

Meeting Minutes
Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress Flood Planning Group Public Meeting
March 6, 2025

2:00 p.m.

at

Hilton Conference and Event Center, 3143 NE Loop 286, Paris, TX 75460, and Via Zoom
Webinar/Teleconference

Roll Call:

<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>Interest Category</u>	<u>Present (x) / Absent () / Alternate Present (*)</u>
David Basinger	Agricultural interests	X
Andy Endsley	Counties	X
W. Greg Carter	Electric generating utilities	X
Laura-Ashley Overdyke	Environmental interests	X
Casey Johnson	Industries	X
Dustin Henslee	Municipalities	
Troy Hudson	Public	
R. Reeves Hayter	River authorities	X
(Vacant Position)	Small business	
David Weidman	Water districts	
Brad Thomas	Water utilities	

<u>Non-voting Member</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent() / Alternate Present (*)</u>
James (Clay) Shipes	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	
Andrea Sanders	Texas Division of Emergency Management	X
Darrell Dean	Texas Department of Agriculture	X
Tony Resendez	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	
Trey Bahm	General Land Office	
Cynthia Nolasco	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	X
Michelle Havelka	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	
Lisa M. Mairs	USACE, Galveston District	
Emily Mott	Red River Valley Association	
Jason Dupree	TxDOT – Atlanta District	
Dan Perry	TxDOT – Paris District	

Quorum:

Quorum: **Yes**

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: **6**

Number required for quorum per current voting membership of **11: 6**

Other Meeting Attendees: **

Paul Prange – ATCOG

Tina Bell – ATCOG

Joshua McClure – Halff Associates

Kayla Wood – MTG Engineers

Hon. Shawn Ballew – Region 1 RFPG Liaison

Jarian Fred – Region 1 RFPG

Jenny LaFoy – Halff Associates

Caleb Rodriguez – 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>.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order.

Reeves Hayter called the meeting to order at 2:17 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Welcome.

Reeves Hayter welcomed members and attendees to the Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress Flood Planning Group meeting at the Hilton Conference and Event Center in Paris, TX.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Confirmation of attendees / determination of a quorum.

Reeves Hayter asked ATCOG staff member, Paul Prange, to conduct a roll call of attendees. Each present voting and non-voting member of the Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress RFPG introduced themselves, establishing that a quorum had been met. Six voting members were present along with three non-voting members.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Public comments – limit 3 minutes per person.

Reeves Hayter opened the floor for public comments. No public comments were received.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: *Consider approval of minutes for the meetings held Thursday, December 5, 2024.

Reeves Hayter opened the floor for discussion and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting. A motion was made by David Basinger and was seconded by Andy Endsley to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: *Consider approval by the planning group to authorize the Ark-Tex Council of Governments to execute an amendment to the contract with TWDB and to execute an amendment to the subcontract with Halff Associates, to extend interim submittal deadlines for the 2028 Regional Flood Plan.

Reeves Hayter opened the floor for discussion and approval. A motion was made by David Basinger and seconded by Greg Carter to authorize ATCOG to execute contract amendments with TWDB and Halff Associates. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Texas Water Development Board Update.

Reeves Hayter turned the floor over to Cynthia Nolasco, who stated that TWDB has published updates on two key resources and encouraged the planning group to view the newsletter on the TWDB website, which contains information on many topics

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Region 1 Canadian-Upper Red Regional Flood Planning Group Updates.

Reeves Hayter announced that the agenda for the last Region 1 Flood Planning Group meeting is attached in the packet for today's meeting and introduced Judge Shawn Ballew and Jarian Fred from the Region 1 Flood Planning Group. Judge Ballew announced that he is the liaison for Region 1 and looks forward to working with Region 2. Reeves Hayter stated that he would like to engage in discussion with Region 1 regarding our flood planning efforts. Jarian Fred announced that he works for the PRPC, which is the sponsor of the Region 1 Flood Planning Group and he looks forward to collaborating with Region 2

in the future. Mr. Fred stated that the next Region 1 meeting is scheduled for March 20th and provided an overview of the agenda.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Technical Consultant Update.

