

Meeting Minutes
Region 6 San Jacinto Regional Flood Planning Group
 January 9, 2025 at 9:00 AM
 Public Meeting
 United Way Center: 50 Waugh Drive Houston, Tx 77007

<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>Interest Category (Executive Committee role)</u>	<u>Present (x) / Absent () / Alternate Present (*)</u>
Timothy E. Buscha	Industries (Chair)	X
Alia Vinson	Water Districts (Vice Chair)	X
Erwin Burden	Counties (Secretary)	
Augustus Campbell	Public #1 (At-Large member)	X
Matthew Barrett	River Authorities (At-Large member)	X
Tina Petersen	Flood Districts	X
Elisa Macia Donovan	Agricultural Interests	x
Connie Pothier	Small Business	X
Paul E. Lock	Electric Generating Utilities	X
Hanadi Rifai	Environmental Interests	X
Paresh Lad	Municipalities	X
Jildardo Arias	Small Municipalities	X
Todd Burrer	Water Utilities	X
Brian Maxwell	Coastal Communities	Bob Kosar *
Christina Quintero	Public #2	X
Imelda Diaz	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	
Michelle Ellis	Texas Division of Emergency Management	
Kristin Lambrecht	Texas Department of Agriculture	X
Joel Clark	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	
Santiago Franco	Texas General Land Office	
Nicholas Collins	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	
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	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
Liv Haselbach	Neches Region RFPG	
Mark Vogler	Lower Brazos RFPG	
Alisa Max	Region H Water	

<u>Liaisons from Other Entities</u>	<u>Entity</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)</u>
Brian Edmondson	FNI	
Cory Stull	FNI	X
Maggie Puckett	FNI	X
Johnny Kim	Halff	X
Thomas Quintero	FNI	X
Ericka Reyes	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
Binil Boben	Office of the County Engineer	

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Quorum:

Number of voting members or alternates that were present: (14) total, (8) at time of quorum
Number required for quorum per current voting membership of 15: 8

Attendees:** Remote: Michelle Tracy

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

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - The meeting was called to order at 9:00 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:**
 - No new updates

AGENDA ITEM 5: Approval of Meeting Minutes

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - Meeting Minutes were approved - upon edits being complete
 - Marking Sally Bakko present

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

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - **Trinity Region:** Todd Burrer, will have an update next meeting
 - **Neches Region:** Absent
 - **Lower Brazos Region:** Mark Vogler - no comments made
 - **Region H Water:** Finishing their next planning cycle; next meeting is in February
 - **Gulf Coast Protection District (GCPD):**
 - 2024 Army Corps of Engineers Work Plans
 - Funding Secured: \$500,000 allocated for breakwaters along the

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Intracoastal Waterway in the West Bay area.

- Future Competitiveness: GCPD will be positioned to compete for implementation funding once final specs and designs are complete.
- Amendment Submitted: Allows the Army Corps to accept accelerated funding, enabling GCPD to use state funds.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Update from the Project Sponsor regarding the status of the Contract Approval for the Technical Consultant for the 2028 Regional Flood Planning Cycle.

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - Contract was approved on 1/22/2025 Commissioners Court .

AGENDA ITEM 8: Consideration and possible action on Executive Committee Recommendation for the Vacant Municipalities and Small Municipalities Voting Member Positions.

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - The Executive Committee has formally recommended the following candidates for representation:
 - **Paresh Lad – City of Houston** (*Representing Municipalities*)
 - **Jildardo Arias – City of Friendswood** (*Representing Small Municipalities*)
 - Motion and Approval:
 - A motion was made and seconded to nominate Paresh Lad and Jildardo Arias for their respective roles.
After discussion, the motion was put to a vote and carried by the majority.
 - Chair advised newly elected candidates of:
 - Their Elected Positions
 - Paresh Lad – City of Houston (Representing Municipalities)
 - Jildardo Arias – City of Friendswood (Representing Small Municipalities)
 - Term Limits
 - Municipalities Expires: 7/10/2025
 - Small Municipalities Expires: 7/10/2028

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AGENDA ITEM 9: Update from the SJRFPG Technical Consultant on the 2028 Planning Cycle, schedule, and upcoming technical tasks

- **Discussion/Action Items:** (see meeting material for more info.)
 - Update on Amendment to the 2023 RFP
 - 3B Flood MIT needs Analysis
 - 3C Flood MIT & Management Goals
 - **New 2028 Planning Cycle Tasks**
 - 4C Perform FMEs
 - 5B Recommends FMEs for TWDB to perform
 - 11 Comparison to Prior Flood Plans
 - Overview of 2028 Planning Cycle
 - 2028 Flood Planning Cycle – Schedule
 - Future date and Milestones
 - Discuss Task 1 and Public Survey
 - Selection of FMEs to Perform

AGENDA ITEM 10: Discussion and possible action for the nominations for Chairs of the SJRFPG working subcommittees

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - Public Engagement:
 - Past Chair: Todd Burrer
 - High demand 2025-2026 (~18months)
 - Technical:
 - Past Chair: Elisa Donovan
 - Discussed past roles and responsibilities of chair
 - Subcommittee meetings are public meetings

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- Public Information act
- Discussion on subcommittee role in 2028 Planning cycle
 - Amendment Process
 - Coordination of outreach sessions
- Chair seeks volunteers to chair and vice chair these subcommittees
 - **The official voting for each subcommittee chair will occur at the first subcommittee meeting**
- SJRFPG Sponsor will coordinate and establish:
 - Documentation of all members willing to serve
 - Public Engagement:
 - Todd Burrer
 - Imelda Diaz
 - Connie Pothier
 - Augustus Campbell
 - Christina Quintero
 - Technical:
 - Elisa Donovan
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 - Bob Kosar
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 - Larry Goldberg
 - Hanadi Rifai
 - Coordinate 1st subcommittee meeting wherein the 1st action items will be voting in Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary

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AGENDA ITEM 11: Presentation 2025 Planning Group Key Dates and Deadlines

- a. **Upcoming Planning Schedule Milestones**
- b. **Next SJRFPG Planning Meeting to be held March 13, 2025**
- **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - Sponsor will disseminate Technical Consultant summary via email
 - Next meeting will be February 13, 2025

AGENDA ITEM 12: Consider Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - Approve membership of subcommittees
 - Election of Officer for the Planning Group
 - Chair, V. Chair, and Secretary
 - Selection of Executive Committee
 - Chair, V. Chair, Secretary, At Large #1, and At Large # 2

AGENDA ITEM 13: Pre-planning Public Input: Solicit Public input regarding suggestions and recommendations as to issues, provisions, projects, and strategies that should be considered during the flood planning cycle and/or input on the development of the regional flood plan (as required per Texas Water Code 16.02 (d) and Texas Administrative Code RULE 361.21 (h))

- **Discussion/Action Items:** Moved to next meeting agenda February 13, 2025

AGENDA ITEM 14: Public Comments – Limit 3 Minutes Per Person

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

AGENDA ITEM 16: Adjournment

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - The meeting was adjourned 10:34 am

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MEETING END TIME: 10:34 am



Erwin Burden, Secretary



Tim Buscha, Chair