

Public Meeting Notice

Region 9 – Upper Colorado Regional Flood Planning Group

April 1, 2021

9:00am CST

Notice is hereby given of a regular meeting of the Region 9 – Upper Colorado Regional Flood Planning Group to be held April 1, 2021 at 9:00 AM at the McNease Convention Center – North Meeting Room, 501 Rio Concho Drive, San Angelo, Texas, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items. Masks and social distancing will be required for in-person meeting.

Phone participation is available by the conference call information below:

Call In: (325) 326-0870

Passcode / ID: 381 984 984#

The Meeting Agenda and the Agenda Packet are posted online at

<https://www.twdb.texas.gov/flood/planning/regions/schedule.asp>

or

<https://www.cosatx.us/departments-services/water-utilities/region-9-upper-colorado-flood-planning-region>

A recording of the meeting will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.

Members of the public may also submit Public Comment on agenda items by sending their written comments via email to allison.strube@cosatx.us or rfgp9.lance@gmail.com by noon March 31, 2021.

The subject line must be in the following format: “Public Comment, [item number] – April 1, 2021.” All emails must include your name and address.

Please note all Public Comment emails relevant to posted agenda items received by the deadline will be published as part of the agenda packet prior to the meeting and are therefore public record.

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome
3. Public comments – limit 3 minutes per person
4. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting.
5. TWDB Update
6. Pre-Planning Public Input – Public input regarding suggestions and recommendations as to issues, provisions, projects, and strategies that should be considered during the flood planning cycle and/or input on the development of the regional flood plan (as required per Texas Water Code §16.062(d) and 31 Texas Administrative Code §361.12(a)(4))
 - a. TWDB Presentation
 - b. Public Comments (Public comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)
7. Update from Planning Group Sponsor regarding status of Regional Flood Planning Grant contract with the TWDB
 - a. Discussion of technical consultant procurement process
8. Public comments – limit 3 minutes per person
9. Consider date and agenda items for next meeting
10. Adjourn

Additional information may be obtained from:

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Meeting Minutes
Region 9 Upper Colorado Flood Planning Group Meeting
March 4, 2021
9:00AM CST
Zoom Virtual Meeting

Roll Call:

<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>Interest Category</u>	<u>Present (x) / Absent () / Alternate Present (*)</u>
Kenneth Dierschke	<i>Agricultural interests</i>	X
Rick Bacon	<i>Counties</i>	X
Henryk Alexander Olstowski	<i>Electric generating utilities</i>	
Christy Youker	<i>Environmental interests</i>	X
Vacant	<i>Flood districts</i>	n/a
Morse Haynes	<i>Industries</i>	X
Lance Overstreet	<i>Municipalities</i>	X
David H. Loyd Jr.	<i>Public</i>	X
Scott McWilliams	<i>River authorities</i>	X
Chuck Brown	<i>Small business</i>	X (joined 9:05)
Cole D. Walker	<i>Water districts</i>	X
Allison Strube	<i>Water utilities</i>	X

<u>Non-voting Member</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)</u>
John McEachern	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	X
Tim Frere	Texas Division of Emergency Management	X
Larissa Place	Texas Department of Agriculture	X
Ben Wilde	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	X
Jet Hays	General Land Office	X
Hayley Gillespie, Ph.D.	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	X
Winona Henry	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	X

Quorum:

Quorum: **Yes**

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: 11

Number required for quorum per current voting positions of 12: 7

Other Meeting Attendees: **

Director Kathleen Jackson - Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)

Morgan White - Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)

Jennifer White

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Kelly Dillard
Tiffany Cartwright
Heather Keister
James Bronikowksi - Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)

**Meeting attendee names were gathered from those who entered information for joining the Zoom meeting.

All meeting materials are available for the public at:
<http://www.twdb.texas.gov/flood/planning/regions/schedule.asp>.

1. AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order

Chair Strube called the meeting to order at 9:03AM CST. A roll call of the planning group members was taken to record attendance and a quorum was established prior to calling the meeting to order. Greetings were provided by Director Kathleen Jackson. She spoke on importance of TWDB and what the RFPG is doing, and flood planning downstream impacts, Thank all for our progress, efforts and for what we are doing.

2. AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Welcome, Meeting Facilitation Information and Instructions

Chair Strube welcomed members to the meeting. A roll call of the planning group members was taken to record attendance.

3. Agenda Item No. 3. Public Comments

No public comments were made.

4. Agenda Item No. 4 Approval of previous meeting minutes

Motion by Kenneth Dierschke Second by Rick Bacon Motion passed unanimously.

5. AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 TWDB Update & Presentation

Presentation by Morgan White

- a. Updates received, requests for funds- currently in review.
- b. Draft contracts are available and should be passed on soon.
- c. Guidance document being developed and draft to RFPG for review this month.
- d. Discussed priorities, progress on technical advisor, and progress to planning groups' website.
- e. Presentation given on RFPG responsibilities and tasks to perform through the technical advisor contract. including tasks that the RFPG group should have the technical advisor consider and answer/accomplish for the RFPG plan.
- f. Specific to Task 3, Lance Overstreet asked if we can make recommendations for the differing geographical rural urban etc. Rick Bacon asked how to make recommendations when no land development requirements and authority.
- g. Scott McWilliams asked is a landowner is considered an entity. Ms. White replied entities are considered authorities when they have a regulatory authority.

6. AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 General Land Office Presentation

Presentation by Jet Hayes with the General land Office

- a. Discussed several items regarding items from hurricane Harvey recovery
- b. TDIS system
- c. David Loyd asked are other states doing the same thing as far as the TDIS system. Mr. Hays replied that only Iowa but they are only using the system for storm monitoring. Texas is looking at other hazards to be in the system than just flood events.

- d. Follow up question by David Loyd asked if it is true funds took 5 years to get to persons. Mr. Hayes replied funds were to FEMA within months.

7. AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 Update from Planning Group Sponsor regarding status of Regional Flood Planning Grant contract with the TWDB

Presentation by Chair Strube

- a. Sponsor Update - Apology for last few weeks of delays due to Winter Storm Uri and thanks for being understanding.
- b. Finalizing contracts by end of month for the grant funds.
- c. Several small comments received on the Request for Qualifications will be posted for approximately three-week period.
- d. Executive Board to review and make recommendations for board approval.
- e. Website deployment delayed slightly due to Winter Storm Uri.
- f. Comment made by Morgan White stating thanks for responsiveness even in the difficulties over the last few weeks.

8. AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 Discussion and possible action to appoint a Region 10 liaison

- a. Region 10 Ann Yakimovicz liaison introduced herself
- b. Chair Strube called for recommendations from region 9 for a liaison to region 10
 - 1.) Scott McWilliams volunteered Christy Youker in form of motion and was seconded by Chuck Brown passed unanimously

9. AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 Public comments

No public comments were made.

10. AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 Consider date and agenda items for next meeting

Chair Strube proposed April 1st at 9:00 am. Discussion about RFQ by Scott McWilliams regarding when RFQ may be available.

11. AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 Adjournment

Motion made by Chuck Brown and seconded by David Loyd passed unanimously. Adjourned meeting at 10:25am.

Approved by the Region 9 Upper Colorado RFPG at a meeting held on April 1, 2021.

Lance Overstreet, SECRETARY

Allison Strube, CHAIR

Regional Flood Planning Pre-Planning Public Meeting Requirements

Pre-Planning Meeting Background

- Provide background on formation of RFIGs and the Regional Flood Planning process.
- Gather suggestions and recommendations as to issues, provisions, projects, and strategies that should be considered in development of regional flood plan.



TWDB flood outreach meeting in Bastrop, TX.

