



# Region 11: Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Group Meeting

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Wednesday, June 2, 2021  
2:00pm

# Agenda Item 1

## Call to Order

### 1. Attendance

# Agenda Item 2

Welcome

# Agenda Item 3

## Public General Comments

Public Comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker

## Agenda Item 4

### Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of meeting minutes from  
May 5, 2021 Region 11 RFPG Meeting

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Region 11 Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Group Meeting**  
**May 5, 2021**  
**2:00 PM**

**Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority River Annex (905 Nolan Street, Seguin, TX 78155)**  
**or**  
**GoToWebinar Virtual Meeting**

**Roll Call:**

<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>Interest Category</u>	<u>Present (x) / Absent ( ) / Alternate Present (*)</u>
Doug Miller Melissa Reynolds*	<i>Agricultural interests</i>	X
John Johnston	<i>Counties</i>	X
Lon Shell	<i>Counties</i>	X
Bobby Christmas	<i>Electric Generating Utilities</i>	
Annalisa Peace Vanessa Puig-Williams*	<i>Environmental interests</i>	X
Beth Parker Doug Sethness*	<i>Flood districts</i>	*
Kevin Stone	<i>Industries</i>	
Joseph Pantalion Laurie Moyer*	<i>Municipalities</i>	*
Ken Gill	<i>Municipalities</i>	X
Kimberly Meitzen	<i>Public</i>	X
R. Brian Perkins Charlie Hickman*	<i>River authorities</i>	X
Ray Buck Jonathan Letz*	<i>River authorities</i>	*
Gian Villarreal Tami Norton*	<i>Small business</i>	*
Ronald (Ron) Fieseler	<i>Water districts</i>	X
Joseph McDaniel	<i>Water utilities</i>	X

<u>Non-voting Member</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent ( ) / Alternate Present (*)</u>
Sue Reilly	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	X
Natalie Johnson	Texas Division of Emergency Management	X
Jami McCool	Texas Department of Agriculture	X
Allen Nash	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	X
Kris Robles	General Land Office	X
Morgan White	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	X
Joel Klumpp Brittney Wortham-Teakell*	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	X
Don Durden	Public	X

Suzanne Scott	Region 12 Liaison	X
Patrick Brzozowski	Region 10 Liaison	X

**Quorum:**

Quorum: **Yes**

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: **13**

Number required for quorum per current voting positions of 15: **8**

**Other Meeting Attendees:**

Lauren Willis, GBRA (Facilitator)  
 Ramiro Mendoza, GBRA (IT)  
 Velma Danielson, Blanton & Associates, Inc.  
 Robert Ryan, Blanton & Associates, Inc.  
 Jay Scanlon, Freese & Nichols, Inc.

**Other Meeting Attendees: \*\***

James Bronikowski  
 Adam Conner, Freese & Nichols  
 Anna Farrell-Sherman  
 Danielle Goshen  
 Tom Hegemier  
 Tami Norton  
 Arsum Pathak  
 Vanessa Puig-Williams  
 Alicia Reinmund-Martinez

Pratibha Sapkota  
 Emily Schwartz  
 Dianne Wassenich  
 Christine Westerman  
 Jennifer White  
 Reem Zoun  
 Matt Nelson  
 Melissa Reynolds  
 Daniel Zell

\*\*Meeting attendee names were gathered from those who entered information for joining the GoToWebinar meeting.

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

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order**

Doug Miller called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. Lauren Willis called roll of the planning group members to record attendance and a quorum was established.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Welcome**

Doug Miller welcomed members to the meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Public General comments (Public comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)**

Doug Miller provided instructions for public comments. No public comments were given.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Approval of Minutes from the April 13, 2021 Region 11 RFPG Meeting**

Doug Miller opened discussion on approving the minutes from the April 13, 2021 Region 11 RFPG Meeting.

A motion was made by John Johnston to approve the April 13, 2021 Region 11 RFPG Meeting. Ken Gill seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Region 11 Guadalupe RFPG Chair Updates**

Chairman Doug Miller welcomed the Technical consultant team, Freese & Nichols, Inc. (FNI).

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: TWDB Update/Presentation**

Chairman Doug Miller welcomed Board Member Kathleen Jackson with the TWDB. Director Jackson reviewed water-planning program, and thanked flood-planning members for their service in the inaugural state flood plan.

**\*AGENDA ITEMS NO. 8 & 9 MOVED BEFORE AGENDA ITEM NO. 7\***

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8:** Discussion and potential action regarding Region 11 RFPG Technical Consultants work and schedule.

