

**NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING OF THE SAN ANTONIO REGIONAL FLOOD
PLANNING GROUP**

Region 12
12/03/2024
3:00 PM

TAKE NOTICE that a meeting of the San Antonio Regional Flood Planning Group as established by the Texas Water Development Board will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 3:00 PM, in-person at the San Antonio River Authority, located at 100 E. Guenther St and virtually at <https://meet.goto.com/143632277>.

Agenda:

1. (3:00 PM) Roll Call
2. Public Comments – limit 3 minutes per person
3. Approval of the Minutes from the Previous San Antonio Regional Flood Planning Group Meeting
4. Communications from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)
5. Chair Report
6. Presentation on TWDB Amendment Guidance and Region 12 Strategy for 2023 Regional Flood Plan Amendments
7. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Establish Subcommittees
8. Public Comments – limit 3 minutes per person
9. Date and Potential Agenda Items for Next Meeting
10. Adjourn

If you wish to provide written comments prior to or after the meeting, please email your comments to khayes@sariverauthority.org or physically mail them to the attention of Kendall Hayes at San Antonio River Authority, 100 E. Guenther St., San Antonio, TX, 78204 and include “Region 12 San Antonio Regional Flood Planning Group Meeting” in the subject line.

Additional information may be obtained from: Kendall Hayes, (210) 302-3641, khayes@sariverauthority.org, San Antonio River Authority, 100 E. Guenther St., San Antonio, TX, 78204.

Meeting Minutes
San Antonio Regional Flood Planning Group Meeting
Tuesday, October 22, 2024
2:00 PM
San Antonio River Authority

Roll Call:

<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>Interest Category</u>	<u>Present (x) /Absent () / Alternate Present (*)</u>
Brian Yanta	<i>Agricultural interests</i>	
David Wegmann	<i>Counties</i>	X
Doris Cooksey	<i>Electric generating utilities</i>	X
Deborah (Debbie) Reid	<i>Environmental interests</i>	X
Nefi M. Garza	<i>Flood districts</i>	X
Cara C. Tackett	<i>Industries</i>	X
Jeffrey Carroll	<i>Municipalities</i>	X
Suzanne B. Scott	<i>Nonprofit</i>	X
John Paul Beasley	<i>Public</i>	X
Derek Boese	<i>River authorities</i>	X
Jose Reyes	<i>Small Business</i>	X
David Mauk	<i>Water districts</i>	X
Donovan Burton	<i>Water Utilities</i>	X

<u>Non-voting Member</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)</u>
Marty Kelly	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	*Carly Rotzler
James Blount	Texas Division of Emergency Management	
Jami McCool	Texas Department of Agriculture	X
Jarod Bowen	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	
Kris Robles	General Land Office	X
Anita Machiavello	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	X
Susan Roberts	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	

Quorum:

Quorum: **Yes**

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: **12**

Number required for quorum per current voting positions of 13: **7**

All meeting materials are available for the public at: <http://www.region12texas.org>.

AGENDA ITEM NO.1: ROLL CALL

Ms. Kendall Hayes, San Antonio River Authority, called the role and confirmed a quorum.

AGENDA ITEM NO.2: PUBLIC COMMENT – LIMIT 3 MINUTES PER PERSON

No public comments.

AGENDA ITEM NO.3: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS SAN ANTONIO REGIONAL FLOOD PLANNING GROUP MEETING (REGION 12)

Mr. Wegmann motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Reid seconded the motion, motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM NO.4: COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD (TWDB)

Ms. Anita Machiavello provided an update from TWDB. TWDB has released guidance regarding the amendment process that is available via email newsletter and online at twdb.texas.gov/flood/planning/planningdocu/2028/index.asp.

AGENDA ITEM NO.5: CHAIR REPORT

Chair Boese updated the RFPG on Cycle II contracts. The TWDB-SARA sponsor contract has been executed. The SARA-HDR technical consultant subcontract is still processing.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO FILL THE EXISTING VACANCY FOR THE MUNICIPALITIES INTEREST GROUP

Chair Boese notified the RFPG that one application was received to fill the open Municipalities seat in the voting membership from Sabrina Santiago, representing the City of San Antonio. As there was only one nomination, the Executive Committee did not meet.

