

Meeting Minutes
Region 6 San Jacinto Regional Flood Planning Group

September 8, 2026, at 9:00 AM

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

<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)	
Erwin Burden	Counties (Secretary)	
Augustus Campbell	Public #1 (At-Large member)	X
Matthew Barrett	River Authorities (At-Large member)	
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
<VACANT>	Flood Districts	
Todd Burrer	Water Utilities	
Samantha Haritos	Coastal Communities	X
Christina Quintero	Public #2	
Imelda Diaz	Upper Watershed	*Neil Gaynor

<u>Non-Voting Member</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent () / 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	
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	*Amanda Ashcroft
Sarah Alvarez	Texas Department of Transportation	X
Michael Turco	Harris-Galveston Subsidence District	
Alisa Max	Region H Regional Water Planning Group	
Sally Bakko	Gulf Coast Protection District	
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	

<u>Liaisons from Other Entities</u>	<u>Entity</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)</u>
Cory Stull	FNI	X
Tanner Helweg	FNI	X
Rachel Herr	Halff	X
John Millar	Texas Division of Emergency Management	X

<u>Project Sponsor</u>	<u>Entity</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)</u>
Saad Hassan	Office of the County Engineer	X
Ariel K. Bell	Office of the County Engineer	X
Timothy Williams	Office of the County Engineer	X
Vincent Yu	Office of the County Engineer	X
Jennifer Garcia	Office of the County Engineer	X
Xavier Herrera	Office of the County Engineer	X

Quorum:

Number of voting members or alternates that were present: 10 total

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

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AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at **9:08 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:

- Nicholas Collins – TWDB sent email blast in July clarifying for Task 5a. View email or contact Nick for more info.
 - Public meetings anticipated this fall.
 - TWDB technical consultants will not be doing the presentation unless requested.
 - Currently looking to hold an October or November meeting.
 - Nicholas Collins is leaving TWDB.
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AGENDA ITEM 5: Approval of Meeting Minutes

Discussion/Action Items:

- The **August 18, 2026 meeting minutes** were reviewed.
 - **Motion:** Approve the **August 18, 2026** meeting minutes with noted (emailed) revisions.
 - First: Augustus Campbell
 - Second: Elisa Macia Donovan
 - **Vote:** 1 abstention (had not reviewed minutes)
 - **Motion carried.**
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AGENDA ITEM 6: Liaison Reports Pertaining to Other Regions Progress/Status and Other Related Entities

Discussion/Action Items:

- **Tim Buscha**
 - a) **Trinity Region RFPG** – absent
 - b) **Neches Region RFPG** – absent
 - c) **Lower Brazos RFPG** – absent
 - d) **Region H RWPG** – absent
 - e) **Gulf Coast Protection District (GCPD)** – absent
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AGENDA ITEM 7: SJRFPG Technical Committee Report

Discussion/Action Items:

- No meeting held; nothing to report.
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AGENDA ITEM 8: SJRFPG Public Engagement Committee Report

Discussion/Action Items:

- No meeting held; nothing to report

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AGENDA ITEM 9: Technical Consultant Update on the 2028 Planning Cycle including discussion on the Administrative, Regulatory, & Legislative Recommendations.

Discussion/Action Items:

- Tanner Helweg (FNI) presenting.
 - Draft Chapter 7 has been posted online – response requested by October 8th.
 - Task 8: Administrative, Regulatory, & Legislative Recommendations Discussion.
 - Augustus Campbell asked if these recommendations were borrowed from other regions; yes
 - Jildardo Arias requested a redlined version of the recommendations for review.
 - Tim Buscha – importance of legislature regarding dams.
 - Elisa Macia Donovan – new recommendations made by the Coastal Prairie Conservancy are to allow non-government agencies to apply for and receive funding for conservation easements, land conservation, restoration, riparian protection, wetland protection, and landowner stewardship practices in flood-prone areas, and to have a separate pool of funds for nature-based solutions.
 - Tim Buscha – asked if L-16 (ETJ floodplain management) was driven by other regions.
 - Tanner is open to member discussion regarding removal of recommendations that are not applicable to Region 6; made sure group understands it isn't due until May 2027. Also noted that the TWDB will be adopting their Intended Use Plan at Thursday's meeting. Highlighted milestone/action dates.
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AGENDA ITEM 10: SJRFPG UPDATE – 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.
 - Vacancy closed with three submittals. Sponsor will schedule an executive meeting in October for review and discussion.
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AGENDA ITEM 11: Public Comments

- No comments.
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AGENDA ITEM 12: Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 AM.
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Timothy E. Buscha, Chair

Erwin Burden, Secretary