Jay Scanlon introduced the FNI team: Adam Conner - Assistant Project Manager, the firms comprised of the technical consultant team – Freese & Nichols Inc., Doucet and Associates, Inc., Blanton & Associates, Inc., Scheibe Consulting, LLC, and H2O Partners, Inc. Discussed the project schedule and reviewed expectations of the first planning cycle.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Discussion of second Pre-Planning Public Input Meeting to solicit public input (as required per Texas Water Code §16.062(d) and 31 Texas Administrative Code §361.12(a)(4))**

Velma Danielson and Robert Ryan with Blanton & Associates led the discussion of how to increase public involvement/participation. Ideas suggested include: (1) survey the RFPG members to connect all communities to the flood planning process, (2) continue to build the flood planning contact list (3) send an e-blast to stakeholders, (4) create a press release, (5) use social media and (6) create a virtual public meeting. Robert Ryan reviewed an example of a virtual public meeting.

The second pre-planning public input meeting was suggested to be in the July timeframe, be in the evening, and move to other locations such as Wimberley community center, San Marcos community Center, Schools, etc.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Other Presentations**

Arsum Pathak, Ph.D. - National Wildlife Federation, Anna Farrell-Sherman - Environment Texas, and Danielle Goshen - Galveston Bay Foundation presented on Nature-Based Solutions for Flood Mitigation.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Update from RFPG Sponsor Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA)**

Lauren Willis gave an update on the contract between the technical consultant, FNI and GBRA.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Public General comments (Public comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)**

Doug Miller provided instructions for public comments. No public comments were given.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Consider date and agenda items for next meeting**

Doug Miller opened discussion to consider the date and agenda items for the next meeting.

The RFPG discussed starting in-person meetings in August and at this meeting potentially have a reception with spouses.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Adjourn**

Ron Fieseler made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Brian Perkins. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 3:56 PM by Doug Miller.

*Approved by the Region 11 Guadalupe RFPG at a meeting held on 06/02/2021.*

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Brian Perkins, SECRETARY

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Doug Miller, CHAIR

Region 11 Guadalupe RFPG Chair Updates

## Agenda Item 5

## Texas Water Development Board Update

# Agenda Item 6

# Agenda Item 7

Other

Presentations

## Combined River Basin Flood Study Overview

Elizabeth Levitz

Senior Water Resources Engineer, West Region

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# Texas General Land Office

Community Development and Revitalization (LO-CDR)

## Flood Studies within Combined River Basins

### Study Overview

# Agenda



1. Introduction of the Study and Team
2. Study Timeline and Approach
3. Coordinating Our Approaches
4. Identification of Project Funding
5. Next Steps
6. **QA**

