

Region 8 - Lower Brazos

Regional Flood Planning Group

LOWER BRAZOS REGIONAL FLOOD PLANNING GROUP

Thursday, December 7, 2023

10:00 AM

Brazos River Authority

4600 Cobbs Dr., Waco, TX 76710

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- 1. Call Meeting to Order and Attendance**
- 2. Public Input - Public comments on agenda items or flood planning issues
(limit to 3 minutes each)**

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3. Consent Agenda

3.1. Approval of Minutes from the June 22, 2023 meeting

3.2. Report, Approval, and Certification of the Finance Report Expenditures

Meeting Minutes

REGION 8 - LOWER BRAZOS REGIONAL FLOOD PLANNING GROUP

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10:00 a.m. – Thursday, June 22, 2023

Hybrid Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Meeting agenda, materials, and audio recordings are available online at www.lowerbrazosflood.org

1. Call Meeting to Order and Attendance

Alysha Girard presided over the meeting in Waco, TX. Ms. Girard called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

Susan Alford	A	David Lilly	A
Anthony Beach	P	Glenn Lord	P
Carl Burch	A	Matt Phillips	A
Sujeeth Draksharam	P	Mark Vogler	P
Charlotte Gilpin	P	Brandon Wade	P
Alysha Girard	P	Claudia Wright	P

Quorum Present: **Yes**. Quorum is 7 of 12 voting members.

2. Public Input - Public comments on agenda items or flood planning issues (limited to 3 minutes each)

Alysha Girard opened the floor for public comments. No comments were received by the group.

3. Consent Agenda

3.1. Approval of Minutes from the May 25, 2023 meeting

3.2. Report, Approval and Certification of the Finance Report Expenditures

Alysha Girard opened the floor for approval of the consent Agenda Items. The consent agenda items were approved as presented. Brandon Wade made the motion to approve the consent agenda items and Anthony Beach seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Report, discussion, and possible action on update from Region 8 Technical Consultant

4.1. Updates on the Final Amended Regional Flood Plan Report

The Technical Consultant Team provided a brief overview of the updates made to the Lower Brazos Regional Flood Plan Report, appendices, and associated data since the submittal of the Final Lower Brazos Regional Flood Plan.

5. ACTION ITEM: Adoption of the Amended Regional Flood Planning Report and Approve submittal to TWDB by July 14, 2023

The Chair requested a motion for the Lower Brazos Regional Flood Planning Group to adopt the Regional Flood Plan Report, as presented with allowance for unsubstantial edits in the finalization process and approve the technical consultant team to submit the adopted plan to the TWDB by July 14, 2023. The motion was made by Anthony Beach and second was made by Brandon Wade. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the Terms of Office for the initial Lower Brazos RFPG voting members in accordance with the by-laws.

A drawing of lots to determine which voting members would serve 2-year terms was conducted.

Name	Term (years)	Name	Term (years)
Susan Alford	5	David Lilly	2

Anthony Beach	2	Glenn Lord	5
Carl Burch	2	Matt Phillips	5
Sujeeth Draksharam	2	Mark Vogler	5
Charlotte Gilpin	5	Brandon Wade	2
Alysha Girard	2	Claudia Wright	5

7. Report from:

7.1. Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) staff

Ryke Moore provided the TWDB Report to the RFPG. Ryke informed the group of a change in TWDB representative for Region 8. Ryke introduced Jake Madewell as the new TWDB Planner for Region 8.

7.2. Regional Planning Sponsor

No Sponsor Report.

7.3. Lower Brazos RFPG Liaisons and Chair

No report from Liaisons, Chair gave a brief report. Chair lead discussion on potential locations for future regular meetings.

8. Confirm next meeting date and discuss new business to be considered at next meeting

Next meeting date is TBD.

9. Adjourn

Alysha Girard adjourned the meeting at 10:22 AM.

Approved by the Region 8 Lower Brazos RFPG at the meeting held on June 22, 2023.