Ms. Scott motioned to appoint Sabrina Santiago to fill the Municipalities vacancy on the RFPG voting membership. Mr. Garza seconded the motion, motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM NO.7: PRESENTATION FROM THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY ON FUTURE FLOOD RISK DATA FOR SAN ANTONIO’S WESTSIDE

Mr. Daniel Perry, San Antonio River Authority Engineer, presented new 2-D modeling data for San Antonio’s westside creeks. The 2-D hydrologic modeling was conducted by the River Authority through a FEMA grant. His presentation is available on the Region 12 website at region12texas.org.

AGENDA ITEM NO.8: PRESENTATION FROM HDR ON REGION 12’S 2023 FLOOD RISK REDUCTION SOLUTIONS IN THE 2024 STATE FLOOD PLAN

Mr. Ron Branyon, HDR, reviewed Region 12’s rankings in the 2024 State Flood Plan and demonstrated how to use the interactive viewer available at texasstatefloodplan.org. Discussion ensued regarding rankings, impact on funding opportunities, and the Flood Infrastructure Fund.

AGENDA ITEM NO.9: PUBLIC COMMENT – LIMIT 3 MINUTES PER PERSON

No public comments.

AGENDA ITEM NO.10: DATE AND POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

The SARFPG will meet next on Tuesday, December 3rd at 3:00 PM. The RFPG will be tasked with setting a timeline for processing amendments to the 2023 RFP.


AGENDA ITEM NO.10: ADJOURN

Mr. Wegmann motioned to adjourn. Mr. Donovan seconded the motion, motion passed.


Regional Flood Plan Amendment Process

Regional Flood Plans can be amended to incorporate additional FMXs or to reflect changes to conditions or new information on FMXs already included in the 2023 RFP

- Amendment Requirements
 - FMX's must meet the TWDB guidelines for submission and include all required data (GIS information, H&H models, Cost Estimate, BCA analysis, etc)
 - It is the responsibility of the entity submitting the amendment to submit an administratively complete proposal
 - Regional Flood Planning Groups must hold two (2) meetings to approve amendments
 - 1st meeting to consider whether to proceed with an amendment
 - 2nd meeting to consider comments and take action to adopt



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Eligibility For State Flood Risk Reduction Funding

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SAN ANTONIO REGIONAL FLOOD PLANNING GROUP

Overview

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) recently adopted the inaugural 2024 State Flood Plan, a compilation of the 15 Regional Flood Plans. This plan includes a list of flood mitigation needs used by the TWDB and the state legislature to make state funding decisions that address flood risk across the state.

TWDB Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) is a funding program that provides financial assistance through grants and low/no interest loans for drainage and flood mitigation planning, design, and construction. Eligibility for the FIF requires inclusion in the State Flood Plan. FIF funding runs on a two-year cycle with the next available application window open in 2026. If your community would like the opportunity to apply for 2026 FIF funding for a flood mitigation need, then it is critical for it to be listed in the 2024 State Flood Plan. There is still time to be added into the plan or amend your previous submission.

A list of currently eligible flood reduction solutions is available online. [Scan code here.](#)

Amendment Opportunity

Region 12 - San Antonio Regional Flood Planning Group (RFPG) is providing an opportunity for Region 12 communities to incorporate their flood mitigation needs into the 2024 State Flood Plan through an amendment process. TWDB has established an **April 1, 2025**, amendment submittal deadline. Due to the short timeline, flood mitigation needs must meet specific criteria to be included in the amendment and all supporting information on flood mitigation needs must be provided to the RFPG no later than **January 15, 2025**. This allows time for the RFPG to consider amendment proposals and request additional information. Requirements for the amendment submittal are listed in the checklist on the second page.

If you do not intend to submit a 2026 FIF application, or if your previously submitted flood risk reduction solutions do not need to be updated with new information or changes in conditions, no action is required at this time. Additional flood risk solutions can be incorporated into the 2028 Regional Flood Plan through the normal flood planning process.

