

Region 13. Nueces Flood Planning Group Meeting

May 15 th, 2023

11:30 A.M. to 1:30PM

McMullen County EOC

306 Live Oak Street

Tilden, Texas

Agenda:

1. Vice- Chairmen Andrew Rooke called meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Roll conducted by Travis Pruski:

Voting Members

Interest Category

Attendance

David Baker	Electric Generating Utilities	Absent
Debra Barrett	Agricultural	Present
Barbara Canales- Chairman	Industries	Absent
Larry Dovalina	Water Utilities	Proxy (David Wright)
Julie Lewey	River Authorities	Proxy (Javier Ramirez)
Shanna Owens	Counties	Present
JR Ramirez	Water Utilities	Present
Andrew Rooke– Vice Chairman	Small Business	Present
Larry Thomas	Flood Districts	Present (on-line)
Lauren Hutch Williams	Environmental	Present
Robert Williams-Secretary	Public	Present

Note: A quorum of board members was confirmed.

Guest:

Sarah West	Freese and Nichols	
David Wright	City of Cotulla	
Jim Teal	County of McMullen	
Javier Ramirez	Nueces River Authority	
Jim Tolan	TPWD	
Tressa Olsen	TWDB	
Bryan Martin	HDR	
Sara Williams	San Patricio County	Emergency Mgt.
Stephanie Reyes	Stantec	
Travis Pruski	Nueces River Authority	Director of Planning
Lorie Flores	Nueces River Authority	

2. Vice-Chairmen Andrew Rooke led in Prayer.
3. No Public Comments were made or received prior to the meeting
4. Approval of minutes from the March 27, 2023, Full RFPG Meeting
Motion to approve the minutes of March 27, 2023, minutes as submitted, was made by JR Ramirez, and seconded by Shanna Owens. Passed unanimously.
5. TWDB updates/presentation by Tressa Olsen
On May 10, 2023, TWDB sent out submission requirements for the amendment Flood Plan to RFPG chairs, tech consultants, and sponsors. Please review and let TWDB know if

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you have any questions. Rulemaking proposal amendments for Region and State Flood Planning Rules are published in the April 21st edition Texas Register. Which is open for any public comments till May 22, 2023. Please email any comments to rulescomments@TWBD.Texas.gov. Additional guidance for FMS ranking was sent out on April 27,2023. Which outlines requirements for recommended FMS to be included in the ranking list.

6. Discussion and possible action – Update on Task 12 Activities by Bryan Martin HDR
In January 2023 Final Flood Plan defined FMXs for each county. There were several maps produced in 2023. The first one was showing flood risk maps that was showing flood inundation. The second one showed flood risk scores and showed the highest flood needs along with FMXs and a list showing all the FMEs, FMPs, and FMSs in each county in the 2023 plan. In Task 12 additional outreach and advancement of FMXs. Resulting in additional refinement and recommended FMXs. The list from 2023 has been revised and under consideration for advancements or inclusion in 2024 revised plan. New in task 12 is the 1-page summaries on new FMXs and technical memorandums will be included in the revised. There was a Task 12 FMX advancement log sent out 5/8/2023 to the planning group with updates. There are about 99 FMEs or FMPs to advance through task 12 that will happen in the revised plan. You can use this log as a change log from task 12 since 2023 plan. Included is a table with all FMXs sponsored per county final vs. revised plan. There will be 33 FMPs and several FMEs that have been added to the revised plan. Counties with new FMXs are as follows, Aransas County FMEs was a wide flood study. Atascosa, Bexar, Karnes, Wilson Counties have 2 FMEs advance to FMPs which are Jourdanton Drainage improvements and detention ponds and Poteet Drainage improvements. Duval County master plan FMXs identified and advanced San Diego with 5 FMEs but no adverse impact or resolved. Benavides has 2 FMEs advances to FMPs which are Las Animas Conveyance Infrastructure and Main City Network Storm Drain Improvements. Frio County has 2 FMPs which are North Pearsall Drainage improvements and CR 1520/Tehuacana Rd. and 4 FMEs which are CR 3000/Keystone Rd., CR 4757/Leona River Rd., Countywide Bridge repair, and CR 3300/s Goldfinch Rd. In Pearsall there was 4 FMPs regional det. Pint in Davila St. Trib, Storm sewer bypass improvements in Trinity St Trib from trinity St. to Radio Rd., Detention ponds in the Pearsall High school grounds, and Channel lining and conveyance improvement along FM 1581. Kleberg has 4 FMEs which are location 2 at 19th St. from E. Lott Ave. to Maple St, location 5 Caesar Place Subdivision, location 9 N 17th St, Corral Ave intersection and Carriage Park 2 Subdivision improvements. Maverick and Zavala there was 1 FMP for the drainage improvements from the school to the park. Medina County in the City of Lytle added 1 FMEs in Lake Shores Estates Master Drainage Plan and then in the City of Devine added 1 FMPs in Burnt Boot Creek Drainage Improvements. Nueces County 1 FME funded and changed to on going project, 2 FMEs advanced to FMPs which are Corpus Christi Kinney St. Pump Station and Corpus Christi