Matt Phillips, Secretary

Alysha Girard, Chair

Brazos River Authority
Region 8 Lower Brazos Regional Flood Planning Group
From 05/01/23 Through 05/31/23

	Current Period	Life to Date	Total Budget	Budget Variance	% Budget Remaining
Revenues					
State Grants	141,040	1,855,205	2,244,000	388,795	17.33%
Total Revenues	141,040	1,855,205	2,244,000	388,795	17.33%
Reimbursable Expenditures					
Salaries	183	6,873			
Benefits	79	3,001			
Indirect Costs	18	673			
Other Expenditures					
Printing/Publishing					
Public Information/Notices/Ads ¹	-	180			
Misc postage/overnight/Misc/etc. ²	15	846			
Total Other Expenditures	294	11,574	40,000	28,426	71.07%
Voting Planning Member Travel	-	3,881	4,500	619	13.76%
Subcontractors ³	140,746	1,839,750	2,199,500	359,750	16.36%
Total Reimbursable Expenditures	141,040	1,855,205	2,244,000	388,795	17.33%
Work in Kind					
Salaries/benefits	92	21,062			
Other	-	32			
Total Work in Kind	92	21,094			
Net Revenue over expenditures	(93)	(21,094)	-	0	

²Agendas, handouts, sign in sheets & chair notes

³Current period is from April 1, 2023 thru April 30, 2023

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4. Report, discussion, and possible action on update from Region 8

