

REGION



Lower Brazos
Regional Flood Planning Group

Thursday, May 21, 2026

10:00 AM

Brazos River Authority, Lt. Gen. Phillip J. Ford Central Office

4600 Cobbs Dr., Waco, TX 76710



- 1. Call Meeting to Order and Attendance**
- 2. Public Input - comments on agenda items or flood planning issues
(limited to 3 minutes each)**
- 3. Consent Agenda**
 - 3.1. Approval of Minutes for the March 19, 2026, meeting**
 - 3.2. Approval and Certification of the Finance Report Expenditures**

Meeting Minutes

REGION 8 - LOWER BRAZOS REGIONAL FLOOD PLANNING GROUP

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4600 Cobbs Dr. Waco, TX 76710

10:00 a.m. – Thursday, March 19, 2026

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 10:01 am.

Anthony Beach —Alt. Lee Ligenfelter	P	Alysha Girard	P
Bruce Bodson	P	Matt Phillips	P
Sujeeth Draksharam	P	Kristina Ramirez	P
Tim Finley	P	Jonathan Steiber	P
Russell Ford	A	Mark Vogler	P
Charlotte Gilpin Alt. Ruth Haberman	P	Brandon Wade	P

Quorum Present: Yes. A 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 public comments.

3. Consent Agenda

3.1. Approval of Minutes for the January 15, 2026 meeting

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

Alysha Girard opened the floor for approval of the minutes from the previous meeting with one noted correction to Agenda Item 5, noting that Kristina Ramirez seconded the motion. Alysha made the motion to approve the previous meeting minutes and Sujeeth Draksharam seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action on the report from the technical consultant.

The Technical Consultant Team provided an update on general progress and development of Tasks 4C and 5B. Ryan Londeen mentioned that Edge Engineering, the consultant that will perform FMEs on behalf of the TWDB for Region 8, will introduce themselves in an upcoming meeting.

Sujeeth Draksharam asked if the Task 4C study proposed for the City of Waco (Barron's Branch Improvements) is over one square mile in area. He also asked for clarification on if it is necessary to model storm sewer in order to develop a regional flood mitigation project. Ryan Londeen confirmed that the study area is over 1 square mile. Storm sewer is critical to this area because a portion of Barron's Branch is enclosed underground. Previously developed data collected by the City will be leveraged for modeling storm sewer, so the technical consultant team will not have to expend significant effort to evaluate the performance of the existing storm sewer system. Alysha Girard confirmed that the study is in line with the RFPG's criteria for Task 4C selection and acknowledged that assessing storm sewer in this watershed will be critical to understanding downstream conditions of the watershed.

Action Item: Approve the list of Flood Management Evaluations (FMEs) to be completed by the RFPG (Task 4C).

Kristina Ramirez made the motion to approve the list for the FMEs to be completed by the RFPG (Task 4C) as presented. Mark Vogler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The RFPG discussed the number and total cost of the FMEs to be submitted to the TWDB. Tressa Olson confirmed that RFPG's have the authority to revise the list of FMEs for performance through the submittal of the Draft Regional Flood Plans. If the TWDB does not completely exhaust the money set aside for this effort, then money will be rolled over to the next cycle.

The RFPG discussed the size of some of the FMEs. Without input from the sponsors it is difficult to determine the overall scope of the submitted studies. The RFPG decided to move these uncertain items to the bottom of the list. Further coordination with the sponsors at the time of study initiation will be necessary to confirm they meet TWDB and RFPG criteria and are not already underway.

Action Item: Approve the list of Flood Management Evaluations (FMEs) to be submitted for performance by the TWDB (Task 5B).

Sujeeth Draksharam made the motion to approve the list for the FMEs to be completed by the TWDB (Task 5B), the change of moving study numbers 11, 13, and 14 down to the bottom of the ranked list. Mark Vogler seconded the motion.

Report from:

- 5.1. Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) staff
Tressa Olson provided the TWDB Report to the RFPG.
- 5.2. Regional Planning Sponsor
No Sponsor Report
- 5.3. Lower Brazos RFPG Chair
Alysha Girard provided a brief Chair report.