# Study Overview

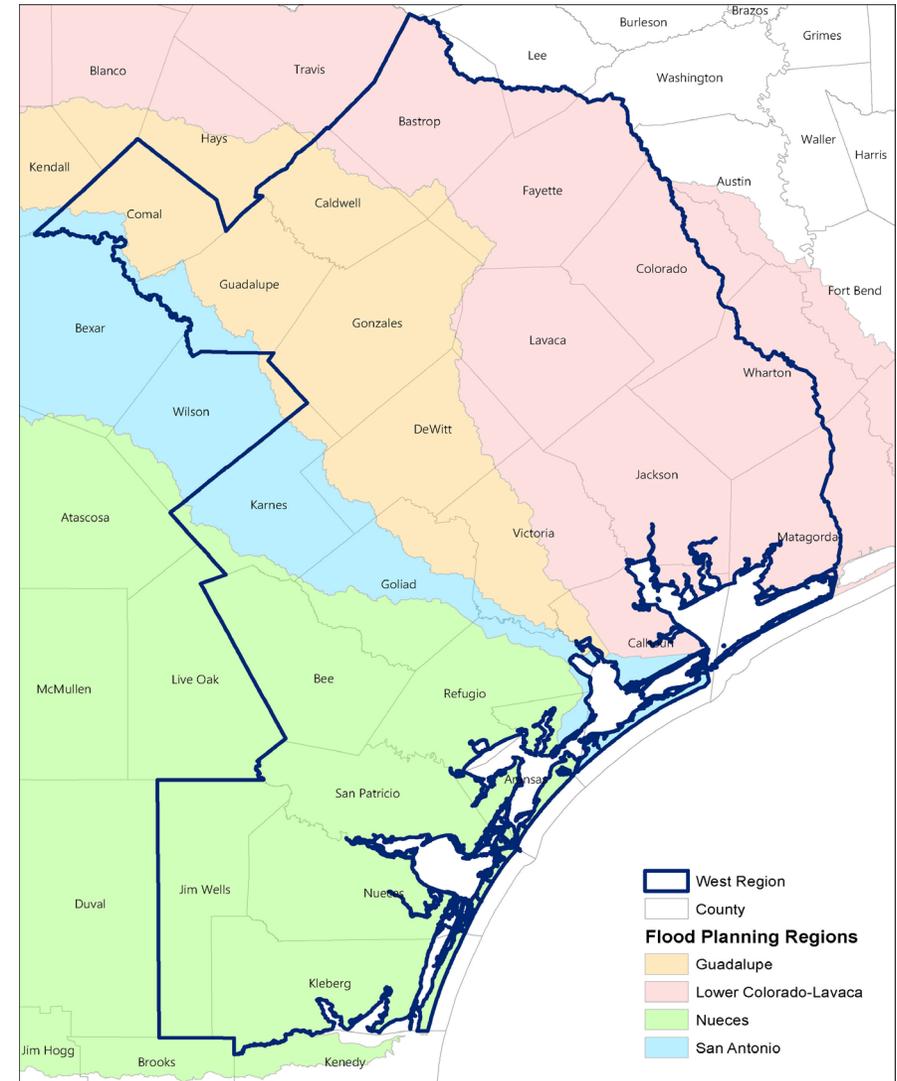


## Goals

- Evaluate flood risks
- Develop cost-effective flood mitigation strategies
- Identify of funding sources for mitigation projects

## Benefits

- Collect local data and detailed flood risk information building on data and projects you may have already identified
- Support planning and feasibility studies for local and regional risk reduction projects
- Increase community disaster resilience



# LO Planning Team



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# Strategic Framework



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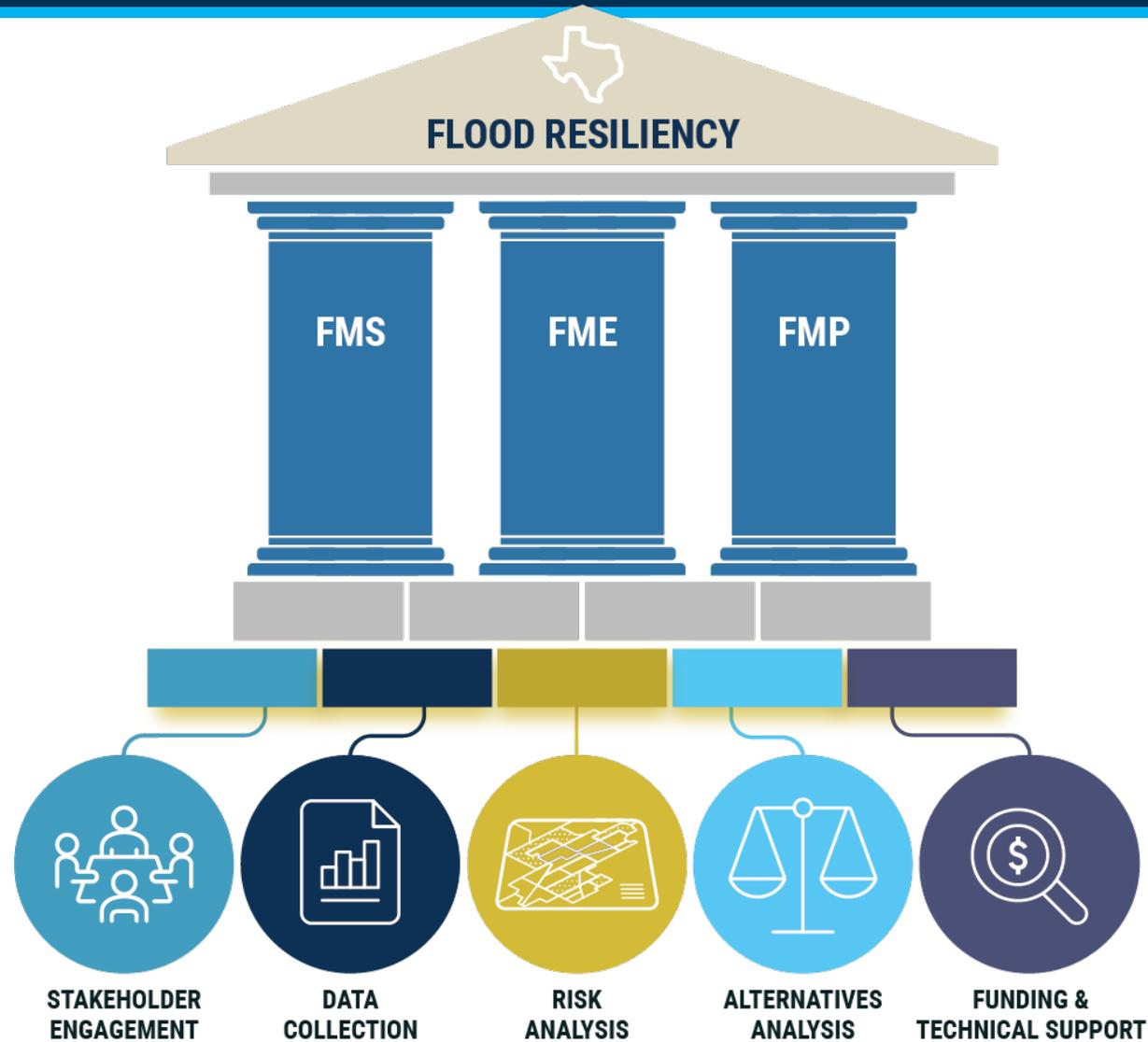
# A Coordinated Approach