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Power St Pump Station. Tri-County Master Plan added 15 new FMPs and 19 FMEs. Real and Kerr Counties in the town of Camp Wood are working to define 1 FMPs and added 2 new FMEs in Real County at McDonald Crossing of Plumin Creek near the Nueces River and Bajo Camino Low Water Crossing. San Patricio added 5 FMPs in the City of Gregory, Taft, Odem, Sinton, Mathis, and 10 FMEs. Sarah West from Freeze & Nichols stated there could be a potential negative impact were noted based on provided data, working with CDM-Smith to verify or clear the potential impacts. If negative impacts cannot be cleared up this will become a new FME instead of an FMP. The last county is Uvalde which has 6 new FMEs which are various flood warning gages, 7 Bluff, Kenneth Crossing, Avant Crossing all on the Frio River near Concan, Cr 348 on Bear Creek, and Indian Creek Crossing. The Counties that had no change in FMXs are Bandera, Bee, Goliad, Dimmit, Edwards, Jim Hoff, Brooks, Jim Wells, Kinney, LaSalle, Live Oak, McMullen, Refugio, Kerr, and Webb. You can review the FMXs advancement log in task 12 for more information on all 99 FMXs.

Motion to approve The Task 12 List with minor technical edits made this week by Richards Williams and seconded by Shanna Owens. Passed unanimously.

7. Discussion and possible action – Schedule for Revised Plan Adoption Submittal Updates by Bryan Martin (HDR)
June 12,2023, draft revised plan will be sent to the planning group for review. June 26, 2023, draft revised plan will be presented to the Nueces RFPG for approval. July 14, 2023, revised plan due to TWDB. September 1, 2024, Adoption of State Flood Plan.
8. Discussion and possible action – Update on Comments Received on Prioritization of FMX and next steps update by Tressa Olsen with TWDB
TWDB received 57 separate submissions for the FMXs Ranking Methods. TWDB will review over the summer and tentative planning to bring suggestion updates to the board August 2023. Per Travis all comments from the meeting in March 2023 were included in the submissions total.
9. Discussion and possible action – Open up Nominations for all voting members – Close June 26th Updates by Travis Pruski NRA.
All members positions are up in June 2023. Remember in the last meeting back in March, terms were drawn for each category. In the back of each packet today is a form that needs to be filled out and turn in today if you want to stay on as a member. Nominations will also be open to the public and will be closed on June 26, 2023. Motion to open Nominations for all voting members by Richard Williams and seconded by David Wright. Passed unanimously.
Amendment that all nominations must be turn in by June 16,2023 by noon to Travis Pruski by Richard Williams and seconded by Javier Ramirez. Passes unanimously.

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10. Discussion and possible action – Future Meeting Date June 26th
11. Discussion of the requirements for All members of the RFPG-13 under Texas Water Code §16.062(l) (Texas Government Code § 551 and 552) (Open Meetings Act and Public Information)
All members that have not watched these videos need to do so and turn in certificates to Travis as soon as possible.
12. Update from Planning Group Sponsor – Nueces River Authority regarding administrative matters of the Regional Flood Planning Group.
The planning group needs to plan on having a fall meeting for technical items and planning for the next cycle.
13. Discussion and possible action – Appoint Liaison to Region 12 San Antonio RFPG and Region 15 Lower Rio Grande RFPG
Motion to appoint Larry Thomas as our Region 12 Liaison by Richard Williams and seconded by JR Ramirez. Passed unanimously.
Jim Tolan will ask Willie Cupit with Texas Parks and Wildlife if he would like to be the Liaison for Region 15 and let the members know at the next meeting.
14. RFPG members' comment- No comments

Vice-Chairmen Andrew Rooke adjourned the meeting at 12:17 p.m.