Discussion and possible action on meeting dates for the 2026 calendar year

Alysha made the motion to accept the presented schedule of meeting dates for the remainder of 2026 calendar year on May 21, July 16, September 17 and November 19, 2026, at 10:00am. Matt Phillips seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 10:00AM.

8. Adjourn

Alysha Girard adjourned the meeting at 10:52 AM.

Approved by the Region 8 Lower Brazos RFPG at the meeting held on May 21, 2026.

Matt Phillips, Secretary

Alysha Girard, Chair

Brazos River Authority
2028 Region 8 Lower Brazos Regional Flood Planning Group
 From 02/01/26 Through 04/30/26

	Current Period	Life to Date	Total Budget	Budget Variance	% Budget Remaining
Revenues					
State Grants	196	1,097,852	2,520,600	1,422,748	56.44%
Total Revenues	196	1,097,852	2,520,600	1,422,748	56.44%
Reimbursable Expenditures					
Salaries	119	2,118	14,750	12,632	85.64%
Benefits	51	911			
Indirect Costs	12	212			
Other Expenditures			10,250	10,250	100.00%
Printing/Publishing					
Public Information/Notices/Ads ¹	-	36			
Misc postage/overnight/Misc/etc. ²	15	642			
Total Other Expenditures	196	3,919	25,000	21,081	84.33%
Voting Planning Member Travel	-	279	4,500	4,221	93.81%
Subcontractors ³	-	1,093,655	2,491,100	1,397,445	56.10%
Total Reimbursable Expenditures	196	1,097,852	2,520,600	1,422,748	56.44%
Work in Kind					
Salaries/benefits	73	6,312			
Other	-	-			
Total Work in Kind	73	6,312			
Net Revenue over expenditures	(73)	(6,312)	-	-	

²Agenda, handouts, sign in sheets & chair notes & FedEx



4. Discussion and possible action on the report from the technical consultant

Technical Consultant Update

May 21, 2025



Agenda



General and Schedule Updates



Task 4C– Performance of FMEs



Task 5A – FMX Recommendation

General Updates

Task 4C – Technical Memorandum

- Received administratively complete notification from TWDB
- Waiting on comments

Task 5B – TWDBs for Performance

- Submitted list of FMEs for TWDB performance
- Received comments and provided responses
- First two FMEs will be initiated shortly

Flood Infrastructure Fund: Intended Use Plan

www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/FIF/index.asp

What Is It?

- Plan outlining the plan for distributing funding through the FIF and the types of projects and studies eligible for funding

What Does It Include?

- Eligibility requirements
- Program timeline
- Prioritization & ranking criteria
- Financing details & qualifiers
- Available funds

Access draft plan

View FMX ranking metrics

View current ranking of eligible FMXs

Provide comments on funding approach

[Public Notice for Draft SFY 2026-27 Flood Infrastructure Fund Intended Use Plan](#)

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Amended 2023 Regional Flood Plan Rankings:

- [FMX Ranking Update Summary for SFY 2026-27 FIF IUP](#)
- [FME Ranking Workbook 2026 \(PDF\)](#)
- [FME Ranking Working 2026 \(Excel\)](#)
- [FMP Ranking Workbook 2026 \(PDF\)](#)
- [FMP Ranking Working 2026 \(Excel\)](#)
- [FMS Ranking Workbook 2026 \(PDF\)](#)
- [FMS Ranking Working 2026 \(Excel\)](#)


Public Comment Period Open

The public comment period on the Draft SFY 2026-2027 Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) Intended Use Plan (IUP) begins Wednesday, May 13, 2026, and ends at 11:59 p.m. CDT on Friday, June 12, 2026.

To submit comments to the TWDB concerning the FIF IUP, complete the [online public comment form](#). If your comment includes attachment(s) email them to the [Flood Infrastructure Fund Inbox](#).

