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Trinity River Basin Stakeholders Urged to Submit Priority Flooding Solutions Now to Qualify for 2028 Regional Flood Plan Inclusion

Submissions are due to the Region 3 Trinity RFPG no later than Sept. 30, 2025

Texas' Trinity River Basin – Jun. 11, 2025 – All regional stakeholders and interested parties are urged to submit flood risk reduction solutions (FMXs) that they would like to be eligible for inclusion in the 2028 Trinity Regional Flood Plan (Trinity RFP).

Submissions are due no later than Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2025, to the Trinity RFPG's lead consultant, Stephanie Griffin at Halff Associates, via email at sgriffin@halff.com. If your submittal requires a SharePoint link due to size, please reach out to Stephanie to coordinate.

Actions that are recommended in the 2028 Regional Flood Plan will be included in the 2029 State Flood Plan and will be eligible for the 2030-31 Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) funding cycle.

During the five-year span between cyclical, regional flood plan adoptions, plans may be amended to incorporate additional flood risk reduction solutions, to reflect changes to conditions, or to incorporate new information.

The Trinity RFPG has posted a set of guidance documents to its <u>website</u> and is inviting regional entities to submit flood risk reduction solutions (with any available documentation and data) for regional consideration by Sept. 30. At the October 2025 meeting, the Trinity RFPG will decide which flood risk reduction solutions (FMXs) are included in the amendment. The RFPG will continue to review these FMXs through December 2025 to confirm they meet Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) criteria.

At the December 2025 meeting, the Trinity RFPG will consider approval of the draft Technical Memorandum, which is a required checkpoint submittal in the flood planning process. The Technical Memorandum will reflect the submitted Flood Management Evaluations (FMEs), Flood Mitigation Projects (FMPs), and Flood Management Strategies (FMSs) at a potentially-feasible status. The Trinity RFPG will submit the Technical Memorandum as associated materials to the TWDB no later than January 7, 2026. The TWDB will subsequently evaluate all regional submissions as part of the contract checkpoint submittal.

Sept. 30, 2025 Deadline for stakeholders to submit flood risk reduction solution information

Oct. 2025

- RFPG meets to approve potentially feasible actions
- Exact date of meeting to be determined

Dec. 2025

- RFPG meets to approve Technical Memorandum
- Exact date of meeting to be determined

Jan. 7, 2025 Technical Memorandum due to TWDB

A full list of information needed from the submitting entity is included in the attachments below. If your entity does not have all the required information, please submit your proposed actions anyway. The Trinity RFPG consultant team will work with you to determine the best way to include your desired action in the 2028 Trinity Regional Flood Plan.

Attachment A – Defining and Differentiating between FMEs, FMPs, and FMSs

Attachment B – List of Required Information for FME Submittals

Attachment C – List of Required Information for FMP Submittals

Attachment D – List of Required Information for FMS Submittals

Attachment E – List of Entities in the Trinity Region (PDF)

About the Trinity RFPG and the Flood Planning Process

The Trinity RFPG's planning region (Trinity River Basin or Region 3) has an estimated population of approximately 8 million and spans nearly 18,000 square miles across 38 counties from Cooke County in the north to Chambers County on the Gulf Coast.

The Trinity RFPG is among 15 regional flood planning groups first designated in April 2020 by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), as a result of Senate Bill 8, 86th Texas Legislature, which established a groundbreaking, new regional and state flood planning process. At the same time, the Texas Legislature also created a new flood financial assistance fund and charged the TWDB with administering the fund. The Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF), approved by Texas voters in Nov. 2019, requires studies, projects and strategies be recommended in the State Flood Plan in order for the sponsor to be eligible to apply for this funding.

The first-ever Trinity Regional Flood Plan, adopted in 2023 and now part of the 2024 State Flood Plan, includes 56 recommended FMPs, 507 recommended FMEs and 138 recommended FMSs. The 2023 Trinity Regional Flood Plan draws on the best available science, data, models and flood risk mapping to recommend over \$1 billion in flood mitigation actions designed to fix local flooding issues and reduce flood-related loss of lives, property and livelihoods throughout the region. The TWDB's Interactive 2024 State Flood Plan Viewer may be found at https://texasstatefloodplan.org/overview.

Each of the regional flood planning groups across Texas will now update their plans every five years.

The Planning Group's membership includes at least one voting member from each of the following interest categories: the public, counties, municipalities, industry, agriculture, environment, small business, electric-generating utilities, river authorities, water districts, water utilities and flood districts. The Trinity RFPG has engaged a technical consultant team led by Halff to support its planning efforts.

For more information, visit the Trinity RFPG website at trinityrfpg.org, follow the group on Twitter at https://twitter.com/TrinityRFPG or email the group via info@trinityrfpg.org.

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