

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.
- 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 to 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

1/27/2026
Date



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

2/3/2026
Date