Flood Infrastructure Fund: Intended Use Plan

Intended Use Plan out for review through June 12th (Friday) – Comment Form on website



Abridged applications for the 2026-2027 FIF will open after the public comment period



FMXs included in the 2023 RFP or the Amendment will be eligible for funding



Consultant Team will send out notices to email list about FIF application window

Task 3: Management Practices & Goals

Draft Chapter 3 Provided for Review



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CHAPTER 3: FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT
PRACTICES AND FLOOD PROTECTION GOALS

Chapter 3: Floodplain Management Practices and Flood Protection Goals

The primary objective of Task 3 is to transition the regional flood planning process from the identification of risk to the development of actionable strategies that effectively address those risks and improve flood management practices throughout the Lower Brazos Region. Specifically, this task builds upon the foundation of Task 2, which defines where flood risk is highest, by also analyzing how communities currently manage that risk. Based on this information, the Lower Brazos Regional Flood Planning Group (RFPG) identified methods for prioritizing areas requiring the most assistance and established a vision for the region's future by defining goals that provide the region with a clear sense of direction and a framework to track progress across subsequent planning cycles.

Schedule Update

2026

2027

Task 4C: RFPG Performance of FMEs

Task 5A: FMX Recommendation

Task 5B: TWDB Performance of FMEs

Task 5B list due to TWDB



Task 5B supporting data due to TWDB

Task 5B: TWDB Performance of FMEs



Draft 5B due to RFPG

Final 5B due to RFPG



Task 7: Flood Response

Task 8: Recommendations

Task 6: Impacts of Plan

Task 9: Funding Analysis

Task 10: Public Engagement

Task 11: RFP Comparison

Draft RFP due to TWDB



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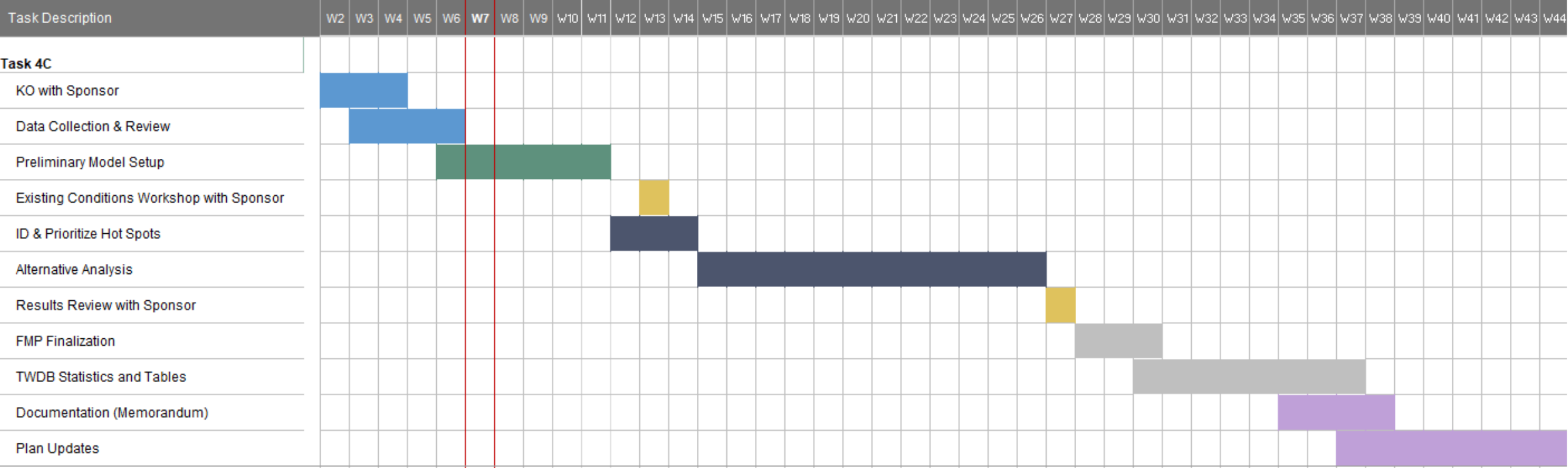
Task 4C: RFPG Performance of FMEs

