

PROJECT: Sabine Regional Flood Planning Group (RFPG)
NAME OF MEETING: Region 4 Sabine RFPG Meeting
RECORDED BY: Mat Leclair, PE, CFM, CPESC
DATE: March 20, 2023; 9:00am
LOCATION: Virtual and In-Person (SRA Office – Orange, TX)

The following reflects our understanding of the items discussed during the subject meeting. If you do not notify us within five working days, we will assume that you are in agreement with our understanding.

Voting Member	Interest Category	Present (x) / Absent () / Alternate Present (*)
James (Bill) Bruce	Agriculture Interests	
Johnny Trahan	Counties	X
Francis X. Shannon	Electric Generating Utilities	
Clyde V. McKee III	Environmental Interests	
Don Carona	Flood Districts	*
Nikki Davis	Industries	X
Alton Bradley	Municipalities	X
Michelle Falgout	Public	X
Travis Williams	River Authorities	X
Jeff Rogers	Small Business	X
Roman D. Griffin	Water Districts	X
Ross Gordon	Water Utilities	X

Voting Members: 9

Voting Members Present: 12

Quorum: **Yes**

Non-Voting Member	Interest Category	Present (x) / Absent () / Alternate Present (*)
vacant	General Land Office	
Kathy Saucedo	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	
Manuel Martinez	Texas Department of Agriculture	
Andrea Sanders	Texas Division of Emergency Management	
Robert (Bob) Baker	Texas Parks and Wildlife	X
Trey Watson	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	
Ryke Moore	Texas Water Development Board	X

Other Meeting Attendees:

Mat Leclair (FNI)

Allison Hand (FNI)

Doug Manning (OCDD)

Marvin Benoit (City of Orange)

Mark Howard (SRA)

Christine Gartner (SRA)

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order

- Travis Williams called the meeting called to order at 9:02 am.

Agenda Item 2: Roll Call

- Mark Howard confirmed quorum with 8 out of 12 voting members.
- Doug Manning (OCDD) arrived after the roll was called and serves as an alternate for Don Carona, bringing the total voting members to 9.

Agenda Item 3: Receive public comments (public comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

- No comments were presented.

Agenda Item 4: Discussion and Approval of minutes from the previous Region 4 Sabine RFPG meeting on January 17, 2023.

- **Johnny Trahan motions to adopt the minutes as presented and Nikki Davis seconds the motion. Motion passes.**

Agenda Item 5: Updates from Chair

- Travis Williams received most invoices and reimbursement from TWDB. Currently waiting on invoice #6.
- Travis Williams thanks Ryke Moore and TWDB for getting invoices being processed
- Feb. 24th – TWDB hosted a call with group chairs.
 - o Discussion of timeline for amendment
 - o Discussion of FMX ranking
- SRA forwarded an email regarding the ranking process.
- Webinar on March 22nd at 9am regarding the ranking process, hosted by TWDB

Agenda Item 6: Updates from Texas Water Development Board

- Ryke Moore notes the following:
 - o Payment requests are moving through.
 - o Stakeholder meeting on 3/22 and it is highly recommended to go to it. Ryke collecting emails and forwarding on to those at TWDB.

Agenda Item 7: Updates from Region 5, Neches RFPG Report.

- OCDD was not present at the meeting at the time of this item in the agenda. Discussion tabled.

Agenda Item 8: Update from Technical Consultant, Freese and Nichols

- Mat Leclair provided an update on the following items:
 - o FMX Ranking Process
 - TWDB opened up the process for the FMX rankings in early March.

- TWDB will be hosting a webinar on 3/22 to discuss the ranking process with open time for Q&A.
- Mat outlined an example of the scoring metrics and process for the highest ranking FME in the Sabine region.
- Mat outlined some statistics of the top 10 FMEs per region noting that the Sabine region's FMEs ranked in the top half across the state.
- Mat outlined some statistics of the top 100 FMEs across the entire state noting that the Sabine region was in the top third with 7 projects.
- Mat outlined some initial thoughts on the ranking process and a discussion was had with the RFPG members.
- Task 12 Modeling
 - Mat provided an overview of the streams in Orange County being modeled as well as currently proposed detention ponds under Task 12.
 - Terry Gully Detention Ponds 1 through 4 were outlined showing their modeled benefits
 - Claiborne Park detention pond was outlined with its modeled benefits.
 - Kinard Estates drainage improvements were outlined with modeled benefits.
 - Future detention evaluations (Lawrence Road, Upper Cow Bayou, and Upper Adams Bayou, and Cole Creek) were discussed.
 - An overview of Parker Creek, located in the City of Marshall was provided as well as anticipated areas to be targeted.
- New FMXs to be added to Sabine Amended RFP
 - FMPs are anticipated to be added from Hunt County, Upper Sabine study in Longview/Kilgore, and the Task 12 modeling in Orange County and the City of Marshall.
 - FMEs are anticipated to be added from the City of Marshall, Rains County, and coordination with other studies occurring in the region.
- Timeline leading to Amended Plan
 - Mat noted the deadline for inclusion in the amended plan is March 31st.
 - April 2023 is expected to outline new FMXs and update the group on Task 12 modeling.
 - May 2023 is expected to have the RFPG vote on the inclusion of new FMXs in the plan as well as changing current FMEs into FMPs.
 - June 2023 is expected to have the amended plan delivered to SRA and the RFPG for final review ahead of adoption/approval of the plan
 - July 2023 will be submitting the Amended RFP to TWDB no later than Friday, July 14th.

Agenda Item 9: Consider date and agenda items for next meeting.

- Travis Williams proposes the next meeting to be held on **Monday, April 10th at 1:30 pm.**

Agenda Item 10: Adjourn

- **Johnny Trahan motions to adjourn the meeting and Doug Manning seconds the motion. Travis Williams ended the meeting at 11:02 am.**