



**Region 3 Trinity Regional Flood Planning Group
Technical Subcommittee Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2026
9:00 a.m.**

The Region 3 Trinity Flood Planning Group (R3TRFPG) Technical Subcommittee will hold a public meeting pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.127. This meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format.

In-person:

Walker County Annex
1313 University Ave
Huntsville, Texas 77340

Virtually:

Via WebEx videoconference at:

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Members of the public may attend, participate and/or address the R3TRFPG Technical Subcommittee in person, or they may virtually access the meeting using the videoconference link or teleconference information provided above. Members of the public wishing to address the Technical Subcommittee during the meeting are encouraged to follow the registration and comment procedures found below.

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. * Approval of minutes from the previous Technical Subcommittee meeting
4. Acknowledgement of written public comments received
5. Receive registered public comments on specific agenda items – limit 3 minutes per person
6. Update from the Region 3 Technical Consultant
 - a. Update on recent TWDB direction for FMEs submitted for TWDB to perform
 - b. Overview of process applied to prioritize FMEs for advancement to FMPs
 - c. Present results of prioritization
 - d. *Consider recommending to RFPG the list of FMEs for TWDB to perform

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- e. *Consider recommending to RFPG the list of FMEs for RFPG to perform
- f. Present 2023 Cycle's approach to recommending FMEs, FMPs, FMSs
- g. *Consider recommending approach to recommend FMEs, FMPs, FMSs to the RFPG
7. Receive public comments – limit 3 minutes per person
8. Announcements
9. Confirm meeting date for next meeting
10. Consider agenda items for next meeting
11. Adjourn

* Denotes Action Item

ORAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

If you wish to provide oral public comments at the meeting, you are encouraged to register in advance by emailing info@trinityrfpg.org no later than 8:00 a.m. on January 20, 2026, providing your name, phone number, email address and who are you representing, and indicating if you wish to comment on a specific agenda item or provide general comments. During the meeting, those who have registered to speak will be called upon by the Chair during the appropriate comment period. At the discretion of the Chair, unregistered attendees who wish to speak may also have the opportunity to provide oral comments during the public comment periods of the agenda.

- Those participating by video conference will be asked to use the “raise hand” function, visible by hovering the cursor over the attendee’s name onscreen, to indicate their interest in speaking during the appropriate public comment period.
- Those participating by teleconference will be asked to enter *3 to indicate their interest in speaking and to be placed into the queue in order to be called upon during the appropriate public comment period.

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS

If you wish to provide written comments prior to or after the meeting, please email your comments to info@trinityrfpg.org and include “Region 3 Trinity Flood Planning Group Meeting” in the subject line of the email.

Additional information may be obtained from:

Heather Firn at: (817) 467-4343 or by email at: firmha@trinityra.org

Physical location: 5300 South Collins Street, Arlington, TX 76018

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Technical Subcommittee #2

January 20, 2026



1. Call to order



2. Roll call



3. Approval of minutes

Region 3 Trinity Regional Flood Planning
Group Technical Subcommittee Meeting
Wednesday, May 14, 2025

1:00 p.m.

The Region 3 Trinity Flood Planning Group (R3TRFPG) Technical Subcommittee will hold a public meeting pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.127. This meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format.

In-person:
1100 University Ave.
Huntsville, Texas 77340

Audrey Geisler, Technical Consultant (TC) with Halff Associates, opened the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Members Present:

Andrew Isbell (in-person)
Galen Roberts (virtual)
Craig Ottman (virtual)
Sarah Standifer (virtual)

Members Absent:

Lissa Shepard (absent)
Scott Harris (absent)
Matt Robinson (absent)

4 members were present at the time of roll call, constituting a quorum.

Acknowledgement of written public comments received

No written public comments were received.

Consider selection of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary of Technical Subcommittee

Sarah Standifer called for a motion to select the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary of the Technical Subcommittee.