Jenna Blohm, PE, CFM

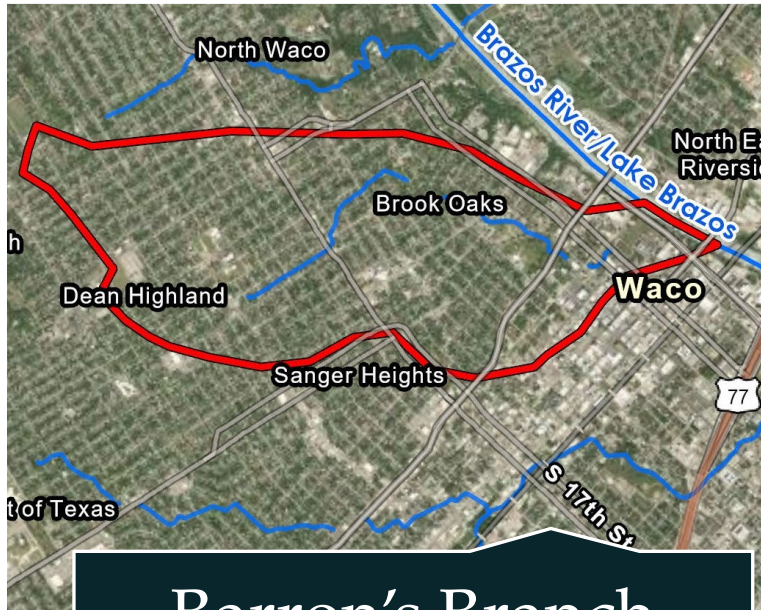


Task 4C: Schedule

Task 4C - Performance of FMEs

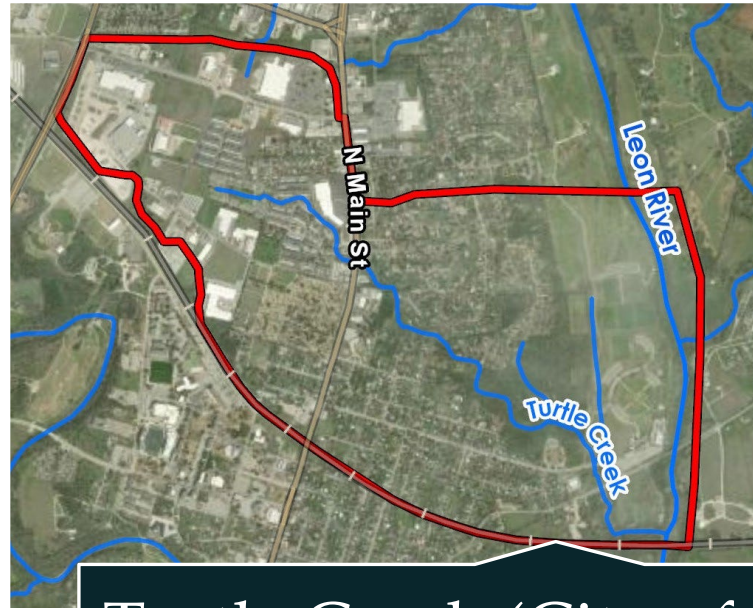


Task 4C: FMEs for Performance



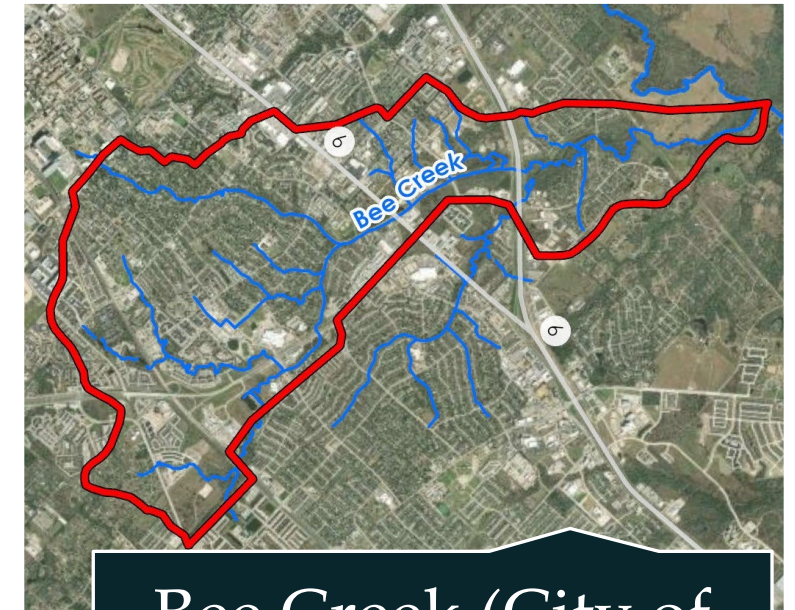
**Barron's Branch
(City of Waco)**

Building upon previous study efforts to identify regional FMP



Turtle Creek (City of Belton)

Developing new model to identify FMP aimed at mitigating frequent structural flooding



Bee Creek (City of College Station)