Technical Consultant

4.1. Updates on the Comments received from TWDB on the Final Report and proposed response to these comments

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RFPG Meeting

December 7, 2023

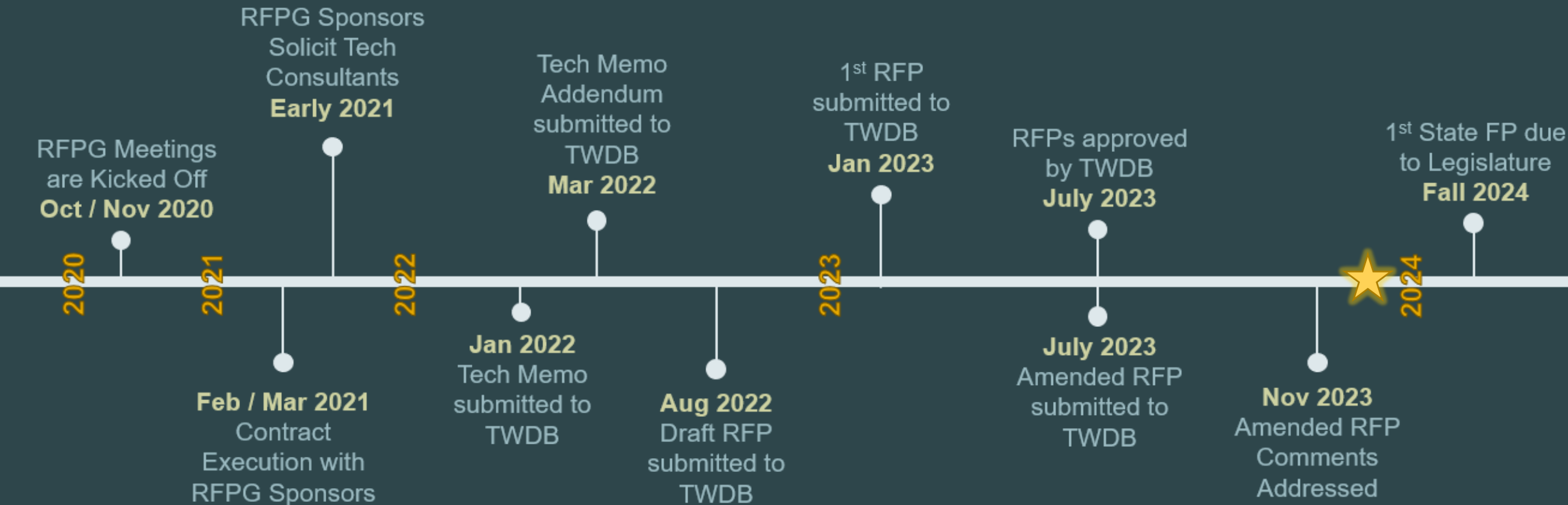


Summary Update

- Amended Plan Submission
- Amended Plan Comments
- Next Steps

Region 8 Amended Regional Flood Plan

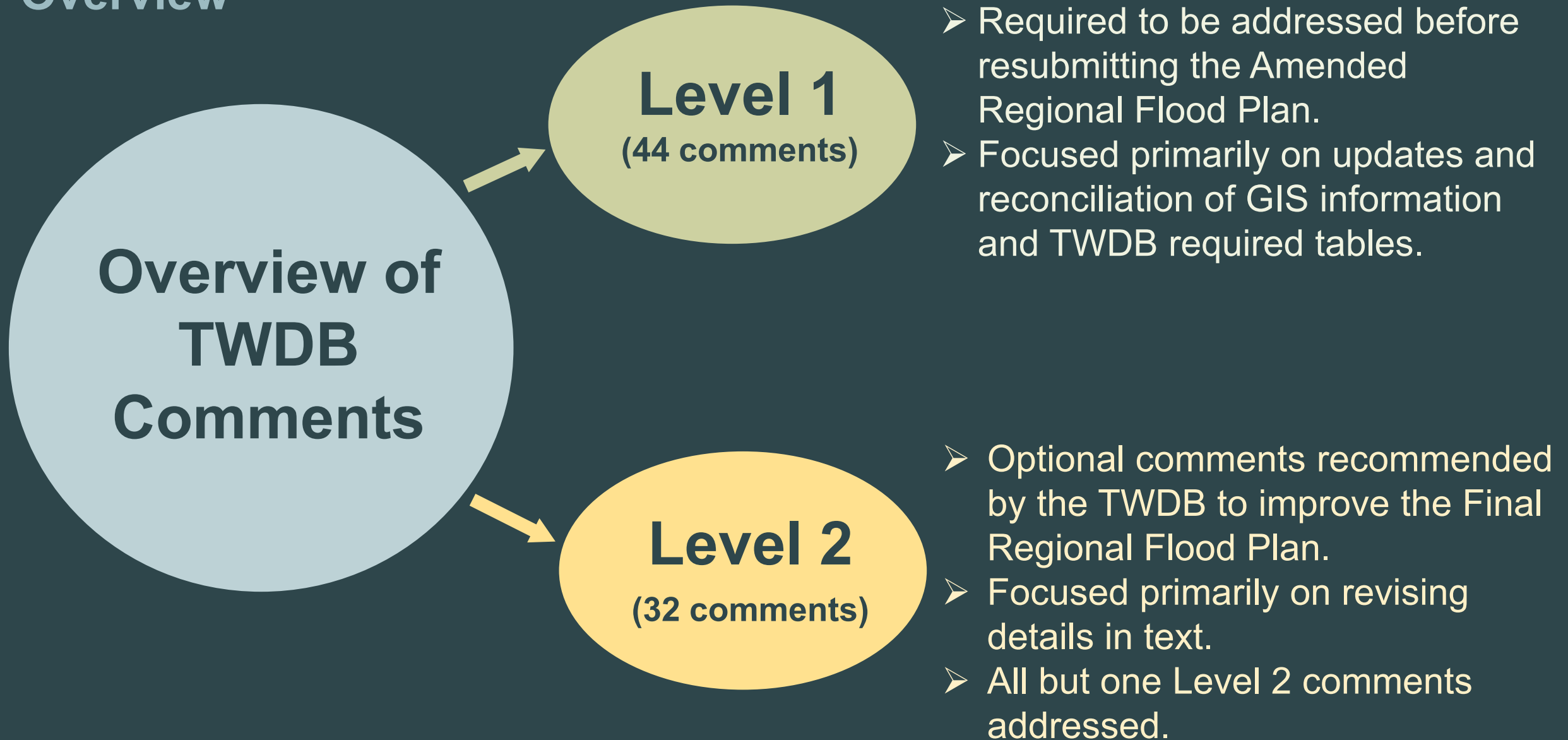
Timeline



Amended Plan Comments

TWDB Comments

Overview



Summary of Changes

Chapter 1 Planning Area Description

- Updated flood infrastructure tables and geodatabase.

Chapter 2 Flood Risk Analyses

- Updated TWDB Tables 3 and 5 to reconcile with geodatabase adjustments and values.
- Review flood quilt for inclusion of adequate detail.

Chapter 3 Practices and Goals

- Reconciled goals and floodplain management tables with geodatabase.
- Made small refinements for Chapter text.

Chapter 4 Needs Analysis and Potential FMXs

- Revised funding table to reflect additional FMXs developed under Amendment Tasks.
- Reconciled FMX tables and geodatabase values.

Chapter 5 Recommended FMXs

- Reconciled FMP details used for project rankings with FMP feature class.
- Uploaded additional models to TDIS for data sharing.

