

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Region 6 San Jacinto Regional Flood Planning Group**  
September 11, 2025, at 10:00 AM  
Public Meeting  
Harris-Galveston Subsidence District  
1660 W Bay Area Blvd, Friendswood, TX 77546

<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)	X
Augustus Campbell	Public #1 (At-Large member)	X
Matthew Barrett	River Authorities (At-Large member)	X
Tina Petersen	Flood Districts	Gary Bezemek*
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
Vacant	Coastal Communities	
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	X
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	David Saha*
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
Ericka Reyes	FNI	X
Thomas Quintero	FNI	X
Rachel Herr	Halff	X
Aubrey Spear	SJRA	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: (15) total, (15) at time of quorum  
Number required for quorum per current voting membership of 15: 15

**Attendees\*\*: Remote: Michelle Tracy**

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

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**AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order**

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
  - The meeting was called to order at 10:11 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**
- **Chris Block (retired engineer from Kingwood):**
  - Asked whether SJRFPG plans to track stormwater volume by event, noting that after the May 2 storm he calculated ~1,415,000 acre-feet of water passed over the spillway into the “Houston dam” (per his calculation).
  - Noted that the state legislature has mandated attention to freshwater issues; Region 6 often discusses detention basins and he asked whether retention basins have also been considered.
- **Imad Abdullah (Landmark Architects):**
  - Suggested strategies to reduce flooding in the Houston area, including:
    - Reducing inflows from the Cinco Reserve area,
    - Connecting flows to additional bayous, and
    - Increasing capacity to Brazos Bayou.

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

**Discussion/Action Items**

- TWDB technical session: scheduled for September 12, 2025. Members who did not receive an invite may contact Nichlos Collins to attend.
- Exhibit C – Technical Guidelines: updates were made; a link to the revised guidance will be posted in the meeting chat.

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**AGENDA ITEM 5: Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**Discussion/Action Items**

- **Status:** Meeting minutes approved pending edits.
- **Motion:** Approve the May 1 and August 14 minutes after revisions; Matt Barrett to

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coordinate with the SJRFPG Group Sponsor to finalize edits.

- 1st: Alia Vinson
- 2nd: Matt Barrett
- Vote: Aye – 15, Nay – 0

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

#### Discussion/Action Items

- **Trinity Region (Todd Burrer):** Following the same directive as the San Jacinto Region.
- **Neches Region:** No report.
- **Lower Brazos Region:** Hosted multiple recent public meetings in an open-house format to enable community Q&A with staff. Next meeting: September 18 at the Brazos River Authority.
- **Region H Water:** Wrapping up the current planning cycle. Next meeting: October 4, when the final plan will be submitted to the board for review.
- **Gulf Coast Protection District (GCPD):**
  - Coastal Texas Breakwater Project at 30% design; on schedule to reach 60% design this year.
  - In July, GCPD released two RFQs (design and environmental); interviews will be conducted with all candidates (*see last meeting minutes for background*).
  - The U.S. House passed an Energy and Water Development appropriations bill that includes a \$5,000,000 Community Project Funding request for the Coastal Texas project.

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### AGENDA ITEM 7: SJRFPG – Technical Committee Report

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
  - No updates to report.

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### AGENDA ITEM 8: SJRFPG – Public Engagement Committee Report

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
    - No updates to report.
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**AGENDA ITEM 9: Update from the SJRFPG Technical Consultant on the 2028 Planning Cycle including discussion and possible action to approve Minimum Standards for Task 3A and Floodplain Management Goals for Task 3C**

- **Discussion/Action Items:** (see meeting material for more info.)