Building upon previous study efforts to identify regional FMP

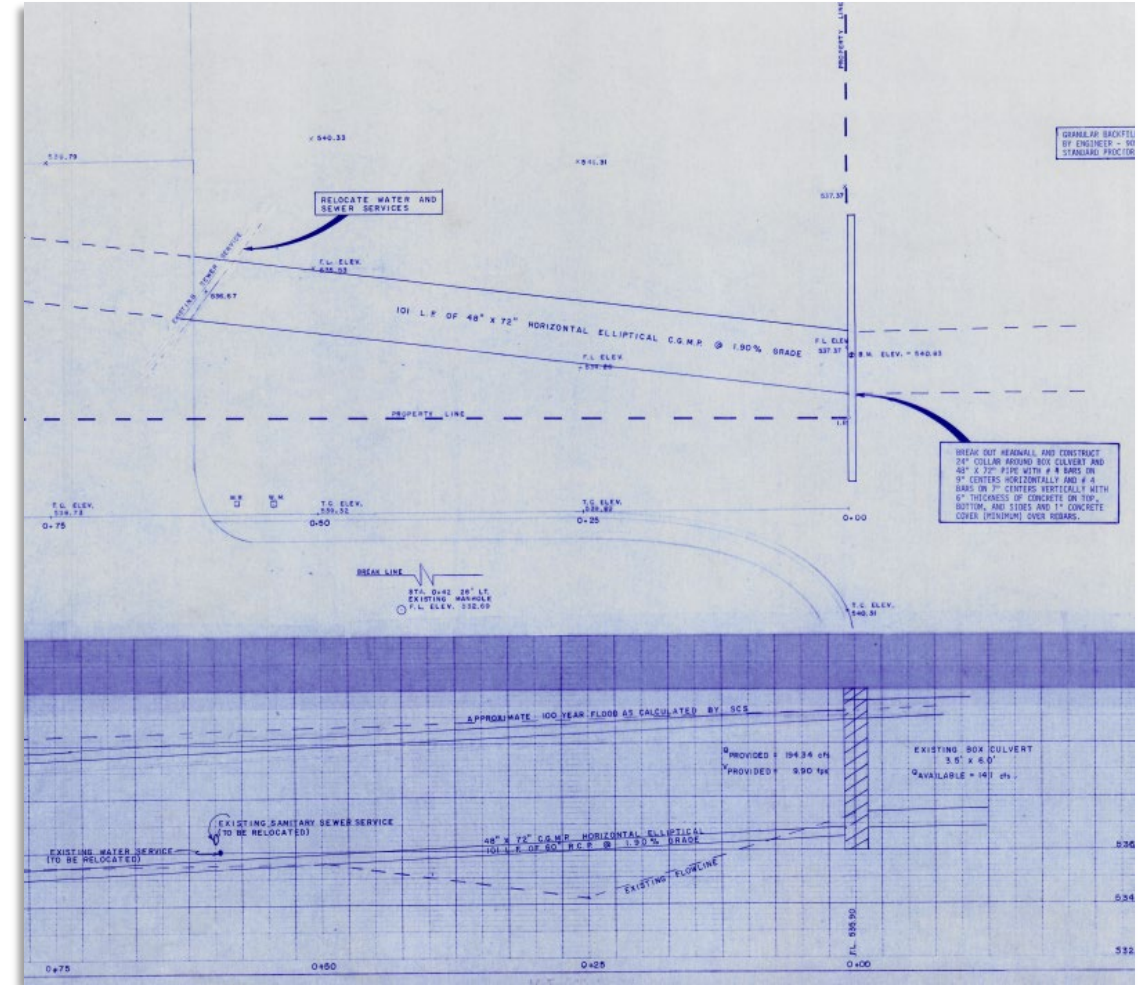
Task 4C: FMEs for Performance

Current Progress

- Coordination with sponsors to obtain existing data and information
- Collection of relevant public data
