

**Region 13 Nueces Flood Planning Group Meeting**  
**November 10th, 2025, 11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.**  
**McMullen County EOC, 306 Live Oak Street, Tilden, Texas**

**Minutes:**

**1. Call to Order & Roll Call**

Chairman Barbara Canales called meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Roll Call conducted by Travis Pruski:

<u>Voting Members</u>	<u>Interest Category</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Barbara Canales - Chairman	Industries	Present
Andrew Rooke F.B. - Vice-Chairman	Small Business	Present
Robert Williams - Secretary	Municipalities	Present
Lauren Williams - At-Large	Environmental	Present
Scott Marion	Counties	Absent
Raymond Dugat	Agricultural	Present
David Wright	Water Utilities	Present
Philip Wiatrek	River Authorities	Present
JR Ramirez	Water Districts	Present
Lilly Wilkerson	Public	Present
Larry Thomas	Flood Districts	Absent
Juan Sandoval	Electric Generating Utilities	Present

*Note: A quorum of board members was confirmed.*

<u>Non-Voting Members</u>	<u>Interest Category</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Tressa Olsen	TWDB	Present
Travis Pruski	Nueces River Authority	Present
Bryan Martin	HDR	Present
Kristi Shaw	HDR	Present
Kara Smith	TDA	Present (online)
Kendria Ray	TSSWCB	Present (online)

Public:

Sarah West – FNI  
Pat E. Brawner – Medina County  
Ray Kallio – Frio County  
Ben T. Briscoe – Frio County  
Spencer Dumas – 6S Engineering

Online (Listen Only)

Alex Nunez – TPWD  
Alicia Walker – TPWD  
George Cameron  
Cedric Davis – City of Mathis  
David Jordan – City of Devine  
Desiree Berlanga – McMullen County  
Jose Loza  
Melanie Barrera – City of Corpus Christi  
Ryan Ono  
John Metz – NOAA

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Cathy Skurrow – City of Portland  
Britni Van Curan – Atascosa County

**2. Prayer**

Robert Williams led in Prayer.

**3. Public Comment**

No Public Comment.

**4. Approval of the minutes of August 25th, 2025, Full RFPG Meeting.**

Motion to approve the minutes of August 25, 2025, as submitted, was made by Raymond Dugat and seconded by David Wright. Passed unanimously.

**5. TWDB Update**

Update presented by Tressa Olsen. Tressa Olsen introduced Kevin Wessels (Regional flood plain manager) Discussion topics as follows:

- Tech memo due to board in January
  - 30 day posting period
  - Clarifications sent to consultants recently.
- TWDB sent email to RFPG boards including templates
- TWDB selected consultants to perform FMEs
- TWDB seeking input on sirens for those areas impacted by the July floods -sent out requests to RFPG boards for input
  - Robert Williams asked for clarification on the sirens -what areas should it cover? Just the areas affected by the flood or for areas in our region? Tressa Olsen clarified that it's just for the areas noted in Senate Bill 3. Survey did include Uvalde, Real, Edwards counties.
  - Tressa Olsen can send out a map if that would be helpful.
  - If your jurisdiction is within those areas, please respond to the survey, and/or forward the survey to people who are in those areas
  - Survey closes Friday, Nov 21, 2025.
- Kristi Shaw noted that this topic would be discussed in future agenda item, but technical team is looking to coordinate with Emergency Management leads to get their input on high flood risk areas.

**6. Discuss and Action Item** – Consider and approve Region 13 subcommittee recommendations for evaluating future flood risk for the 2028 Region 13 Plan.

Kristi Shaw provided a summary of recommendations that came out of the subcommittee meeting held on 9/25/25. Considered the flood research that has happened since the first cycle and the first cycle process. The subcommittee recommended using Fathom Scenario 3 for both coastal and inland future conditions.

Barbara Canales would like to hear more about GLO's future sea level rise (SLR) (4.92-ft) -why did they select this value?

We can ask GLO to come to the next meeting to present.

Andy Rooke commented that if we have inconsistent approaches between regions, would that affect projects selected?

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Lauren Williams commented that she feels the 1.7-ft of SLR is actually low or low to moderate, and not the most conservative value.

Robert Williams commented that we don't know when something will happen, but we want to represent our risk appropriately.

Kristi Shaw commented that the GLO study doesn't consider land subsidence or future land use. She asked if the RFPG members know of any other studies that should be considered. Planning group members mentioned:

- Digital Coast- Harte Research Institute is currently doing a study on SLR
- Baker institute (Dr. Jim Rice?) is doing a study
- NOAA's Digital Coast project
- Meadows Water Center has produced a study

Barbara Canales noted that historical data has shown 1-2-inches of SLR per decade. The most recent climate results from NOAA says Texas will experience 10 to 12 inches of SLR by 2050.

The TWDB does have an interactive site to see the Fathom data.

Barbara Canales recommended we make a recommendation now, but amend it to allow for additional information and the possibility of revising if new data leads the RFPG to want to move in a different direction.

