



Region 6 - San Jacinto Regional Flood Planning Group Planning Meeting September 8, 2026 9:00 AM

ITEM 1

Call to Order

ITEM 2

Welcome and Roll Call

ITEM 3

Registered Public Comments on Agenda Items (Limit of 3 Minutes Per Person)

ITEM 4

Texas Water Development Board Update

ITEM 5

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes
Region 6 San Jacinto Regional Flood Planning Group
August 18, 2026, at 9:00 AM

United Way of Greater Houston: 50 Waugh Drive, Houston, Texas 77007

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at **9:06 AM**.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Welcome and Roll Call

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

AGENDA ITEM 3: Registered Public Comments on Agenda Items

Discussion/Action Items:

- No public comments were received, either in person or online.

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

Discussion/Action Items:

- Nicholas Collins was absent. He sent a summary to OCE, to be shared via email.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Approval of Meeting Minutes

Discussion/Action Items:

- The **May 12, 2026 meeting minutes** were reviewed.
- **Motion:** Approve the **May 12, 2026** meeting minutes with noted revisions.
 - First: Augustus Campbell
 - Second: Elisa Macia Donovan
 - **Vote:** Yes – Unanimous
- **Motion carried.**

AGENDA ITEM 6: Liaison Reports Pertaining to Other Regions Progress/Status and Other Related Entities

Discussion/Action Items:

- Trinity Region RFPG** – Per Tim Buscha, moving forward in cycle.
- Neches Region RFPG** – Per Tim Buscha, moving forward in cycle.
- Lower Brazos RFPG** – Per Tim Buscha, moving forward in cycle.
- Region H RWPG** – Reset plan; currently in next five-year cycle.
- Gulf Coast Protection District (GCPD)** –
 - Federal Funding is up to \$6.75M from FY26 Appropriations and FY26 USACE Work Plan.
 - Coastal Texas Project is now a line item in Presidential budget request for FY27.
 - Bolivar Gate System – Task Order #3 with Jacobs – They have been gathering different elements in the planning, project management, modeling, data engineering, environmental and investigations. Also working with stakeholders to identify a short list of barrier system alignments. Coordinating with Geotechnical contractors to collect proposals. 2 design vessels will be utilized in simulations.
 - Beach & Dune System – HDR is the preliminary design contractor. Heading into Task Order #3 for preliminary NEPA planning as well as developing environmental data review and identifying data gaps in feasibility study. Interior drainage survey and data collection is ongoing. Three tiers of sand search investigation over the course of the next three months and the base scope services for this period are expected to be completed in November. Target construction date on the dune and beach system is 2030.

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AGENDA ITEM 7: Presentation by the GLO River Basin Flood Study Consultant Team

Discussion/Action Items:

- Ashley Poe presented with Mark Pauls and Will Parker.
- Slides can be found at <https://sanjacintofloodplanning.org/meetings/>.

AGENDA ITEM 8: SJRFPG Technical Committee Report

Discussion/Action Items:

- No meeting held; nothing to report.

AGENDA ITEM 9: SJRFPG Public Engagement Committee Report

Discussion/Action Items:

- Todd Burrer (chair) absent – Tim Buscha attended meeting with Kingwood Area; nice conversation, information was well received.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Update on the 2028 Planning Cycle including discussion and possible action to approve the FMX process to identify minimum data standards under Task 4A

Discussion/Action Items:

- Tanner Helweg (FNI) presenting. Draft Chapter 3 has been posted; review and comments requested by September 8th. Send to the technical committee - SJRFPG.TechCon@freese.com
- The tasks are compiling data to perform analysis of new FMXs and reach out to sponsors to make sure that our 2028 Regional Flood Plan includes any new or upcoming studies that sponsors need funding for, and there has been a lot of outreach.
- After thorough explanation, FNI proposed that sponsors potentially be allowed to submit an FMP (flood management project) without a BCA (Benefit Cost Analysis).
- Motion:** Allow sponsors to submit 0 or leave blank if they don't have a BCA to submit as an FMP.
 - First: Tim Buscha
 - Second: Samantha Haritos
 - Vote:** Yes – Unanimous
- Motion carried.**
- Repeated request for voting and non-voting members to review recommendations for the 2028 cycle; planning to potentially discuss a motion to approve recommendations and incorporate them into the regional flood plan.