Timeline for State Flood Plan Amendment for 2026 FIF Funding

January 15, 2025	February 2025	March 2025	April 1, 2025
Deadline for stakeholders to submit amendment proposals, requirements and data to Region 12	RFPG determines proposal feasibility	RFPG adopts Amendment to the 2023 Regional Flood Plan	RFPG submits Amendment to TWDB

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Types of Eligible Solutions

Flood mitigation needs are classified into 3 categories:

1 Flood Mitigation Project

Fully developed, constructable, flood mitigation projects

Potential FMPs Include:

- Open Channel or Storm Drain Projects
- Road Crossing Improvements
- Detention Projects

2 Flood Management Evaluation

Studies that assess flood risk or identify potential solutions/projects

Potential FMEs Include:

- Project Design (up to 30%)
- Project Feasibility Study
- Watershed Planning Study

3 Flood Management Strategy

Policies, Education, and Awareness

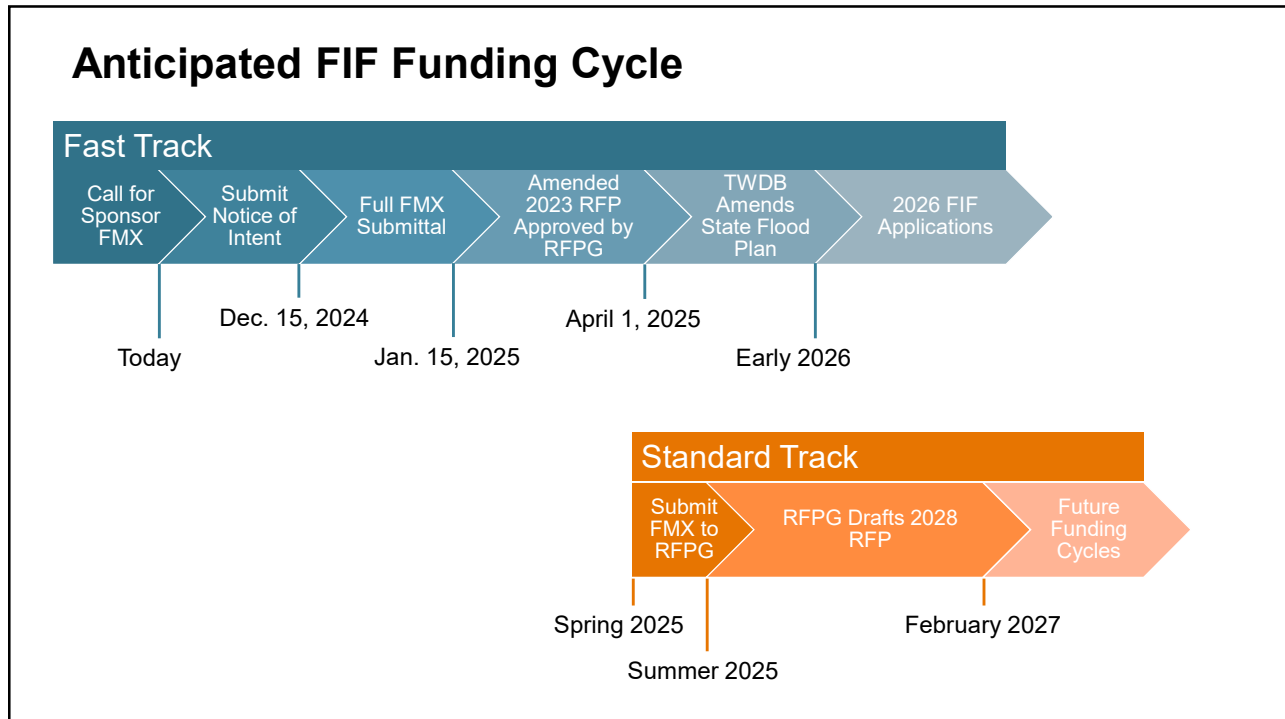
Potential FMSs Include:

- Property Acquisition or Elevation
- Drainage Criteria Development
- Flood Warning Systems
- Outreach and Educational Programs

Amendment Submittal Requirements

FMP	FME	FMS	Requirements
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Notice of Intent by December 15, 2024
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Project Study/Name
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scope Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shapefile (Study Area or Project Area)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Estimated Study Cost (Non-Construction)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Estimated Construction Cost
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hydrologic & Hydraulic models
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pre & Post Project 100yr Floodplains
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Benefit Cost Analysis
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Negative Impacts Certification

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