Motion: Sarah Standifer moved to approve Andrew Isbell as Chair, Lissa Shepard as Vice-Chair, and Craig Ottman as Secretary of the Technical Subcommittee.

Second: Andrew Isbell; Motion passed unanimously.

Update from the Region 3 Technical Consultant

a. Overview of Task 4A

Task 4A focuses on generating potentially feasible FMXs (Flood Management Evaluations, Projects, and Strategies). The group discussed outreach methods including:

- Email blasts, social media, and website postings.
- Individual outreach to entities listed in the 2023 plan to confirm continued interest.
- Outreach to entities with updated Hazard Mitigation Plans (HMPs) since Cycle 1. The team emphasized prioritizing community-driven FMX submissions over consultant-generated ones. A total of 23 HMPs had been updated since 2022, and 27 since 2021.

b. Process to confirm actions carried forward from 2025 Amended Plan

The subcommittee agreed that the TC should reach out to entities included in the 2023 Regional Flood Plan to confirm whether they still wish to pursue the FMXs listed. This confirmation will be integrated into the FMX solicitation process.

c. *Process to establish sponsor outreach for 2028 Flood Plan

The TC recommended a three-pronged outreach strategy:

1. General FMX solicitation via email, social media, and the RFPG website.
2. Individual outreach to communities already in the plan to confirm interest in previously submitted projects.
3. Targeted outreach to entities with HMPs updated since Cycle 1 to solicit new project submissions. The solicitation window is scheduled to open on June 4 and close on September 30, 2025.

d. Discussion of potential approaches to identify FMEs for advancement to FMPs

The group discussed leveraging both Cycle 1 and newly submitted FMEs. Key points included:

- All FMEs must be updated using 2028 data and TWDB scoring criteria.
- The scoring system should be consistent across old and new FMEs.
- “Age in the plan” will serve as a tie-breaker.
- The group acknowledged the need to prioritize FMEs likely to receive funding and discussed the feasibility of rescoring older FMEs using updated criteria.

e. Process to select FMEs to develop FMPs for TWDB to perform
The subcommittee agreed to provide TWDB with a prioritized list of FMEs

that the RFPG could not advance due to resource constraints. These FMEs will be ranked using the same criteria as those selected for RFPG advancement. TWDB will then determine how far down the list they can proceed.

- f. Process to select FMEs to develop FMPs for RFPG to perform

The RFPG will select a “handful” of top-ranked FMEs to advance to FMPs using available resources. The selection will be based on:

- TWDB’s 2024 State Flood Plan scoring criteria applied to 2028 data.
- Tie-breaker: older FMEs will be prioritized over newer ones.
- Consideration of whether an FME has previously submitted a FIF application. This approach aims to ensure that the most fundable and regionally beneficial projects are prioritized

Receive public comments – limit 3 minutes per person

No registered public comments were received.

Announcements

May 29th meeting is not needed and will be canceled.

Confirm meeting date for next meeting

A future meeting will be determined at future RFPG meeting.

Consider agenda for next meeting

None

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM.

* Denotes Action Item

THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING ARE CERTIFIED TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE REGION 3 TRINITY FLOOD
PLANNING GROUP TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE HELD MAY 14, 2025.

Craig Ottman, Secretary
REGION 3 TRINITY FLOOD
PLANNING GROUP TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE


Date

Andrew Isbell, Chair
REGION 3 TRINITY FLOOD
PLANNING GROUP TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE

Date



4. Acknowledgement of written comments received

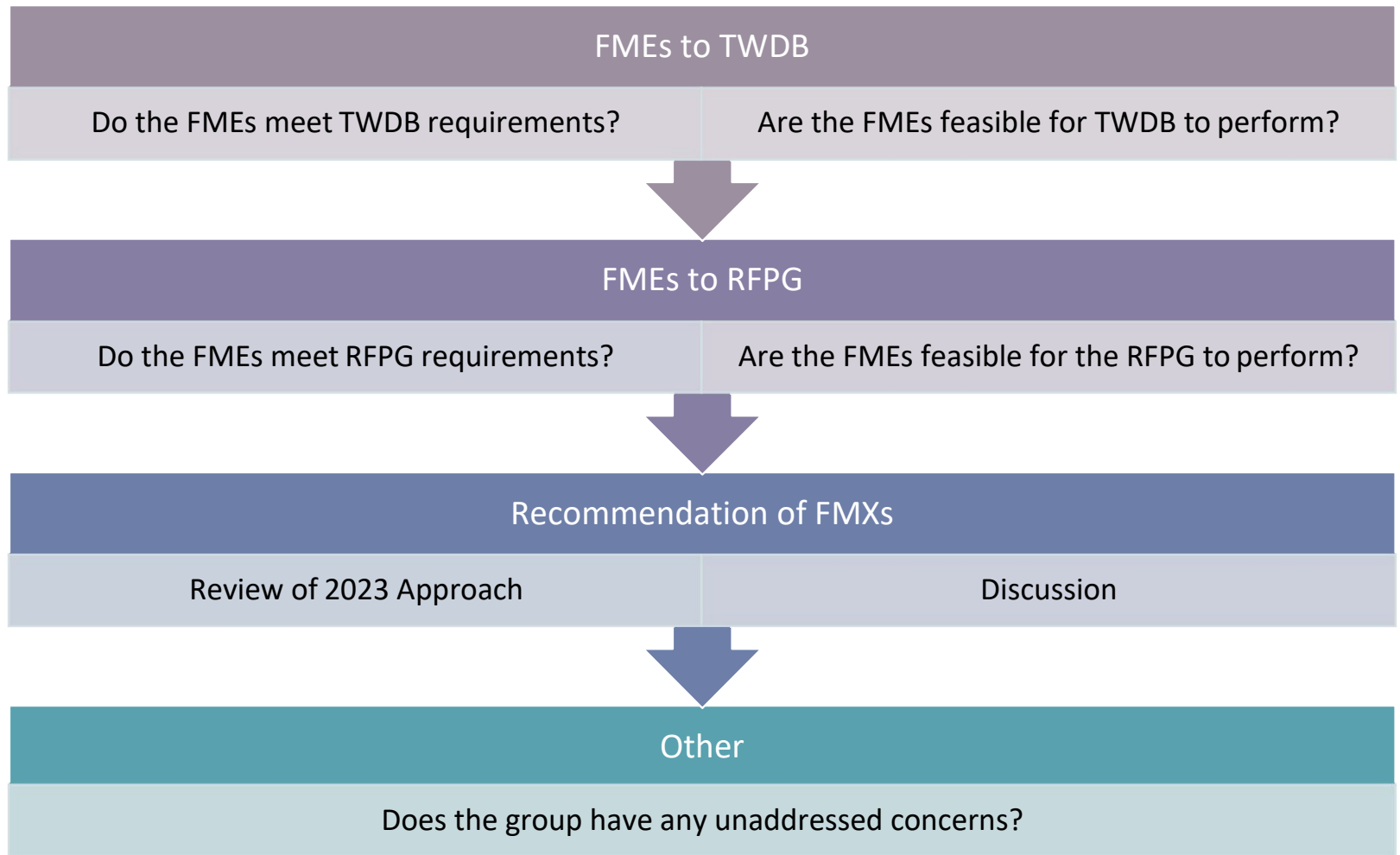


5. Public comments on agenda items



6. Consultant update

Guiding Points





Potential Options to Select FMEs to Advance

TWDB Criteria

Criteria, weights developed in the State Flood Plan

- Already developed
- Mirrors TWDB selection process for FMEs
- FME scoring not a direct indicator of strong/high-scoring FMPs

Task 12 Tiers

Criteria developed for Cycle 1, Task 12

- Already developed
- Favors FMEs with more information and communities not already in the plan
- Requires communities to have more data readily available (not SVI-friendly)

Task 3B Criteria

Flood Mitigation Needs Analysis results from Cycle 2

- Utilizes Cycle 2 data
- Targets areas with highest mitigation needs
- May isolate FMEs to a few, specific HUCs

Other Criteria

Develop criteria from scratch

- Target specific areas of concern to the RFPG
- Gives more control to the Committee and the Group
- Increased effort not specifically scoped.