- Task 2B – Future Condition Flood Risk Analysis

- **Northern Zone (north of Harris County)**

- SJ RMDP future models — *simulated with future rainfall*
    - 2D BLE model — *simulated with future rainfall*
    - 1D BLE models — *with vertical buffer*
    - Future Fathom Scenario 3

- **Central Zone (Harris County)**

- MAAPnext models — *simulated with future rainfall*
    - Future Fathom Scenario 3

- **Coastal Zone (south and east of Harris County)**

- 2D GLO models — *simulated with future rainfall + sea-level rise (SLR)*
    - 2D BLE models — *simulated with future rainfall + SLR*
    - Future Fathom Scenario 3

- Task 3A – Floodplain Management Practices

- Proposed Minimum Standards

- Feedback solicited at: July Technical Committee meeting. During and after August RFPG meeting

- Proposed Minimum Standards posted online

- Key requirement for the Technical Memo
    - 13 minimum standards recommended:
      - 7 with no change
      - 1 updated
      - 5 new

- Discussion and possible action:

- Continue to recommend the updated and added minimum standards
    - Applies to the San Jacinto Regional Flood Plan (SJ RFP)

- Submit all comments to the Technical Consultant by November 10th

- Task 3C – Flood Mitigation and Flood Management Goals

- Feedback solicited at:

- July Technical Committee meeting
    - During and after August RFPG meeting

- Proposed Goals posted online

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- *Key requirement* for the **Technical Memo**
- 17 total goals:
  - 15 first-cycle goals with documented progress
  - 2 new second-cycle goals
- Discussion and possible action:
  - Approving the new second-cycle Floodplain Management Goals
  - For the San Jacinto Regional Flood Plan (SJRFPP)
- A motion to adopt the current goal represented by the technical consultant documented in Task 3C approved upon edits
  - **1<sup>st</sup>**: Tim Buscha
  - **2<sup>nd</sup>**: Erwin Burden
  - Yay: 15    Nay: 0    Abstain: 0
- Task 4C – Performance of FMEs
  - Technical Consultant Outreach to Sponsors – Results
    - 31 sponsors contacted
    - 27 FMEs (**Flood Management Evaluations**) advanced by sponsor or not interested
    - 18 FMEs confirmed interested **by** 9 unique sponsors
    - 0 sponsors left to contact
- **Future Meeting Dates & Content**
  - August 2025 – RFPG Meeting
    - Review progress of Tasks 2A / 2B
    - Conduct Task 3B Needs Analysis
    - Consider updates to goals (Task 3C)
  - September 2025 – RFPG Meeting (*Action Needed*)
    - Review progress of Task 2A / 2B
    - Adopt Goals (Task 3C) and recommend Minimum Standards (Task 3A)
    - Present list of potentially feasible FMXs identified this cycle
  - October 2025 – Technical Committee Meeting
    - Present results of Task 2A / 2B
    - Provide input on Needs Analysis (Task 3B)
    - Develop Prioritized List of FMEs for TWDB to perform (*due March 2026*)
  - October 2025 – Public Engagement Committee Meeting
    - Approve planning for Public Meeting Series to occur Q1 of 2026
  - November 2025 – RFPG Meeting (*Action Needed*)
    - Vote to approve the Technical Memo
    - Discuss FIF Technical Assistance ahead of FY26–27 Call for Applications
  - January 2026 – RFPG Meeting
    - Focus on FMEs, RFPG, and TWDB to perform this cycle
    - Begin planning for Q1 2026 Public Meetings

### AGENDA ITEM 10: Discussion on 2026 Meeting Schedule, Location and Meeting Format.

- **Discussion/Action Items:**

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- Meeting start time changed from 9:00am to 10:00am
- Location
  - **Aldine town center had some limitations.**
  - **HDSD will be in November**
  - **Meeting location 2026**
    - HDSD is setup for public meetings
    - Aldine and United Way Center was not space for this public facing meeting
    - Maintain 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month.
    - Use Alternate if you can not come
    - Harris County Commissioner Court meet on some Thursdays.

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**AGENDA ITEM 11: Consider Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
  - Selection of the coastal communities voting member position

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

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

**AGENDA ITEM 13: Adjournment**

- **Discussion/Action Items:**
  - The meeting was adjourned 11:33 am

**MEETING END TIME: 11:33 am**

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Erwin Burden, Secretary

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Tim Buscha, Chair