

Meeting Minutes
Region 6 San Jacinto Regional Flood Planning Group
 October 10, 2024, at 9:00 AM
 Hybrid Meeting
 East Aldine District: 2909 East Aldine Amphitheater Drive

<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>Interest Category</u> <u>(Executive Committee</u> <u>role)</u>	<u>Present (x) /Absent () /</u> <u>Alternate Present (*)</u>
Timothy E. Buscha	Industries (Chair)	X
Alia Vinson	Water Districts (Vice Chair)	X
Erwin Burden	Counties (Secretary)	x
Augustus Campbell	Public #1 (At-Large member)	
Matthew Barrett	River Authorities (At-Large member)	X
Elisa Macia Donovan	Agricultural Interests	X
Connie Pothier	Small Business	X
Paul E. Lock	Electric Generating Utilities	
Hanadi Rifai	Environmental Interests	X
Vacant	Municipalities	
Tina Petersen	Flood Districts	Gary Bezemek*
Todd Burrer	Water Utilities	
Brian Maxwell	Coastal Communities	Bob Kosar*
Christina Quintero	Public #2	X
Imelda Diaz	Upper Watershed	X
Augustus Campbell	Public #1	

<u>Non-voting Member</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent (</u> <u>)/ Alternate Present</u> <u>(*)</u>
Hope Zubek	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	
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	
Cynthia Nolasco	Texas Water Development Board	Nicholas Collins*
Melinda Johnston	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	
Justin Bower	Houston-Galveston Area Council	
Ellie Alkhoury	Texas Department of Transportation	
Tom Heidt	Port Houston	

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Michael Turco	Harris-Galveston Subsidence District	X
Brandon Wade	Region H Regional Water Planning Group	
Sally Bakko	Gulf Coast Protection District	
Lisa Mairs	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	

<u>Liaisons from RFG</u>	<u>Regional Flood Planning Group</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)</u>
Todd Burrer	Trinity Region RFG	
Liv Haselbach	Neches Region RFG	
Mark Vogler	Lower Brazos RFG	X

<u>Liaisons from Other Entities</u>	<u>Entity</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)</u>
Brandon Wade	Region H Regional Water Planning Group	
Cory Stull	FNI	X
Maggie Puckett	FNI	X

<u>Project Sponsor</u>	<u>Entity</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)</u>
Lea Sanford	Office of the County Engineer	x
Mike Garcia	Office of the County Engineer	x
Jonathan Spellman	Office of the County Engineer	x
Timothy Williams	Office of the County Engineer	x
Binul Boben	Office of the County Engineer	X

Quorum:

Number of voting members or alternates that were present: (11) total, (8) at time of quorum

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

Attendees: Remote:**

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***Meeting attendee names were gathered from the WebEx meeting platform.*

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Meeting Date: October 10, 2024

Start Time: 9:03 AM

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Welcome and Roll Call

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - Roll call was conducted (see attendee list).
 - A quorum was established.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Public Comments on Agenda Items

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - No public comments were submitted.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Update

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - On October 2, 2024, the flood planning team received guidance on amending the 2023 RFP.
 - TWDB provided additional instructions to align with the 2026-2027 Flood Infrastructure Fund cycle.
 - The deadline for submitting amendments to TWDB is April 1, 2025.
 - More details are available on the [TWDB website](#).

AGENDA ITEM 5: Approval of Meeting Minutes

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - There were no further comments or discussions on the meeting minutes.
 - A motion to approve the minutes was made by Alia Vinson and seconded by Erwin Burden.
 - The meeting minutes were unanimously approved by the planning group.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Liaison Reports on Regional Progress and Related Entities

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - **Trinity Region:** Absent
 - **Neches Region:** Absent

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- **Lower Brazos Region:** Progressing as planned.
 - **Region H Water:** The 2026 plan is progressing as expected.
 - **Gulf Coast Protection District (GCPD):** Absent
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AGENDA ITEM 7: Executive Committee’s Recommendation for Vacant Municipalities Board Position

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - The Executive Committee interviewed two candidates last month.
 - Discussion covered small vs. large city flood management strategies and the importance of broad city representation.
 - Proposal to create an additional voting position for small municipalities.
 - The process for creating a new voting position must comply with Section 4.2 of the SJRFPG bylaws.
 - Approval of this new position requires a two-thirds majority (15 votes) from all voting members.
 - Action Item: OCE will gather city population data and present it to SJRFPG.
 - Discussion on appropriate population size to define a small municipality.
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AGENDA ITEM 8: Update on SJRFPG’s Contract with TWDB and Technical Consultant Status for 2028 Flood Planning Cycle

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - The TWDB contract is being routed for signatures.
 - Once signed, it will be sent to Judge Hidalgo for a signature.
 - The agreement will be reviewed at the October 29, 2024, Commissioner’s Court.
 - FNI’s contract is finalized, targeting approval by October 29, 2024; if delayed, it will be moved to November 12, 2024.
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AGENDA ITEM 9: Discussion on Amendments to Regional Flood Plan

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - Introduction of the FNI team.
 - Discussion of potential amendments to the flood plan, including adding new FMX or modifying existing FMX projects.
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AGENDA ITEM 10: Key Dates and Deadlines for 2024 Planning Group

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- **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - Upcoming milestones and deadlines were presented.
 - The next RFPG Planning Meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2024 .
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AGENDA ITEM 11: Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - Creating a new voting position for small municipalities.
 - Onboarding of the technical consultant.
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AGENDA ITEM 12: Public Comments

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - No public comments were made.
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AGENDA ITEM 13: Adjournment

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - The meeting was adjourned 10:03 am

MEETING END TIME



Erwin Burden, Secretary

10/21/2024



Tim Buscha, Chair