

Region 3 Trinity Flood Planning Group Public Comment Meeting
Thursday, September 8, 2022
6:00 p.m.

North Central Texas Council of Governments
Transportation Council Room, Centerpoint II Building
616 Six Flags Dr
Arlington, TX 76011

The Region 3 Trinity Flood Planning Group convened a public comment meeting, in person as well as virtual, on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 6:00 PM. Chairman Glenn Clingenpeel opened the meeting at 6:10 PM. The meeting was not an official meeting of the Region 3 Flood Planning Group, and no official action was taken.

Comments from the Texas Water Development Board

Richard Bagans with TWDB provided an agency update.

TWDB is currently reviewing all Draft Regional Flood Plans. TWDB comments are expected to be delivered to the RFPG and the Technical Consultants by the end of October.

Attendees were reminded that this is an important opportunity to provide input on the Draft Regional Flood Plan. More opportunities will be available through the amendment process next year.

Overview of regional flood planning process - Glenn Clingenpeel with Trinity River Authority:

The Legislature intended the flood planning process to be inclusive from the bottom up. Twelve stakeholder interests were appointed as RFPG voting members and were represented throughout the entire process. Additionally, 16 non-voting members attended and contributed to the RFPG process.

Stephanie Griffin, with Halff Associates, provided additional information on the State flood planning process. The Draft Regional Flood Plan was due to TWDB on August 1st, 2022. The Final Regional Flood Plan will be submitted to TWDB on January 10th, 2023. The Amended Regional Flood Plan will be submitted to TWDB on July 14th, 2023. The TWDB will review and consolidate the 15 regional flood plans into a State Flood Plan. The State Flood Plan is due to the Legislature in September 2024.

Presentation on the Draft Region 3 Trinity Regional Flood Plan

Stephanie Griffin, with Halff Associates, provided an overview of Chapters One through Three. The chapters provide an overview of the Trinity Region (Region 3), the current and future flood risks, and the regional flood planning goals. A

data collection tool was utilized to collect and compile floodplain ordinances, master plans, known flooding locations, and flood mitigation strategies from communities and counties. The data collection tool was also used as an outreach mechanism for the public to identify flood-prone areas in their community.

Caroline Short, with Freese and Nichols, provided an overview of Chapter Four, Potentially Feasible Actions, and Chapter Five, Recommended Actions. As outlined in Chapters Four and Five, 342 potentially feasible flood management studies were recommended, including flood mapping and alternative studies. In addition, there were 136 flood management plans such as floodproofing properties or regulation and ordinance updates. Finally, 7 flood mitigation projects that utilized models were recommended. The Draft Regional Flood Plan includes a variety of recommendations for each category that would cost over \$1 billion to fully implement.

Caroline Short, with Freese and Nichols, provided an overview of Chapter Six, Potential Impact of Actions, and Chapter Nine, Potential Funding. Chapter Seven, Flood Response Summary, and Chapter Eight, Recommended Planning Process Improvements, were not presented, but are available online for review. She stated that an analysis that found 35 Region 3 counties to have inadequate flood mapping. Therefore, the Draft Regional Flood Plan recommends county-wide flood management studies to improve mapping coverage for all of those 35 counties.

There was a presentation of the effects of the seven flood management projects recommended. Exposed Structures, Exposed Populations, Exposed Low Water Crossings, Number of Road Closure Occurrences, and Road Length exposed to flooding would be reduced if the seven projects were implemented. Impacts on the State Water Plan were also presented. The State Flood Plan will not have an impact on water supply or water availability.

A financing analysis was completed as part of Chapter Nine. Funding surveys were sent to potential Sponsors of all recommended actions. Over \$1 billion is needed to implement the recommended actions, however, it was projected that \$960 million of state and federal funding will be needed.

Colby Walton, with Cooksey Communications, provided an overview of Chapter Ten. The RFPG developed and implemented a robust public outreach plan that encouraged and solicited input from a wide variety of local and regional entities with flood-related or flood planning authority, as well as from the general public. Examples of strategies that were implemented to engage the public were presented. The public was reminded that the public comment period on the Draft Regional Flood Plan is open until October 10th. Further, the Flood Planning

process is a recurring, iterative process. The Flood Plan is a living document and will be reviewed and improved over time.

Acknowledgement of written public comments received

No written public comments were received.

Receive registered public comments on specific agenda items

No registered public comments were received on specific items.

Receive registered public comments – limit 3 minutes per person

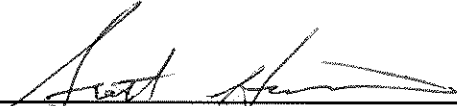
Chairman Glenn Clingenpeel opened the floor for RFPG members to provide comments. Lissa Shepard provided complements to the Technical Consultant team and RFPG members.

Chairman Glenn Clingenpeel opened the floor for the public to provide comments. No registered public comments were received. Chairman Glenn Clingenpeel closed the public comment section.

Adjourn

6:47 PM adjourned

THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING ARE CERTIFIED TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING FOR THE DRAFT REGION 3 TRINITY FLOOD PLAN HELD September 8, 2022.



SCOTT HARRIS, Secretary
REGION 3 TRINITY FLOOD
PLANNING GROUP

12/20/22
Date



GLENN CLINGENPEEL, Chair
REGION 3 TRINITY FLOOD
PLANNING GROUP

12/27/2022
Date