Robert Williams made a motion to approve Scenario 3 with 1.7 ft of SLR at this time. Motion was seconded by Lilly Wilkerson. Passed Unanimously.

**7. Discuss and Action Item** – Confirm list of potential FMX for and feasible FMX for the Tech Memo.

Bryan Martin summarized why an FMX might be "not recommended". The current list can be reviewed on the Reg 13 website -view by county. The ask today is for RFPG to approve the current list to include in the tech memo. The list can still change in the future.

Motion to approve was made by Robert Williams and seconded by JR Ramirez. Passed unanimously.

**8. Discuss and Action Item** – Consider high flood risk maps and approach for emergency needs of flood risk reduction solutions.

Bryan Martin explained this task. The technical team has developed a weighting matrix for various criteria to lead to the score on a HUC 12 level. A similar process was undertaken in Cycle 1. Bryan Martin walked through the proposed changes to the weighting percentages for Cycle 2.

This assessment helps inform our plan to address flood needs (task 4C). Bryan Martin asked for input on the percentage weightings to use in Cycle 2

For "Emergency Need", we need to assign every FMX as an FMX that addresses emergency need or not. Things to consider in assigning emergency need:

- It should not be assigned widely
- Used to better inform flood planning and high priority solutions

Some initial suggestions by the technical team on how to define emergency need in Region 13:

- Historical knowledge (obtain information from emergency responders)
- Cluster trends of loss (lives and property lost)

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- Know flash flood areas with high loss of life potential
- Areas of identified egress issues

A goal is to address these emergency needs first through the funds currently allocated

Lauren Williams asked to discuss the weighing percentages for the flood Risk Scoring Matrix Clarified that technical team is recommending weighting loss of life as a higher priority than loss of property. She suggested that we consider exposure as higher weighting and how this might change the flood risk maps.

Motion made by Robert Williams to confirm the approach and tables of data related to emergency need for the tech memo and seconded by Andrew Rooke. Passed unanimously.

**9. Discussion and Action Item** – Consider formation of a subcommittee to review the list of potential FMEs and identify list of FMEs for Region 13 to perform and prioritized list of FMEs for the TWDB to perform.

Looking for volunteers (no limit on the number). You do not have to be a member of the RFPG to be on the subcommittee. Email Travis Pruski & Kristi Shaw if you want to be on the subcommittee before Thanksgiving (11/21/25). Meetings will be virtual and up to 2 meetings, prior to the next RFPG meeting in February.

Motion to approve creation of the subcommittee was made by Lilly Wilkerson and seconded by Andrew Rooke. Passed unanimously.

**10. Discussion and Action Item** – Revisit three of the goals adopted at the August RFPG meeting for clarification on progress since the 2023 Plan and identifications of measurable actions re: public information campaigns and funding.

Three goals for which regional updates are being requested related to public information campaigns; maintenance of drainage maintenance; and technical training for floodplain districts, managers, and administrators

Technical team asking if any RFPG members are aware of communities making progress in any of these areas so we can follow up with those communities to get input on how they moved things forward.

Lilly Wilkerson -San Patricio county ripped out all low water crossings between Mathis and Portland and replaced 15" culverts with box culverts. Have 3 grants coming in to put underground drainage in some colonias (\$4M).

Barbara Canales -Talk to Dr. Stansel -Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries program on replacement of culverts

Kristi Shaw asked if it would be helpful to have a brief workshop before or after a RFPG meeting for TWDB or TFMA can share information on the tools that are available. Or have a workshop at the Nueces Basin Summit.

- A chance for people to exchange ideas on how they are making more out of less.
- Barbara Canales recommended pursuing setting up a workshop before one of the RFPG meetings.

Andy Rooke suggested also contacting the National Hydrologic Flood Warning Council. Barbara Canales also suggested looking at TxDOT or other agencies that we want to mimic TxDOT had an initiative on lighting and low water crossings

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No action taken.

**11. Discussion and Action Item** – Consider adoption of the Technical Memorandum with authorization of HDR/Nueces River Authority to make non-substantial edits for submittal to the TWDB by January 7, 2026.

RFPG does not currently have another meeting scheduled before the Tech Memo must be submitted. Motion to approve tech memo for submittal to TWDB was made by Robert Williams and seconded by David Wright. Passed unanimously.

**12. Discussion Item** – Reminder 2026 meeting dates – February 23rd, May 11<sup>th</sup>, August 24<sup>th</sup>, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

**13. Discussion Item** – Update from Planning Group Sponsor

**14. Discussion Item** – RFPG members' comments'

Barbara Canales has asked for a presentation related to radio coalition and communications. This was a breakdown that happened in Kerr County July 4th funds, so let's hear from someone who has done this successfully

Also for future meeting, the Gulf Trust is developing a Texas Waterways film for PBS. Barbara Canales has asked for a sneak preview of the film.

**15. Adjourn** – 1:01 pm