- 1. Amendment Requests**
- 2. TWDB Schedule Update**
- 3. Grant Workshop**

Josh McClure announced the agenda for the technical consultant update, which included: Outreach Update; Flood Funding Forum Summary; TWDB Tools and Data Status Update; TWDB Schedule Update; Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) Rankings; and Next Steps. Mr. McClure stated that emails began two weeks ago, and follow-up phone calls will begin soon. The survey has been greatly simplified compared to Round 1 to encourage more participation. Mr. McClure announced that the Flood Funding Forum was held just prior to the Region 2 meeting and presentations were made by TWDB, USACE, TDEM, GLO, and Halff Associates staff members to approximately 60 attendees from over 20 communities. The speakers provided valuable information relating to additional funding that is available for flood planning. Reeves Hayter Stated the forum was excellent and thanked all participants who were involved. Greg Carter mentioned that participation in the flood planning process has been a struggle within Region 2.

Josh McClure then discussed the TWDB tools and data status update and announced that TWDB has a new infrastructure toolkit which provides guidance on classifying the condition and functionality of flood infrastructure assets. Mr. McClure stated that TWDB has released the existing conditions cursory flood quilt which includes Cursory Floodplain (Fathom) for fluvial and pluvial flooding. Mr. McClure announced that he is still waiting for TWDB to release the Year 2060 floodplain maps for Texas, however, TWDB has released the same building footprints from Round 1 but added Texas Flood-SVI (TX F-SVI) and SVI (CDC 2022) data. Discussion took place among the group regarding Fathom versus BLE data.

Josh McClure then presented information relating to the updated schedule of deliverables from TWDB. The Technical Memorandum is now due on January 7, 2026, instead of September 19, 2025. The list of FMEs to be performed by TWDB is due on March 26, 2026, instead of January 26, 2026. Draft Plans are due on May 26, 2027, instead of February 26, 2027. The Final Plan Deadline is January 10, 2028.

Josh McClure announced that the FIF FME and FMP rankings are currently out for review and comments are due by March 17, 2025. There are 140 active projects and over \$699 million in funds already committed in the FIF. Mr. McClure provided information relating to six projects in Region 2 that have been submitted for funding, which rank from 24th to 185th. Mr. McClure then briefly addressed the scoring criteria.

Josh McClure announced the Next Steps by the technical consultants which include: Outreach calls to complete the data collection tool and obtain FMXs; Evaluation of TWDB Future Flood Quilt and determine flood quilt methodology and prioritization; Begin updating Chapter 1 with input from RFPG members: Evaluate TWDB Existing and Future Flood Quilt; and Develop a method for deciding which FMXs will be performed by the Technical Consultant or TWDB. Brief discussion took place among the

group about the deadline to receive FMXs for the 2028 State Flood Plan, which is approximately August, 2025.

OTHER BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Update from Planning Group Sponsor.

Reeves Hayter turned the floor over to Paul Prange who announced that ATCOG received several copies of the 2024 State Flood Plan Books for distribution to the RFPG members. Mr. Prange stated that ATCOG has posted an application for the vacant position on the flood planning group in the small business interest category. Mr. Prange announced that officer elections will take place at the next flood planning group meeting. Mr. Prange introduced Tina Bell, ATCOG Public Relations and Media Coordinator, to the flood planning group, and congratulated her on developing the outreach for the Northeast Texas Flood Funding Forum, in coordination with SRBA and Halff Associates staff.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Consider date and agenda items for next meeting.

Reeves Hayter opened the floor for discussion and the Region 2 RFPG board members agreed to conduct the next Region 2 Flood Planning Group Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in Mount Pleasant, TX.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Adjourn.

Reeves Hayter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was seconded by Laura-Ashley Overdyke at approximately 3:22 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved by the Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress RFPG at a meeting held on 5/01/2025.

Reeves Hayter, CHAIR