

Meeting Minutes
Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress Flood Planning Group Public Meeting
June 4, 2026
2:00 p.m.

**Titus County Water District Office, 352 Fort Sherman Dam Road, Mount Pleasant, TX 75455 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	
W. Greg Carter	Electric generating utilities	X
Laura-Ashley Overdyke	Environmental interests	
Casey Johnson	Industries	
Dustin Henslee	Municipalities	X
Troy Hudson	Public	
R. Reeves Hayter	River authorities	X
Kevin Gibson	Small business	X
David Weidman	Water districts	X
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	
Darrell Dean	Texas Department of Agriculture	
Tony Resendez	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	
Trey Bahm	General Land Office	
Luz Lumb	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	X
Michelle Havelka	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	
Lisa M. Mairs	USACE, Galveston District	
Fabian Heaney	Region 1 Liaison	
Josh McClintock	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

Parker Moore - Halff Associates

Joshua McClure – Halff Associates

Jenny LaFoy – Halff Associates

Sage Priest - Freese & Nichols

Caroline Jones - Freese & Nichols

Jorge Gallosa – Freese & Nichols

Brad New Man – Project ENKI

Tracy Fanara – Project ENKI

Sophie Bryden – Project ENKI

Tristan Rodriguez - ATCOG

**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 2:00 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 Small Business Development Center in Mount Pleasant, 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 one non-voting member.

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 meeting held Thursday, March 5, 2026.

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 Greg Carter to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: *Consider appointing a Region 2 Liaison to coordinate with the Region 1 Liaison.

Reeves Hayter asked for a volunteer, however no one indicated that they were willing to take on this role. The item was tabled and Mr. Hayter asked that the item be revisited at a meeting scheduled for later in the year.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: * Consider approval of invoices from Halff Associates and ATCOG submitted to TWDB for reimbursement.

Paul Prange presented three invoices totaling \$684, 183.82 for review and approval. Brief discussion took place and a motion to approve was made by David Weidman and seconded by David Basinger. The motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Texas Water Development Board Update.

Reeves Hayter asked Luz Lumb for an update, and she announced that TWDB approved the Region 15 Amendment number 3 to the Region Flood Plan; Task 5B items for March and April deliverables are currently under review; TWDB will continue to reach out for any requests for information and will notify the RFPG when the deliverables have been found to be administratively complete; TWDB is continuing to review the technical memorandums for all RFPGs; TWDB will host a Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) webinar on June 10th to provide an overview of the intended use plan and asked the RFPG to provide any public comments as soon as possible; The TWDB will host a Chair's conference call during the summer and a payment request refresher webinar for Sponsors. Ms. Lumb thanked the RFPG members

for their engagement in the flood planning process. Brief discussion took place among the group and Mr. Hayter thanked Ms. Lumb for her presentation

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Region 1 Canadian-Upper Red Regional Flood Planning Group Updates.

Reeves Hayter asked for an update from Region 1 Liaison. Paul Prange announced that Region 1 recently held a meeting and they appear to be at a similar point in the flood planning process as Region 2. Luz Lumb concurred.

AGENDA ITEM NO 10: Project Enki Presentation.

Reeves Hayter asked Paul Prange to introduce the Project ENKI team. Mr. Prange turned the floor over to Project ENKI staff for their presentation. Brad Newman, President of the Unity Alliance Foundation, the non-profit program that Project ENKI is associated with. Mr. Newman provided a brief background of the overall mission of Project ENKI, which was created due to the devastating floods at Camp Mystic in the Texas Hill Country on July 4th, 2025.

Mr. Newman turned the floor over to Tracy Fanara who presented the three main components of Project ENKI (Technology, Education, and Communication). The technology involves development of apps (Flood Aware), filling gaps in existing flood data and flood communication. Education involves providing training activities at camps, workshops, and for the general public to inform people about what to do before, during, and after a storm/flood event. Communication involves using proven methodologies from big industry.

Tracy Fanara provided details of her background and areas of expertise, including hydrology, and referenced several significant flood events where flood preparedness was lacking due to various factors. Ms. Fanara presented a comparison of Texas floods vs. the Washington floods in 2025 (Massive loss of life vs. No loss of life). The level of communication directly affected the outcomes of each flood event. The Project ENKI app is being developed to fill in the gaps of existing flood data by utilizing technology to better predict flood risk at specific locations.

Sophie Bryden, the communications specialist for Project ENKI, elaborated on the models used to identify flood risk in the Texas Hill Country and how they need to be improved. Ms. Bryden then presented information about how Project ENKI could benefit Region 2 and she identified multiple synergies between the Region 2 Flood Plan and Project ENKI's goals. Ms. Bryden focused specifically on early warning systems, assemblies and community workshops, mobile labs, camps, educational resources, and social media. Tracy Fanara elaborated on the educational outreach efforts at schools and community centers.

