call:

<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>Interest Category (Executive Committee role)</u>	<u>Present (x) / Absent () / 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)
Augustus Campbell	Public #1 (At-Large member)	X
Matthew Barrett	River Authorities (At-Large member)	X
Elisa Macia Donovan	Agricultural Interests	X (In-Person)
Connie Pothier	Small Business	X
Paul E. Lock	Electric Generating Utilities	X
Hanadi Rifai	Environmental Interests	X
Stephen Costello	Municipalities	X
Tina Petersen	Flood Districts	X (In-Person)
Todd Burrer	Water Utilities	X
Brian Maxwell	Coastal Communities	X
Christina Quintero	Public #2	X
Neil Gaynor	Upper Watershed	X

<u>Non-voting Member</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent () / Alternate Present (*)</u>
Hope Zubek	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	X
Michelle Ellis	Texas Division of Emergency Management	
Kristin Lambrecht	Texas Department of Agriculture	
Joel Clark	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	
Santiago Franco	Texas General Land Office	X
Megan Ingram	Texas Water Development Board	X * Ian Blair
Melinda Johnston	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	
Justin Bower	Houston-Galveston Area Council	
Ellie Alkhoury	Texas Department of Transportation	
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
Lisa Mairs	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	

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

Michael Turco	Lower Brazos RFPG	
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<u>Liaisons from Other Entities</u>	<u>Entity</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent()/Alternate Present (*)</u>
Mark Vogler	Lower Brazos RFPG	
Scott Harris	Trinity Region RFPG	
Liv Haselbach	Neches Region RFPG	
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.	
Brian Edmondson	Freese and Nichols Inc.	X
Andrew Moore	Halff, Associates	
Jacob Torres	Torres & Associates	
Evan Adrian	Torres & Associates	
Rachel Herr	Halff, Associates	X
Mariah Najmuddin	Hollaway Environmental + Communications	

<u>Project Sponsor</u>	<u>Entity</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent()/Alternate Present (*)</u>
Lea Sanford	Harris County Engineering Department	X (In-Person)
Mike Garcia	Harris County Engineering Department	X (In-Person)

Quorum:

Quorum: Yes

Number of voting members or alternates that were present: 10

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

Attendees:**

Remote:

Bob Kosar	Reem Zoun
David Parkhill	Peggy Zahler
Don Johnson	Trae Camble
Gary Bezemek	Vogler Mark

****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://www.sanjacintofloodplanning.org)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order

Mr. Buscha called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Welcome and Roll Call

Mr. Chan took attendance, and a quorum was determined to be present.

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

Mr. Buscha opened the floor for registered comments. There were no comments.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Texas Water Development Board Update

Mr. Blair stated that the Texas Water Development Board had a few updates for the planning group. He reported that TWDB is on schedule to provide RFI comment letters for the Amended Flood Plan. Mr. Blair stated that the TWDB anticipate delivering these letters either at the end of October or beginning of November.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Approval of Meeting Minutes – August 10, 2023

Mr. Buscha opened the floor for comments on the August 10, 2023 meeting minutes. Mr. Barrett provided minor comments. Mr. Barrett moved to approve the minutes as revised, and Ms. Vinson seconded. Mr. Buscha called for a vote and announced that the motion passed.

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

Mr. Buscha stated that a new voting member for Public Seat #1 will be considered under item 8.

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

- a. **Trinity Region** – Mr. Burrer did not provide an update.
- b. **Neches Region** – Ms. Hasselback was not available to provide an update.
- c. **Lower Brazos Region** – Mr. Turco was unavailable to provide an update.
- d. **Region H Water** – Mr. Wade was unavailable to provide an update.
- e. **Gulf Coast Protection District (GCPD)** – Ms. Bakko stated that the GCPD is partnering to identify sand sources for beach nourishment activities in the Texas Coastal Project and areas where the General Land Office conducts their beach nourishment. Ms. Bakko reviewed GCPD's effort to meet with the federal government to advance the Texas Coastal Project.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on the Solicitation Process for the Public Seat #1 Voting Member Representative Vacancy

Mr. Buscha said that the Executive Committee reviewed the application for the Public Seat #1 position, conducted interviews, and recommends the appointment of Augustus Campbell as the Public Seat # 1. Ms. Donovan stressed the importance of the role and motioned to appoint Augustus Campbell as the Public Seat #1 voting member and Alia Vinson seconded the motion, Mr. Buscha announced that the Motions passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Update by the Project Sponsor regarding the application for grant funds and contract with TWDB, on behalf of the RFPG

Mr. Burden stated we are not able to apply until November 9th and that the Sponsor has gotten new staff to support RFPG efforts.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Presentation and Update from the Technical Consultant on the development of the Regional Flood Plan.

Mr. Stull said that the amended plan was submitted to the TWDB in the summer and the Texas Water Development Board is reviewing and the Consultant is waiting on the RFIs. He indicated that RFIs should come later in the month. The earliest the funds will be open is in the first quarter of next year.

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

Ms. Vinson made a motion to approve the Administrative Expenses presented by the Project Sponsor. and seconded the motion. After taking a vote, Mr. Buscha announced the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Presentation of 2023 Planning Group Key Dates and Deadlines:

- a. Upcoming Planning Schedule Milestones
- b. Next RFPG Planning Meeting to be held on December 14, 2023

Mr. Buscha described the planning schedule milestones and stated that the next RFPG planning meeting will be held December 14,2023

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

Mr. Buscha stated that he hopes there will be more public engagement in 2024 due to the efforts of the public members and networks from the state's involvement.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: Consider Agenda Items for Next Meeting

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

- Discuss RFQ for technical consultant

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: Public Comments – Limit 3 Minutes Per Person

Mr. Buscha opened the floor to any public comments. There were no comments.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16: Adjournment

Mr. Buscha announced the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.



Erwin Burden, Secretary



Tim Buscha, Chair