Are we using the same criteria to select FMEs for the RFPG and for TWDB?

TWDB Additional Criteria

Clarification on Task 5B – Recommend a List of Flood Management Evaluations to be Performed by TWDB

- These FMEs are intended for small, and/or rural communities.
- The FME list should provide a relative order of timing in which the RFPs prefer the FMEs to be performed.
- SOW: “The nature of the sponsor/beneficiary of the identified FME study including whether, for example, the community is a smaller community without appropriate staff and resource, located in a rural area, and/or whether that entity might otherwise have difficulty in funding and overseeing the FME study itself;”
- Exhibit C: “It is expected that FMEs associated with those small and rural communities who often do not have the resources to develop, perform, or review FMEs on their own behalf.”

TWDB FME Ranking Criteria (from 2024 FIF)

- Critical facilities at risk
- Low Water Xings at risk
- Structures at risk
- Population at risk
- Length of roads at risk
- Farm & Ranch land at risk
- Number of road closures

Does not inherently lend itself to small/rural communities.



Definition of “rural”

- Certain nonprofit water supply or sewer service corporation or district or authority located outside urban area with service area population less than 50,000
- Municipality
 - Population less than 10,000 or
 - Located entirely within a county in which urban area population is less than 50,000
- County in which urban area population is less than 50,000

-Source: *2024-2025 Flood Intended Use Plan*, Texas Water Development Board, March 5, 2024

TWDB Rank

Rank	FME ID	FME Name	Sponsor
1	031000516	Kaufman County Countywide Drainage Study - Phase 2	Kaufman County
2	031000153	Liberty County Re-canalization	Liberty County
3	031000081	Freestone County DMP	Freestone County, Fairfield, Streetman, Teague, Wortham
4	031000078	Anderson County DMP	Anderson County
5	031000079	Cooke County DMP	Cooke County
6	031000082	Houston County DMP	Houston County
7	031000089	Polk County DMP	Polk County, Livingston, Goodrich, Onalaska, Seven Oaks, Corrigan
7	031000157	Polk County Road and Drainage Improvements	Polk County
9	031000083	Jack County DMP	Jack County
10	031000093	Wise County DMP	Wise County
11	031000088	Parker County DMP	Parker County, Willow Park
12	031000090	San Jacinto DMP	San Jacinto County, Coldspring, Point Blank, Shepherd
12	031000162	San Jacinto County Drainage and Conveyance Capacity Improvements	Shepherd, San Jacinto County
14	031000091	Trinity County DMP	Trinity County
15	031000530	Liberty County WCID #5 Master Drainage Plan	Liberty County WCID #5
16	031000531	City of Liberty Master Drainage Plan	Liberty
17	031000092	Van Zandt County DMP	Van Zandt County
18	031000567	Central Huntsville Area (between SHSU to DT) Towne Branch Drainage Study	Huntsville
19	031000403	City of Decatur - S. FM 51 (West Side)	Decatur
20	031000152	City of Liberty WWTP Levee Study	Liberty

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Discussion: Drainage Master Plans

Issue:

A typical drainage master plan scope will be beyond TWDB's goal of creating FMPs.

Potential Solution: Revise the scope.

Include



- 2D ROM Modeling
- 50%, 25%, 10%, 1%, and 0.2% Events
- Identification of problem areas (5-6)
- Identification of FMPs (~2)
- Report

Exclude



- Survey
- Historical storm events
- CIP List or Prioritization
- Drainage Criteria Review/Revision



Consider
recommending list of
FMEs for TWDB to
perform

*(Formal approval will be
considered at Feb. RFPG Mtg.)*

Task 4C Guidelines & Goals

Exhibit C, Texas Water Development Board:

Goals:

“The goal for this task is for RFPGs to perform a subset of the potential FMEs identified in Task 4A and, in doing so, identify and evaluate additional FMPs that could be recommended under Task 5A.”