AGENDA ITEM 11: SJRFPG Nomination of new Voting Member

Discussion/Action Items:

- Dr. Petersen left the Harris County Flood Control District and submitted resignation from the SJRFPG Flood Districts position in July. The Sponsor posted the vacancy and nomination form.
- There will be additional discussion and perhaps an Executive Committee meeting in September.

AGENDA ITEM 12: Consider Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Discussion/Action Items:

- Next Meeting: Tuesday September 8th at 9:00 AM.
- Consideration for nomination of new voting member.
- 2028 Planning Cycle discussion.
- 2027 meeting dates; Sponsor to check availability with United Way.

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AGENDA ITEM 13: Public Comments

- No comments.

AGENDA ITEM 14: Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 AM.
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Timothy E. Buscha, Chair

Erwin Burden, Secretary

ITEM 6

Liaison Reports Pertaining to Other Region(s) Progress and Status and other Related Entities:

- a. Trinity Region**
- b. Neches Region**
- c. Lower Brazos Region**
- d. Region H Water**
- e. Gulf Coast Protection District (GCPD)**

ITEM 7

SJRFPG – Technical Committee Report

ITEM 8

SJRFPG –Public Engagement Committee Report

ITEM 9

Technical Consultant Update on the 2028 Planning Cycle

Technical Consultant Update



SAN JACINTO REGIONAL FLOOD PLANNING GROUP

REGION 6

September 8, 2026

Agenda

- Draft Chapter 7
- Task 8: Administrative, Regulatory, & Legislative Recommendations Discussion
- RFPG Schedule



Draft Chapter 7

- Draft Chapter 7 posted to website under Meetings page

- Flood Response Information & Activities



- Review and comments requested by September 8th to SJRFPG.TechCon@freese.com

CHAPTER 7. FLOOD RESPONSE INFORMATION AND ACTIVITIES

The overarching goal of all RFPs must be “to protect against the loss of life and property” as set forth in the Guidance Principles, 31 TAC §362.3. This includes the need to:

1. Identify and reduce the risk and impact to life and property that already exists, and
2. Avoid increasing or creating new flood risk by addressing future development within the areas known to have existing or future flood risk.

The San Jacinto Regional Flood Planning Group was tasked with summarizing existing flood response and recovery activities within the region. FEMA defines four phases of emergency management: mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. This chapter will only consider and summarize the last three flood activities. Research on this subset of activities focused on publicly available information and expanded efforts of Chapter 7 of the first cycle of the Region 6 San Jacinto Regional Flood Plan.

Several types of flooding impact residents and communities within the San Jacinto Region, ranging from tropical storms that make landfall from the Gulf of Mexico to frontal thunderstorms.

- Coastal flooding may occur due to an occurrence such as waves, tide, storm surge, or heavy rainfall from tropical storms. Coastal flooding tends to be the most extreme when the storm surge is high. Storm surge is an abnormal rise of water generated by the pressure and wind of a large storm, over and above the predicted astronomical tides. Coastal flooding may also occur due to higher than average (king) tides or tsunamis. Notable coastal events in recent years include Tropical Storm Allison (2001), Hurricane Ike (2008), Hurricane Harvey (2017), Tropical Storm Imelda (2019), and Hurricane Beryl (2024).
- Riverine flooding occurs when excess rainfall within a watershed causes a riverbank to overtop. This rainfall can be caused by both frontal thunderstorms and coastal storm effects. Overtopping then allows water to spread onto floodplains.
- Urban or pluvial flooding occurs independently of river flooding when excessive rainfall overwhelms internal drainage systems, such as storm sewers, ditches, or overland sheet flow paths. A common example occurs when the drainage system is overwhelmed and excess water floods streets.