- Existing conditions model development

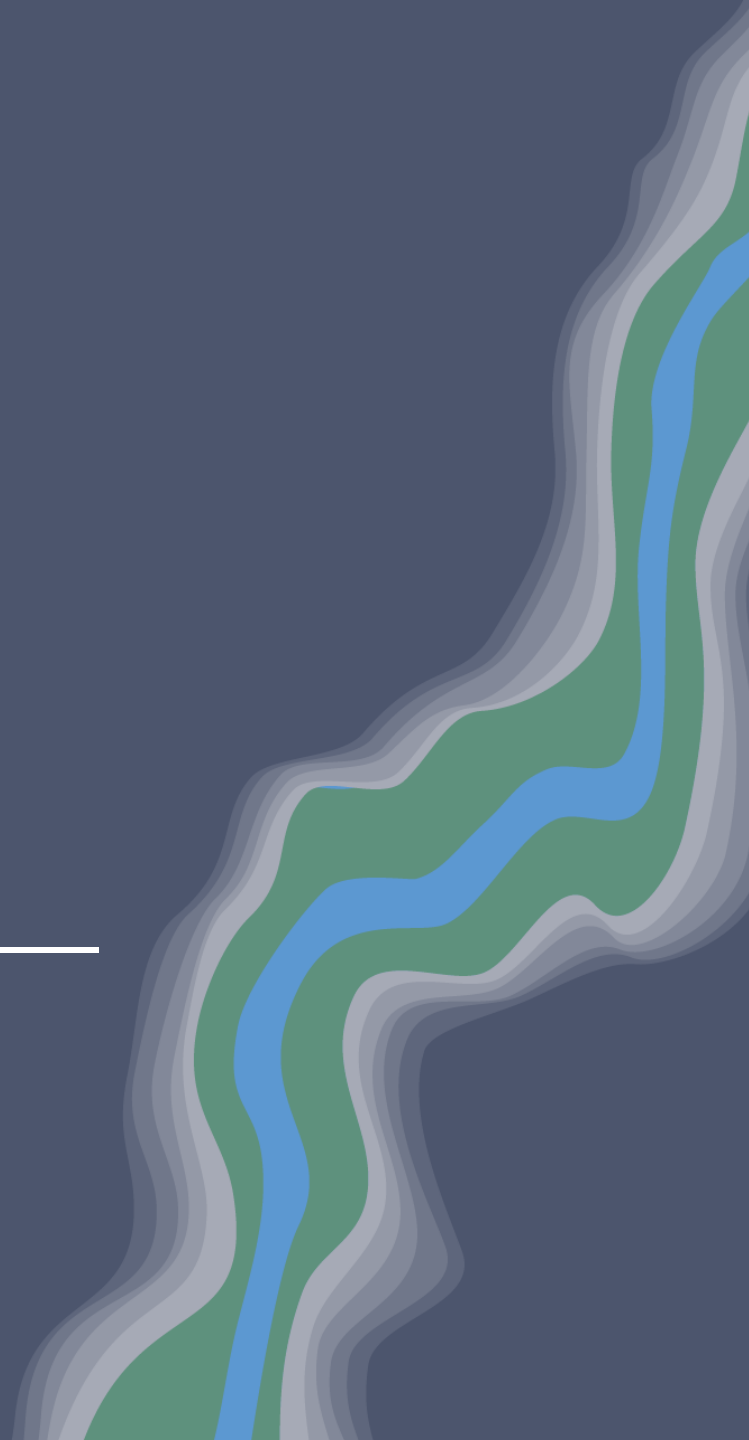
Upcoming Progress

- Continued model development
- Existing conditions flood risk assessment
- Problem area identification
- Workshop with sponsors



