

Meeting Minutes
Region 6 San Jacinto Regional Flood Planning Group
May 1, 2025, at 9:00 AM
Hybrid Meeting

<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)	X
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
Paresh Lad	Municipalities	
Jildardo Arias	Small Municipalities	X
Tina Petersen	Flood Districts	X
Todd Burrer	Water Utilities	X
Vacant	Coastal Communities	
Christina Quintero	Public #2	X
Imelda Diaz	Upper Watershed	

<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	
Nicholas Collins	Texas Water Development Board	
Melinda Johnston	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	
Justin Bower	Houston-Galveston Area Council	
Ellie Alkhoury	Texas Department of Transportation	
Michael Turco	Harris-Galveston Subsidence District	
Alisa Max	Region H Regional Water Planning Group	

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Sally Bakko	Gulf Coast Protection District	
Tom Heidt	Port Houston	
Lisa Mairs	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	X

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<u>Liaisons from RFPG</u>	<u>Regional Flood Planning Group</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)</u>
Todd Burrer	Trinity Region RFPG	X
Steve Moon	Neches Region RFPG	
Mark Vogler	Lower Brazos RFPG	
Alisa Max	Region H Water	
Sally Bakko	Gulf Coast Protection District	

<u>Liaisons from Other Entities</u>	<u>Entity</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)</u>
Brian Edmondson	FNI	X
Cory Stull	FNI	X
Maggie Puckett	FNI	X

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

Quorum:

Number of voting members or alternates that were present: (12) total, (12) at time of quorum

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

Attendees:** Remote: Michelle Tracy - SJRA

***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).

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- A quorum was established.
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AGENDA ITEM 3: Registered Public Comments on Agenda Items (Limit of 3 Minutes Per Person)

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - No public comments were submitted.
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AGENDA ITEM 4: Texas Water Development Board Update

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - Representative was not present
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AGENDA ITEM 5: Approval of Meeting Minutes

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - Alia Vinson made a motion to approve
 - The motion was 2nd by Jildardo Arias
 - Meeting Minutes were approved
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AGENDA ITEM 6: Liaison Reports Pertaining to Other Region(s) Progress and Status and other Related Entities.

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - Nothing to report
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AGENDA ITEM 7: Discussion and appointment of the Coastal Community Voting Member

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - The Executive Committee did not convene to discuss Voting Member nomination
 - Bob Kosar – Was the only applicant with a complete application submission.
 - Executive Committee work with Bob Kosar as an active member of SJRFPG as well as acting as an alternate for the coastal communities voting member

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- Per bylaws a majority vote is needed by present members to appoint a voting member to an open position.
- Alia Vinson made a motion to approve Bob Kosar nomination as the coastal communities voting member
 - The motion was 2nd by Elisa Macia Donovan
 - **Vote: 12- Yay 0- Nay**
- Motion carried Bob Kosar has been appointed Coastal Communities voting member

AGENDA ITEM 8: SJRFPG – Technical Committee Report

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - **Technical Committee** elected a Chair (Imelda Diaz) , Vice Chair (Larry Goldberg) and Secretary (Augustus Campbell)
 - **Discussion – Task 2A** Existing Condition Flood Risk Analysis
 - Data hierarchy to define existing flood risk across the region
 - **Discussion – Task 4C** - Performance of FMEs
 - May 2025 – **Action Needed:** Select FMEs to perform, Discuss Task 2B and 3B
 - June/August 2025 - Review result of Task 2A/2B and 3B, Consider updates to goals for Task 3C
 - September 2025 – **Action Needed:** Adopt Goals -Task 3C, Recommend minimum standards -Task 3A, and Present list of identified FMXs for recommendation
 - November 2025 – **Action Needed:** Vote to Approve Tech Memo and Discuss FIF Technical Assistance ahead of FY26-27 Call for applications

AGENDA ITEM 9: SJRFPG – Public Engagement Committee Report

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - **The Public Engagement Committee** elected a Chair (Todd Burrer) , Vice Chair (Paul Lock) and Secretary (Augustus Campbell)

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- The Chair notes that we are heading in the direction needed to complete this 2024-2028 planning cycle
 - The Technical consultant shared several ideas to get the public involved with the survey.
 - The plan is to continue to build on the previous planning cycle.
- The SJRFPG Chair made a motion to have the Technical Consultant continue its public relations plan to roll out the survey to the public
 - No objections were made

AGENDA ITEM 10: Update from the SJRFPG Technical Consultant on the 2028 Planning Cycle including discussion and possible action to approve a prioritized list of FMEs to perform under Task 4C

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - **Task 2A** – Existing Condition Flood Risk Analysis
 - **2nd Cycle** – Technical Consultant Recommendation
 - **Community Models & Maps (Atlas 14, MDPs, and MAAPnext)**
 - **2D BLE**
 - **FEMA Detailed NFHL**
 - **1D BLE**
 - **Fathom**
 - **Task 3A** – Floodplain Management Practices
 - Recommendations by local entities, or those representing RFPG-adopted minimum standards, must be adopted by the local entities before the RFPG can include any FMEs, FMSs, or FMPs.
 - Technical Consultant shall
 - Collect Survey Responses
 - Analysis of updated DCMs, NFIP and CRS participation
 - Review and compare to 2024 State Flood Plan/ Other 2023 Regional

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- **Task 4c** – Performance of FMEs
 - **Task 4C Budget** = \$942,500
 - **Ranked based on Task 12 prioritization criteria from the 1st cycle**
 - **Filtered to <= \$100,000**
 - **FMEs with rural sponsors to be removed and recommended to be performed by TWDB**
 - **Ranked list subject to change based on additional coordination with FME sponsors**
 - **Technical Consultant requests the following motion:** To Approve the methodology for prioritizing FMEs to perform under Task 4c
 - **Technical Consultant requests the following motion:** To Authorize the Technical Consultant to conduct outreach to sponsors to confirm the following with sponsors of high ranking FMEs:
 - **Scope description**
 - **Level of effort**
 - **Interest in RFPG performing the FME**
- **2028 Regional Flood Planning Schedule**
 - **June/August 2025-** RFPG Meeting- Review results of Task 2A/2B – Pending MAAPnext availability
 - **September 2025** - (Action Needed) Adopt Goals (Task 3C); Recommend Min Standards (Task 3A) Present list of identified FMXs for recommendation
 - **November 2025** – (Action Needed) Vote to Approve Tech Memo. Discuss FIF Technical Assistance ahead of FY26-27 Call for Apps

AGENDA ITEM 11: Consider Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - Next Meeting will be August 14th
 - Technical Committee meeting report

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- Public Engagement Committee Meeting Report

AGENDA ITEM 12: Public Comments – Limit 3 Minutes Per Person

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - None

AGENDA ITEM 13: Adjournment

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - The meeting was adjourned 10:15 am

MEETING END TIME: 10:15 am

Erwin Burden, Secretary

Tim Buscha, Chair