Task 8: Legislative Recommendations

Recurring biennial appropriations to the FIF

L-1

Incentivize dedicated drainage funding

L-2

Legislative authority for counties to establish drainage utilities and assess fees

L-3

Adopt or encourage current statewide building standards

L-4

Establish and fund a levee safety program

L-5

Funding for interim cycle support for RFPG

L-6

Expand county regulatory authority

L-7

Programs to assist dam owners

L-8

Grant program for warning systems and sirens

L-9

Funding and incentives for land conservations

L-10

Grant programs for O&M

L-11

Flood management of watershed based jurisdictional boundaries

L-12

Task 8: Regulatory & Administrative Recommendations

BLE as regulatory
information

L-1

Model
floodplain
ordinances

L-2

Public
education of
flood awareness

L-3

Education on
floodplain
management

L-4

State incentives
to participate in
NFIP/CRS

L-5

Database of
flood-related
fatalities

L-6

Funding smaller
jurisdictions in
grants

L-7

Future
conditions flood
hazard

L-8

Reduce barriers
to provide
regional flood
mitigation

L-9

Leverage NBS
manual for
project
implementation

L-10

Minimum FFE
standard

L-11

Voluntary
buyout
programs

L-12

TxDOT roadway
design criteria

L-13

Improve
documentation of
flood damages

L-14

Support multi-
jurisdictional
FMXs

L-15

Clarify ETJ
floodplain
management

L-16

Task 8: Flood Planning Recommendations

Guidance on
emergency
needs

L-1

Lessen project
requirements
for FMPs

L-2

Scoring for
agricultural
activities

L-3

FIF IUP updates
for scoring
projects in
rural areas

L-4

NBS scoring
criteria

L-5

Priority of FMEs
to establish
FEMA
floodplains

L-6

Add FFE and
population-at-
risk methods

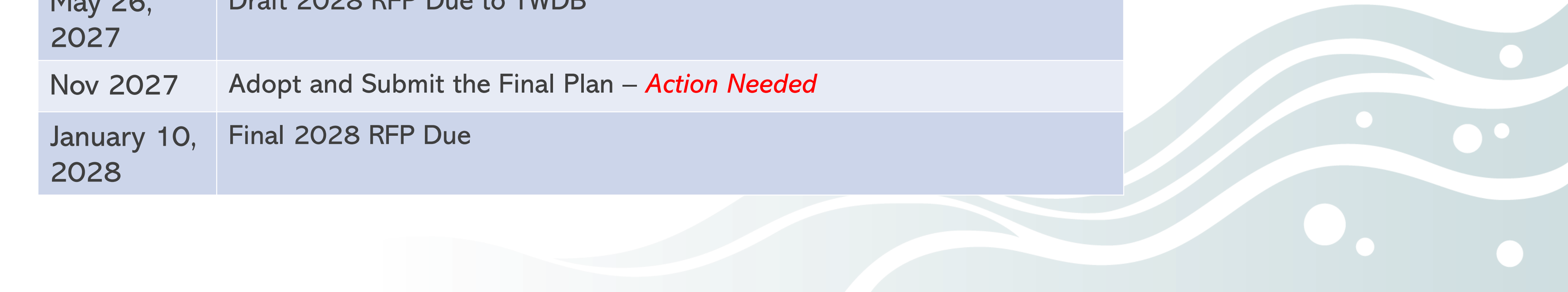
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Simplified
amendment
process for FMX
advancement

L-8

Meeting	Milestone/Action
Sept 2026	RFPG Meeting Discussion on Task 8 Recommendations Presentation of Chapter 7 documentation
Nov 2026	RFPG Meeting Presentation of Chapter 4, 8 documentation Task 8 – Legislative Recommendations – <i>Action Needed</i> FMX list to recommend – <i>Action Needed</i>
Feb 2027	RFPG Meetings Presentation of Chapter 5, 6, 9, 10, 11 documentation Public Meeting on Draft RFP
May 2027	RFPG Meetings Draft RFP Approval – <i>Action Needed</i>
May 26, 2027	Draft 2028 RFP Due to TWDB
Nov 2027	Adopt and Submit the Final Plan – <i>Action Needed</i>
January 10, 2028	Final 2028 RFP Due

Future
Meeting Dates
& Content



ITEM 10

Update - Nomination of new Voting Member.

ITEM 11

Public Comments – Limit 3 Minutes Per Person

ITEM 12

Adjournment