Task 5A: FMX Recommendation

Ryan Londeen, PE, CFM



Task 5A: Recommendation of FMXs

Recommend FMXs that meet minimum TWDB and RFPG criteria to be eligible for funding opportunities.

Task 4A: Mostly Complete

Task 5A: Starting

Public Outreach

- Collect FMXs from communities
- Pre-screen and coordination

Evaluation

- Scope of work
 - 1 sq. mi.
 - Flood mitigation
- Models?
- Metrics

Classification

- FMP
- FME
- FMS
- Infeasible

Recommendation

- Final RFPG decision on what is eligible for funding
- Additional criteria for RFPG goals
- Metrics

Task 5A: Recommendation of FMXs

Public Outreach (Already Complete)

- Advertised FMX collection
- Provided form to make collection process straightforward for sponsors
- Closed October 2025

FMX Evaluation (Already Complete)

- Screened submittals for feasibility
 - Needs not focused on flood mitigation
 - Local needs (less than 1 square mile)
- Corresponded with sponsors to get supporting information as needed



Task 5A: Recommendation of FMXs

FMX Classification (Already Complete): Sorted FMXs into categories based on available data and correspondence with sponsors.

38 FMPs

- Channel Improvements (16)
- Crossing Improvements (6)
- Detention (4)
- Storm Sewer Improvements (2)
- Comprehensive Drainage Improvements (7)
- Other (3)

23 FMEs

- Drainage Master Plan (7)
- Feasibility (5)
- H&H Updates (5)
- Mapping (3)
- Emergency Management (2)
- Erosion (1)

2 FMSs

- Flood Warning System (1)
- Property Buyout Program (1)

Task 5A: Recommendation of FMXs

Additional Criteria for Recommendation?



Pros

- Ensures funded FMXs are representative of RFPG priorities
- Helps limit “noise” from FMX list

Cons

- RFPG does not determine what ultimately gets funding
- Less FMXs means less chance for funding to come to Lower Brazos region



Task 5A: Recommendation of FMXs

FMX Recommendation (Starting)

Criteria for Recommendation (Last Cycle)

- No negative impacts for FMPs (TWDB)
- Sponsor approved (RFPG)
- 1 square mile – initial filtering complete (RFPG)

Potential Additional Criteria

- Project or study type
- Magnitude of expected benefits

FMP 1 Square Mile Exceptions

- 1 The FMP provides flood mitigation benefits to a critical facility as defined by the TWDB, FEMA, or the State of Texas.
- 2 The FMP removes an established TxDOT evacuation route from flood risk.
- 3 The FMP removes a low water crossing that is a singular ingress or egress point from flood risk.
- 4 The FMP falls within a high flood risk HUC as defined by the analysis completed under Task 4A.
- 5 The FMP provides benefits to a repetitive loss structure.

LOOKING AHEAD

JULY 2026

- Draft Chapter 2 Discussion
- Task 4C (FME Performance) – Progress Update
- **Task 5A (FMX Recommendation) – Discussion & Possible Action**
- Task 7 (Flood Response) – Introduction
- Task 8 (Recommendations) – Introduction

SEPTEMBER 2026

- Task 4C (FME Performance) – Progress Update
- **Task 5A (FMX Recommendation) – Discussion & Possible Action**
- Task 7 (Flood Response) – Discussion
- Task 8 (Recommendations) – Discussion

Gold = RFPG Decision or Vote



5. Report from:

5.1. Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) staff

5.2. Regional Planning Sponsor

5.3. Lower Brazos RFPG Chair



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

3rd Thursday of the month for regular RFPG meetings – July 16, 2026, at 10:00 AM

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7. Adjourn