Image: TWDB

About Regional Flood Planning

- First-of-its-kind statewide flood plan
- Watershed-based planning regions
- Bottom-up approach to flood planning
- Transparent process with public input
- Volunteer members representing interest categories

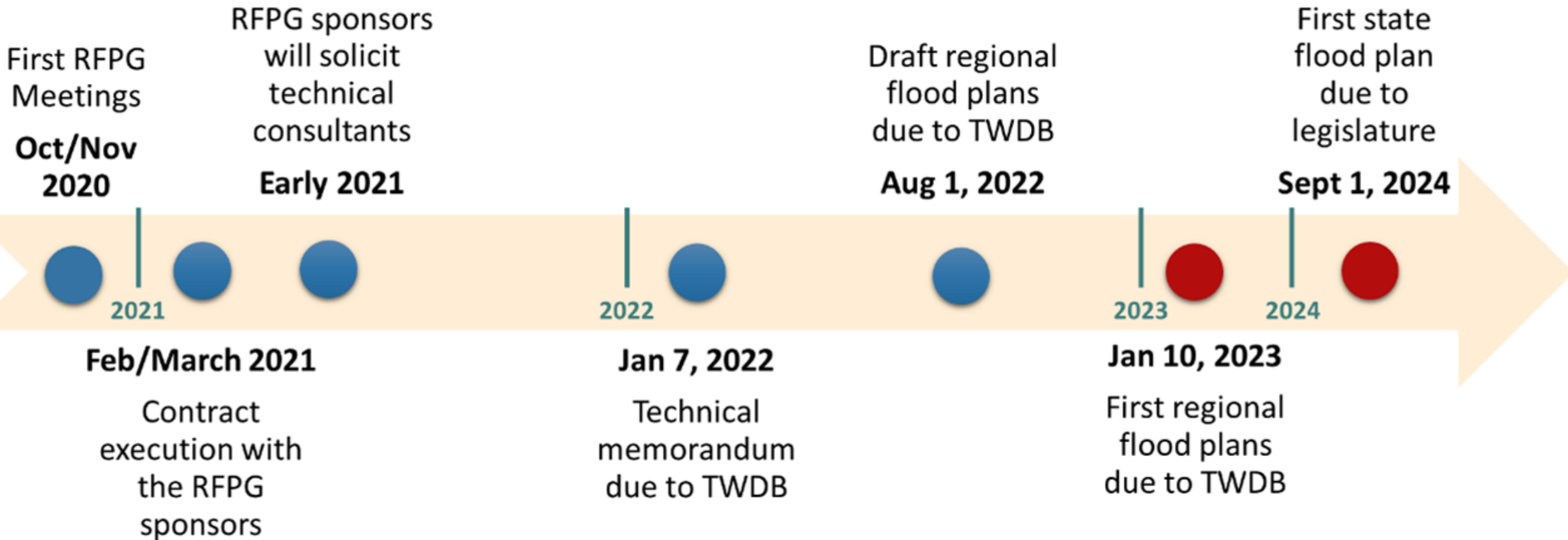


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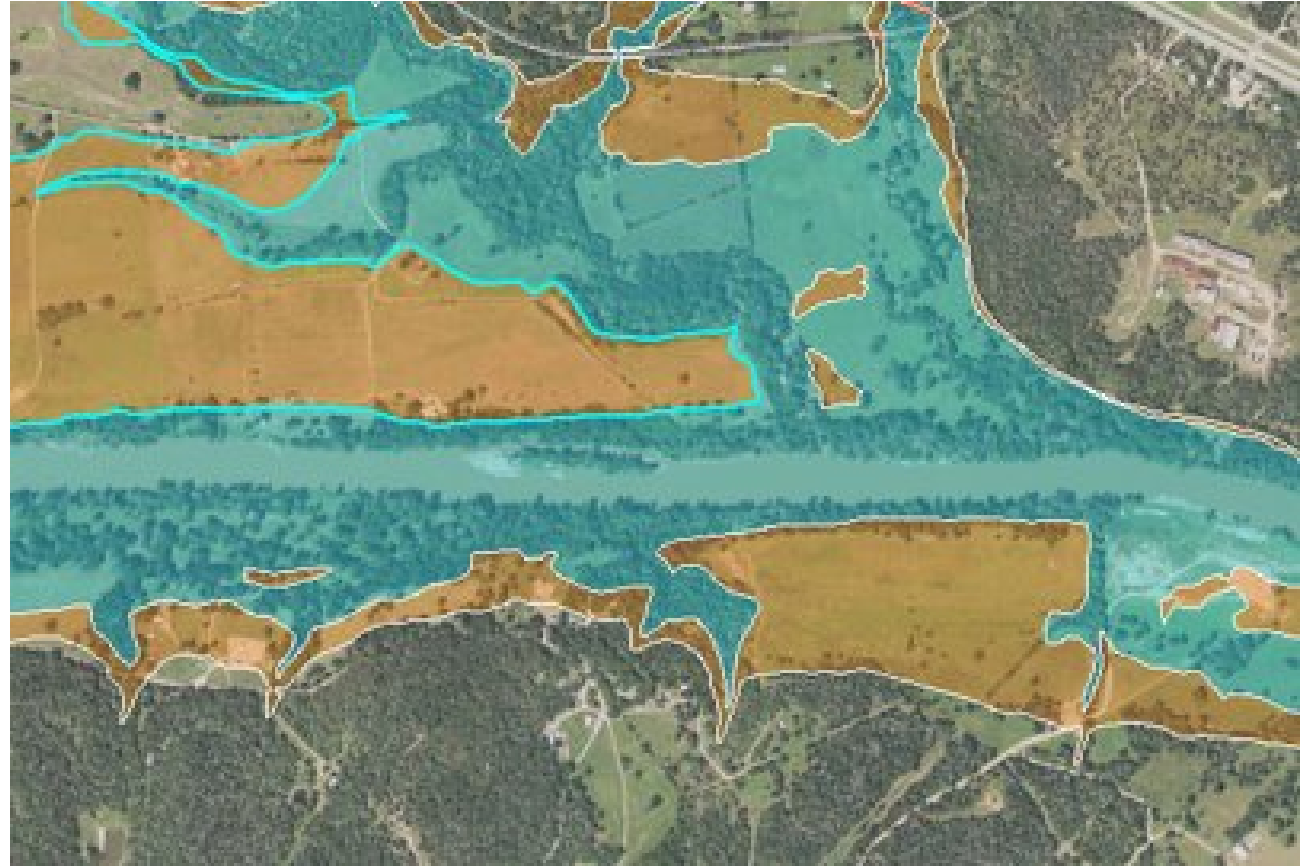
Flood Planning Timeline

SB 8 passed in 2019 requiring a statewide flood plan based on regional flood plans



Key Tasks of the RFPGs

- Gather & analyze data
- Identify existing and future flood risks
- Evaluate floodplain management practices
- Recommend evaluations, strategies, and projects to reduce flood risks
- Develop a regional flood plan



The 1% annual chance floodplain is shown in blue.
The 0.2% annual chance floodplain is shown in orange.
Image by FEMA

Flood Mitigation

The implementation of actions, including both **structural** and **non-structural solutions**, to reduce flood risk to protect against the loss of life and property.



Mangroves on the Texas Coast stabilize shorelines and help absorb storm surge; an example of a non-structural flood mitigation solution.

Photo by Univ. Of Texas Marine Science Institute



Galveston Seawall, a structural flood mitigation solution. Image by [Yinan Chen CC-PD](#)

Additional Opportunities for Public Input

There will be many opportunities public involvement:

- public comments are received at every RFPG meeting
- there will be at least one meeting for the public to comment on a flood risk summary map to identify any flood risk not captured
- there will be at least two public pre-planning meetings to receive feedback and gather general suggestions
- the public will get to comment on the draft regional flood plan, once developed



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Questions? Comments?