

Meeting Minutes
Region 6 San Jacinto Regional Flood Planning Group

February 12, 2026, at 10:00 AM

Harris Galveston Subsidence District: 1660 W. Bay Area Blvd., Friendswood, TX

<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>Interest Category</u> <u>(Executive Committee 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)	
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	*Corbitt Kerr
Todd Burrer	Water Utilities	
Samantha Haritos	Coastal Communities	X
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>
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	*Brian Koch
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	
Ellie Alkhoury	Texas Department of Transportation	
Michael Turco	Harris-Galveston Subsidence District	X
Alisa Max	Region H Regional Water Planning Group	
Sally Bakko	Gulf Coast Protection District	X
Tom Heidt	Port Houston	
Lisa Mairs	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	

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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	
Steve Moon	Neches Region RFPG	
Mark Vogler	Lower Brazos RFPG	
Alisa Max	Region H Water	
Sally Bakko	Gulf Coast Protection District	X

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

<u>Project Sponsor</u>	<u>Entity</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)</u>
Saad Hassan	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, (10) at time of quorum.

Number required for quorum per current voting membership of 16: 8

Attendees: Remote: N/A**

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AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at **10:06 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: Registered Public Comments on Agenda Items

Discussion/Action Items:

- No 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 was due January 7, 2026.** The Administrative Completeness Review is complete, and TWDB staff notified regions with a notice to proceed.
 - February 10th – Regional Flood Planning staff sent FAQ email to provide additional information on the FME for Small Communities effort. TWDB is hosting a courtesy virtual information session on February 27th at 230p to provide overview of the draft 2026-2027 Flood Infrastructure Fund Intended Use Plan.
 - Ordered list of FMEs under Task 5B due on or before March 26, 2026.
 - Contract with Texas A&M AgriLife to calculate a model for calculating economic losses due to flooding events on agricultural lands. Complete and published on the TWDB website.
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AGENDA ITEM 5: Approval of Meeting Minutes

Discussion/Action Items:

- The **November 13, 2025 meeting minutes** were reviewed.
 - Minor non-substantive corrections were noted.
 - **Motion:** Approve the November 13, 2025 meeting minutes with noted revisions.
 - First: Alia Vinson
 - Second: Elisa Donovan
 - **Vote:** Yes – Unanimous
 - **Motion carried.**
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AGENDA ITEM 6: Liaison Reports Pertaining to Other Region(s) Progress and Status and Other Related

Entities:

- **Trinity Region RFPG** – In process of holding Public Meetings.
 - **Lower Brazos RFPG** – Public meetings completed, technical work ongoing.
 - **Region H RWPG** – Regional Water Plan approved; 7th round cycle has begun.
 - **Gulf Coast Protection District** –Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) Adam Telle visited. They took him on a tour of Port Houston and Port Arthur, presenting flood and storm risks of the region. President signed minibus legislation that included \$5M earmark for the Coastal Texas project. Request submitted for additional \$25M funding. G28 – breakwater project at 60% design. Kickoff meetings initiated. Will initiate a Cooperative Research and Development agreement with the US Army Corps. 6 members of board reappointed by Governor. New Board President is Roger Guenther.
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AGENDA ITEM 7: SJRFPG Technical Committee Report

- No quorum; no official action taken.

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AGENDA ITEM 8: SJRFPG Public Engagement Committee Report

- Slideshow prepared for later in meeting.
 - January 27th update about Public Meetings: first scheduled for February 17th – there were comments about the schedule and locations, but SJRFPG is offering ample opportunity for the community to engage.
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AGENDA ITEM 9: Update from the SJRFPG Technical Consultant on the 2028 Planning Cycle including discussion and possible action on the following:

- Task 5B: Approval of definition of “small or rural community” to be submitted to TWDB.
 - TWDB is identifying small/rural communities that they can assist.
 - FME program is uncoupled from the RFPG cycle, so this year begins a five-year cycle.
 - A ranked list of FMEs including one-pagers, scope of work, community affirmation forms (with authorized signatures), monthly meeting commitments for the first two FMEs is due in March. Scope of Work for all listed FMEs due in April.
 - **Small Community Sponsor Definition – An Entity that is:**
 - a. **Within a municipality or other political subdivision with a population of 10,000 or less; OR**
 - b. **Located wholly in a county in which has a population of 50,000 or less**
 - c. **AND demonstrates in a manner satisfactory to the San Jacinto Regional Flood Planning Group that the entity is rural or the area to be served by the project is a wholly rural area despite either qualifying or not qualifying under Items (A) and (B)**
 - **Urban area polygons developed by the US Census Bureau will be utilized to demonstrate satisfactory entities.**
 - Brief feedback/discussion from the board regarding the definition.
 - **Motion:** Adopt the definition of “Small or Rural Communities” as presented by the Technical Consultant
 - First: Jildardo Arias
 - Second: Elisa Donovan
 - **Vote:** Yes – Unanimous
 - **Motion carried.**
 - Technical Consultants requesting informal approval to reach out to sponsors. **No objections.**
 - Brief on Public Meeting series: Five meetings to be held around Region 6. Information about RFP, upcoming FIF funds available, video on flood hazard map, accepting comments. FMX map, additional input from the public on other projects they would like to see. 2-3 members should attend each public engagement meeting.
 - TC wants to send out a flyer to educate sponsors and set a date for submittals/FMX deadline. July 2nd tentative date for discussion and informal approval. No objections.
 - SJRFPG board requesting list of communities from Hollaway.
 - Technical Consultants are performing FMEs that were approved last year and collecting additional data. Other ongoing studies with GLO.
 - Upcoming Meetings - March meeting needed to approve the FME list, as well as scope of work.
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AGENDA ITEM 10: Discussion on Date/Time/Location of Future Planning Group Meetings

- September 1, 2025 – House Bill 1522 changed Texas Open Meetings Act. 3 largest counties have switched to Thursday meeting days. It is recommended that SJRFPG meetings be moved back to Tuesdays and a more central location for in-person meetings. March meeting would be second Tuesday of March at 1000a. Tentatively held at Harris Galveston Subsidence District.

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AGENDA ITEM 11: Consider Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for **March 10, 2026**, second Tuesday at **10:00 AM**.
 - Officer Elections as called for in by-laws. Choice 2 – elect and move on. Choice 1a is to elect officers, then vote to change by-laws to match planning cycle.
 - Feedback from Public Meetings
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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 **11:07 AM**.
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Timothy E. Buscha, Chair

Erwin Burden, Secretary