

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Region 6 San Jacinto Regional Flood Planning Group**  
**November 13, 2025, 10:00 AM**  
**Hybrid Meeting**

| <b>Voting Member</b> | <b>Interest Category<br/>(Executive Committee Role)</b> | <b>Present (x) Absent ( )<br/>Alternate Present (*)</b> |
|----------------------|---|---|
| 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   |
| 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  | X   |
| Jildardo Arias       | Small Municipalities                                    | X   |
| Tina Petersen        | Flood Districts   | *Gary Bezemek   |
| Todd Burrer          | Water Utilities   | *Mark Yentzen   |
| Vacant               | Coastal Communities                                     |   |
| Christina Quintero   | Public #2   | X   |
| Imelda Diaz          | Upper Watershed   | X   |

| <b>Non-Voting Member</b> | <b>Agency</b>                               | <b>Present (x) Absent ( )<br/>Alternate Present (*)</b> |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| 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 & Water Conservation Board |   |
| Santiago Franco          | Texas General Land Office                   |   |
| Nicholas Collins         | Texas Water Development Board               | *Katie Koslan   |
| 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        | X   |
| Brandon Wade             | Region H Regional Water Planning Group      |   |
| Sally Bakko              | Gulf Coast Protection District              | X   |
| Lisa Mairs               | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers                |   |

| Liaisons from RFPG | Regional Flood Planning Group  | Present (x) Absent ( )<br>Alternate Present (*) |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Todd Burrer        | Trinity Region RFPG            | *   |
| Liv Haselbach      | Neches Region RFPG             |   |
| Mark Vogler        | Lower Brazos RFPG              |   |
| Alisa Max          | Region H RWPG                  |   |
| Sally Bakko        | Gulf Coast Protection District | X   |

| Liaisons from Other Entities | Entity | Present (x) Absent ( )<br>Alternate Present (*) |
|------------------------------|--------|---|
| Brian Edmondson              | FNI    |   |
| Cory Stull                   | FNI    |   |
| Maggie Puckett               | FNI    |   |

| Project Sponsor   | Entity                        | Present (x) Absent ( )<br>Alternate Present (*) |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Mike Garcia       | Office of the County Engineer |   |
| Saad Hassan       | Office of the County Engineer | X   |
| Timothy Williams  | Office of the County Engineer | X   |
| Jonathan Spellman | Office of the County Engineer | X   |

**Quorum**

- Number of voting members or alternates present at time of quorum: **9**
- Number required for quorum (out of 15): **8**
- **Quorum was established**

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**AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order at **10:11 AM**.

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**AGENDA ITEM 2: Welcome and Roll Call**

- Roll call was conducted.
- A quorum was established.

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**AGENDA ITEM 3: Public Comments on Agenda Items****Discussion/Action Items:**

- **Imad Abdullah**, Landmark Architects Inc., provided public comment regarding a conceptual flood mitigation approach involving redirecting flows from Addicks and Barker Reservoirs westward toward the Brazos and San Bernard Rivers to reduce downstream flooding south of I-10.
- Mr. Abdullah submitted supporting materials to the Chair for distribution.
- No other public comments were received, either in person or online.

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**AGENDA ITEM 4: Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Update****Discussion/Action Items:**

- TWDB provided updates on:
  - **Technical Memorandum due January 7, 2026**, including public notice requirements.
  - Clarification regarding **Exhibit C tables** related to FMXs.
  - Approval of **Task 5B contracts** for FMEs in small and rural communities.
  - September 12, 2025 technical conference call materials.
  - Distribution of FME templates and Task 5B metric survey.
  - SB3 emergency siren assessment responsibilities.
- TWDB staff presented an overview of the **Flood Management Evaluation (FME) Program**, including:
  - Purpose, eligibility, required deliverables, budget caps, and timeline.
  - March 26, 2026 deadline for the ordered list of FMEs and first two scopes of work.

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**AGENDA ITEM 5: Approval of Meeting Minutes****Discussion/Action Items:**

- The **September 11, 2025 meeting minutes** were reviewed.
- Minor non-substantive corrections were noted.
- **Motion:** Approve the September 11, 2025 meeting minutes with noted revisions.
  - First: Alia Vinson
  - Second: Augustus Campbell
  - **Vote:** Yes – Unanimous
- **Motion carried.**

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## **AGENDA ITEM 6: Liaison Reports**

### **Discussion/Action Items:**

- **Trinity Region RFPG** – Public engagement planning underway.
- **Lower Brazos RFPG** – Public meetings completed; technical work ongoing.
- **Region H RWPG** – Regional Water Plan approved; next cycle begins January.
- **Gulf Coast Protection District** – Approved master services agreements with Jacobs (Bolivar Roads Gate System) and HDR (Bolivar & West Galveston Beach and Dune System); funding and federal coordination updates provided.

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## **AGENDA ITEM 7: Appointment to Coastal Communities Voting Member Position**

### **Discussion/Action Items:**

- Application from **Samantha Heritos**, Galveston County Consolidated Drainage District, was reviewed.
- **Motion:** Appoint Samantha Heritos to the Coastal Communities voting member position.
  - First: Alia Vinson
  - Second: Augustus Campbell
  - **Vote:** Yes – Unanimous
- **Motion carried.**

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## **AGENDA ITEM 8: Technical Committee Report**

- No quorum; no official action taken.

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## **AGENDA ITEM 9: Public Engagement Committee Report**

- Planning underway for **five in-person public meetings in 2026** (four quadrants and one central location).
- Continued coordination with the technical consultant.

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## **AGENDA ITEM 10: Technical Consultant Update – 2028 Planning Cycle**

### **Task 3A – Recommended Minimum Standards**

- **Motion:** Recommend updated minimum standards, including development and maintenance of Hazard Mitigation Plans.
  - **Vote:** Approved unanimously.

### **Task 3C – Flood Mitigation and Floodplain Management Goals**

- **Motion:** Adopt an additional goal encouraging regulation using Atlas 14 rainfall data by **2038**.
  - **Vote:** Approved unanimously.

### **Task 4B – Technical Memorandum**

- **Motion:** Approve the Technical Memorandum, subject to minor non-substantive edits, and authorize submission to TWDB.
  - **Vote:** Approved unanimously.

**Task 4C – FMEs Performed by Technical Consultant**

- **Motion:** Authorize the technical consultant to perform **11 FMEs** (estimated \$810,000).
  - **Vote:** Approved unanimously.

**Task 5B – Small/Rural Community FMEs**

- Discussion held regarding definition of “small or rural community.”
- **Action deferred;** technical consultant directed to return with proposed definition and candidate list at the January meeting.

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

- Next meeting scheduled for **January 2026**, second Thursday at **10:00 AM**.
- In-person attendance encouraged beginning in 2026.

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**AGENDA ITEM 12: Public Comments**

- No additional public comments.

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**AGENDA ITEM 13: Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at **11:44 AM**.
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**Timothy E. Buscha, Chair**

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**Erwin Burden, Secretary**