Chapter 10 Public Participation and Plan Adoption

- Updated text to reflect the receipt and addressal of comments on Amended Regional Flood Plan.
- Added Appendix 10.10 summarizing the comments and comment responses on the Amended Regional Flood Plan.

Re-submitted Amended Regional Flood Plan with adjustments on **November 27.**

TDIS model upload errors resolved **November 29.**

Next Steps

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Remainder of 1st Planning Cycle

- Close out of current contracts
 - Final Reimbursable Expense Date – December 29, 2023
 - Contract Expiration Date – June 28, 2024
 - Final Payment Request Deadline – February 29, 2024

2nd Planning Cycle

- Schedule
 - October 2023 – Amended regional and state flood planning administrative rules published.
 - November 2023 – Request for Applications and funding allocations by region published.
 - February 22, 2024 – Deadline for Sponsors to submit applications for grant funding.
 - May 2024 – Deadline to negotiate and execute grant contracts between TWDB and the Planning Group Sponsors.
 - August 2024 – Technical consultants are selected and approved by RFPGs and procured by Sponsors.
 - September 2024 – Deadline to negotiate and execute subcontracts between Sponsors and technical consultants.

Next Steps

Looking Ahead

- General Update
 - State Flood Plan will be available for comment Spring 2024 following approval of the amended Regional Flood Plans
 - State Flood Plan is being developed from amended regional flood plans
- Project Ranking
 - Project Ranking Criteria and methodology changes are being prepared by TWDB
 - New draft ranking will be out for Public Comment in Spring 2024
 - Proposed ranking will not be finalized until after hearing public comments
 - Final 2024 State Flood Plan will be adopted in September 2024
 - Similar ranking criteria methods will be used in 2024-2025 Flood Infrastructure Fund Intended Use Plan (FIUP)

Updates to Rules

Amended Regional and State Flood Planning Administrative Rules

- Definitions for Emergency Need and Critical Facilities and other refined definitions including FMEs and FMSs;
- Significant simplification of public notice requirements;
- A new technical memorandum deliverable to provide a summary and maps of locations that are considered to be the greatest flood risk;
- A requirement for public meetings to accept public comment related to the draft regional flood plan to be held in a central location of the flood planning region;
- Modifications to the list of natural features and constructed major infrastructure;
- Clarification that a feature-by-feature analysis in the analysis of condition and functionality of natural flood mitigation features or major flood infrastructure is not required;
- Clarification as to what data is necessary for the RFPGs to provide related to the existing and future condition risk;
- Moving the flood mitigation needs analysis before the development of flood mitigation and floodplain management goals;
- Clarification that ranking of FMSs will only include those that have non-recurring, noncapital costs;
- A requirement that the assessment of FMP and FMS benefits include analysis of avoidance of future flood risk and prevention of creation of future flood risk
- Amendments to eligible and ineligible costs, including allowance of rental spaces to hold RFPG meetings and purchase or rental audio-visual equipment.

**Congratulations
and thank you!**



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2023 LOWER BRAZOS AMENDED
REGIONAL FLOOD PLAN**



**QUESTIONS OR
COMMENTS?**



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5. Discussion to determine what, if any, additional public notice the RPFPG determines is necessary to ensure adequate public notice in its own unique region

31 Texas Administrative Code §361.12(a)(3) requires that every planning cycle, a public meeting (which may also be a regular RFPG meeting) be held to determine what, if any, additional public notice the RPFPG determines is necessary to ensure adequate public notice in its own unique region. Texas Administrative Code §361.70(c) requires that this meeting take place prior to the Planning Group Sponsor submitting its application for funding on behalf of the RFPG

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Region 8's Posting of Meeting Notice Actions

Regular RFPG meeting

- Post on Lower Brazos RFPG's website www.lowerbrazosflood.org
- Post notice to the Secretary of State's website
- Email to Distribution List of RFPG Members and Interested Parties
- Post on the Front Door at the meeting location (BRA Central Office) and McLennan County Clerk
- Share Meeting Flyer on BRA Social Media

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6. Discussion and possible action on selecting a planning group

Sponsor to act on behalf of the Lower Brazos RFGP for the 2nd cycle of regional flood planning

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- 7. Discussion and possible action on authorizing the RFPG sponsor to apply for grant funds and enter into a contract with the TWDB on behalf of the RFPG for the 2nd cycle of regional flood planning**

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