

Draft Regional Flood Plan Available for Public Comment

Region 9 – Upper Colorado Regional Flood Planning Group

Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) is administering a new state and regional flood planning process with flood planning regions based on river basins. The initial regional flood planning groups were formed on October 1, 2020; the first regional flood plans will be due in January 2023, and the first state flood plan will be due September 1, 2024. The Upper Colorado Regional Flood Plan identifies existing and future flood risks, as well as strategies for flood mitigation and identification of areas for future study. The Upper Colorado Regional Flood Planning Group (RFPG) has unanimously approved the draft Upper Colorado Regional Flood Plan. The TWDB will approve the final Upper Colorado Regional Flood Plan by December 2023 and will prepare the statewide flood plan by September 2024.

In accordance with state law, the Upper Colorado RFPG is providing the public with the opportunity to comment on the draft plan. The 60-day comment period will begin on August 14, 2022 and will end on October 14, 2022. The draft plan is available on the Upper Colorado RFPG website:

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

Public can view the plan in person at four locations from August 14, 2022 through October 14, 2022:

- *City of San Angelo - City Hall Annex (Contact: Allison Strube, Director of Water Utilities)
301 W Beauregard Ave
San Angelo, TX 76903*
- *Brownfield Municipal Building (Contact: Jeff Davis, City Manager for City of Brownfield)
201 W Broadway St
Brownfield, TX 79316-4429*
- *Andrews Municipal Building (Contact: Scott Wallace, Assistant City Manager for City of Andrews)
111 Logsdon St
Andrews, TX 79714-6515*
- *Midland City Hall (Contact: Gabe McClelland, City of Midland)
300 N Loraine
Midland, TX 79701*

Opportunity for public comment will include a public meeting held as outline below:

- *September 14, 2022 at 6:00PM at the Tom Green County Stephens Central Library, Suzanne & Joel Sugg Community Room – 3rd Floor (33 W. Beauregard Ave., San Angelo, TX 76903)*
- *Phone participation is available for public and non-voting representatives by the conference call information: Call In: (325) 326-0870; Passcode / ID: 570 673 473#*
- *The meeting will allow the public to provide oral or written comments.*

Written comments can be submitted via U.S. mail, email, or the Upper Colorado RFPG website:

- *U.S. Mail – City of San Angelo, ATTN: Allison Strube, 301 W. Beauregard Ave., San Angelo, TX 76903*
- *Email – allison.strube@cosatx.us or rfpg9.lance@gmail.com*

While the Upper Colorado RFPG is responsible for developing the draft plan, implementation of the specific recommendations and flood mitigation actions included in the plan will require action by local communities throughout Region 9.

The Region 9 Upper Colorado RFPG is administered by the City of San Angelo and the following members appointed by the TWDB:

1. Kenneth Dierschke, Agricultural interests, Dierschke Farms
2. Rick Bacon (At-large), Counties, Tom Green County
3. Henryk Olstowski, Electric generating utilities, Luminant
4. Shannon McMillan, Environmental Interests, Centurion Planning & Design
5. *Vacant*, Flood Districts
6. Morse Haynes, Industries, Andrews Economic Development Corporation
7. R. Lance Overstreet (Secretary), Municipalities, U.S. Air Force
8. David Loyd, Public, Retired Physics Prof. and Dean, Angelo State University
9. Scott McWilliams, River Authorities, Upper Colorado River Authority
10. Chuck Brown (Vice-charman), Small Business, Hydro Corporation
11. Cole Walker, Water Districts, Colorado River Municipal Water District
12. Allison Strube (Chairwoman), Water Utilities, City of San Angelo