Additional Guidance: (excerpt)

“While the RFPGs have flexibility in determining which identified FMEs should be performed under Task 4C, they should follow all requirements outlined under Tasks 4A and 5A, respectively. RFPGs may choose to consider emergency need, social vulnerability, available RFPG resources, and the likelihood of identifying feasible FMPs in the regional flood plan.”

Submittal Requirements: (excerpt)

4. A list of the FMEs, as approved by the RFPG, that were performed to identify potential FMPs and/or FMSs under Task 4C utilizing the template below (Table 15).
5. Outcomes of FMEs that were performed to identify potential FMPs and/or FMSs under Task 4C.
6. List of FMPs and FMSs that are identified as a result of performing FMEs under Task 4C.”



RFPG Rank			
Rank	FME ID	FME Name	Sponsor
1	031000528	Upper Trinity Basin Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) Project Identification and Prioritization	North Central Texas Council of Governments
2	031000517	Phase #2 of Stormwater Master Plan	Denton
3	031000519	Mill Creek Drainage Relief System - Upper-Middle Improvements	Dallas
4	031000516	Kaufman County Countywide Drainage Study - Phase 2	Kaufman County
5	031000153	Liberty County Re-canalization	Liberty County
6	031000086	Liberty County DMP	Liberty County
7	031000376	Project 14 – Ridgeway Circle and Ridgeway Drive System	Richardson
8	031000392	Arlington Johnson Creek - JC-2 at Pioneer Parkway and Center Street Buyout	Arlington
9	031000554	Ellis County Drainage Master Plan	Ellis County
10	031000467	Floodplain Evaluation of Kings Branch and Farmers Branch	Westworth Village
11	031000426	Woody Branch Floodplain Management Study	Dallas
12	031000358	City of Irving DMP	Irving
13	031000085	Leon County DMP	Leon County
14	031000461	Cooper Creek Drainage Study	Denton
15	031000434	Coombs Creek Bridge @ Colorado	Dallas
16	031000428	Lower Five Mile Creek Management Plan	Dallas
17	031000436	Coombs Creek Culvert @ Hampton	Dallas
18	031000081	Freestone County DMP	Freestone County, Fairfield, Streetman, Teague, Wortham
19	031000148	Houston County dike for critical facilities	Houston County
20	031000079	Cooke County DMP	Cooke County



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perform

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Discussion: Recommendation Approach

Issue:

Do any changes need to be made to the 2023 Cycle's approach to recommending FMXs?

2023 Approach:

- ✓ Include all eligible FMXs
- ✓ Must support a Goal (Task3C)
- ✓ 1% or smaller recurrence interval investigated/addressed
- ✓ No maintenance projects
- ✓ Discrete studies/projects/solutions – no recurring actions, entire capital programs, or “conglomerate” actions
- ✓ Does not negatively impact an entity's water supply
- ✓ Does not overallocate a water source

Reasons to not recommend an FMX:

- FME
 - Study has already been performed
 - Study already has allocated funding
 - Entity not willing to sponsor FME
- FMP
 - Adverse impacts noted or unverified
 - H&H models do not exist or are insufficient
 - Move to FME
 - Entity not willing to sponsor FMP
- FMS (theoretical)
 - Adverse impacts noted
 - Does not provide reduction to flood impacts
 - Entity is not willing to sponsor



Consider
recommending
approach to
recommend **FMXs**

*(Formal approval will be
considered at Feb. **RFPG** Mtg.)*



**Any other concerns or
items for discussion**



7. Public comments



8. Announcements



9. Future meeting date



10. Future agenda items



11. Adjournment