Josh McClure asked about the predictive model being utilized to determine the flood risk for a specific area and Tracy Fanara replied that the model uses machine learning and historical flood data, including atmospheric conditions to create an ensemble of multiple precipitation models in adjacent watersheds to provide a probability of risk. Mr. McClure also inquired about educational camps and stated that he would reach out to Ms. Fanara for additional information. Paul Prange asked for a copy of the presentation and Ms. Fanara agreed to provide it. Reeves Hayter asked about the possibility of conducting a training camp for a girl scout troop and Mr. McClure commented on merit badges for the

boy scouts. Mrs. Fanara replied that Project ENKI could provide training. Greg Carter commented on Dam failure notification and flood risk modeling. Brad Newman closed out the presentation by stating that Project ENKI is committed to providing the most current and accurate flood risk information to members of the public who may be at risk, in an effort to save as many lives as possible. Mr. Prange thanked the Project ENKI staff for their presentation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Technical Consultant Update.

1. FME Updates

- **Task 4C – Performance of FMEs**
- **Task 5A – Draft Recommendations of FMEs performed by the RFPG**
- **Task 5B – Draft Recommendations of the FMEs performed by the TWDB**

2. Chapter 2 Update – Flood Risk Analysis

3. Schedule

Josh McClure announced the agenda for the technical consultant update, which included: Task 2 – Flood Risk Analysis; Task 4C – Performance of FMEs; Task 5A – Draft Recommendations of FMEs performed by the RFPG; Task 5B – Draft Recommendations of FMEs performed by the TWDB; and Schedule.

Josh McClure began by presenting Task 2 (Flood Risk Analysis) and stated that he would provide Chapter 2 to the RFPG members in July for review, prior to voting for approval in August of 2026. Mr. McClure then presented information relating to Tasks 5A and 5B (Performance of FMEs) by the RFPG technical consultant and by TWDB technical consultant. Mr. McClure also presented information on Task 4C (Performance of FMEs and Outcomes). Mr. McClure revisited the prioritized list of FMEs that the RFPG provided to the TWDB and mentioned that FNI may be able to complete the work under budget. Brief discussion took place between Mr. McClure and Luz Lumb regarding TWDB comments received on April 14, 2026. Mr. McClure informed the group that the Grayson County and Texarkana FMEs were submitted to TWDB on March 26, 2026, and the remainder of SOW were submitted to TWDB on April 24, 2026. TWDB / FNI began working on the first two FMEs in May of 2026. Dusty Henslee commented that the city engineer would coordinate activities between the City of Texarkana and the FNI technical consultants.

Josh McClure then introduced Caroline Jones who presented Task 5A, the prioritized list of 8 FMEs selected for the RFPG Technical Consultant to perform, with a total budget of \$325,000. Ms. Jones presented information relating to the City of Denison Storm Water Master Plan (SWMP). FNI has selected 5 FMEs to perform of the 17 potential projects associated with the SWMP. Discussion took place among the group and Reeves Hayter asked Mr. McClure to put an item on the next meeting agenda to vote on these 5 FMEs to include them in the list of previously approved FMEs. Mr. Hayer also commented on potential downstream flow increases associated with the proposed FMEs in the City of Denison. Mr. Hayter inquired about the timing associated with projects 3 and 4 on the list of FMEs that the TWDB is performing. Luz Lumb stated that the work would begin upon the completion of projects 1 and 2 and may or may not be completed for inclusion in the regional flood plan. Mr. Hayter asked about the Sulphur River Nature Based Solution Project not being on the list of FMEs. Mr. McClure stated that it was accidentally left off the list but is actually on the list of approved FMEs.

Josh McClure presented the TWDB Schedule Update: TWDB Consultant begins first two FMEs in May of 2026; July 2026 – No RFPG2 Meeting necessary; August 2026 – RFPG2 Meeting to vote on Chapters 2 and 3, and provide updates on FMEs; FME Draft Report and proposed FMPs due on February 19, 2027; RFPG votes on Draft RFP by April 1, 2027; Final FME Report due to TWDB on April 26, 2027; Draft 2028 RFPs due May 26, 2027; and Final Plan due January 10, 2028. Brief discussion took place among the group.

OTHER BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Update from Planning Group Sponsor.

Reeves Hayter turned the floor over to Paul Prange who stated that ATCOG's social media platforms are receiving increased views and comments from the public, due to the ATCOG Media Coordinator's efforts to post information more frequently.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Consider date and agenda items for the 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, August 6, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at a location to be determined.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: Adjourn.

Reeves Hayter asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Greg Carter and seconded by David Basinger at 3:35 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved by the Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress RFPG at a meeting held on 8/06/2026.

Reeves Hayter, CHAIR