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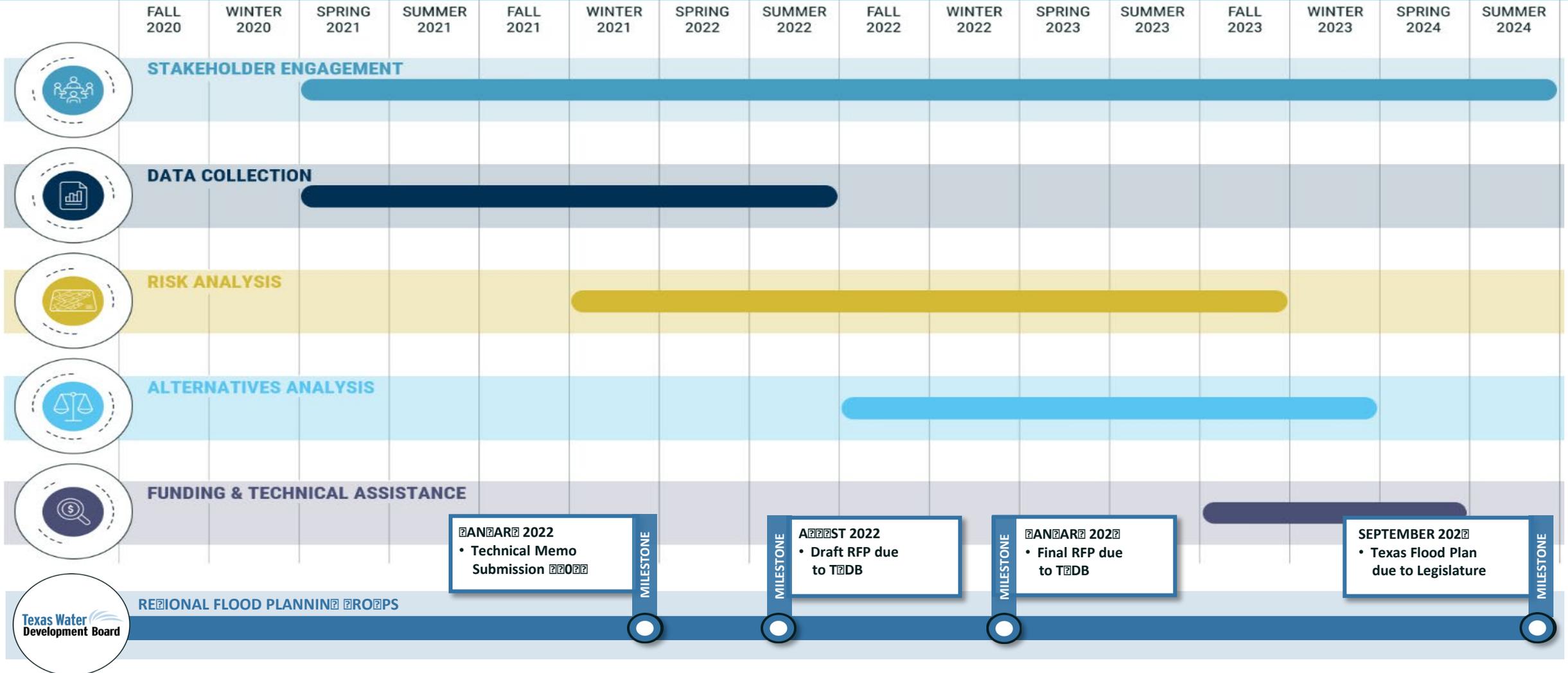
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**FMS** Flood Management Strategies  
**FME** Flood Management Evaluations  
**FMP** Flood Mitigation Projects

# Study Timeline RFP Support



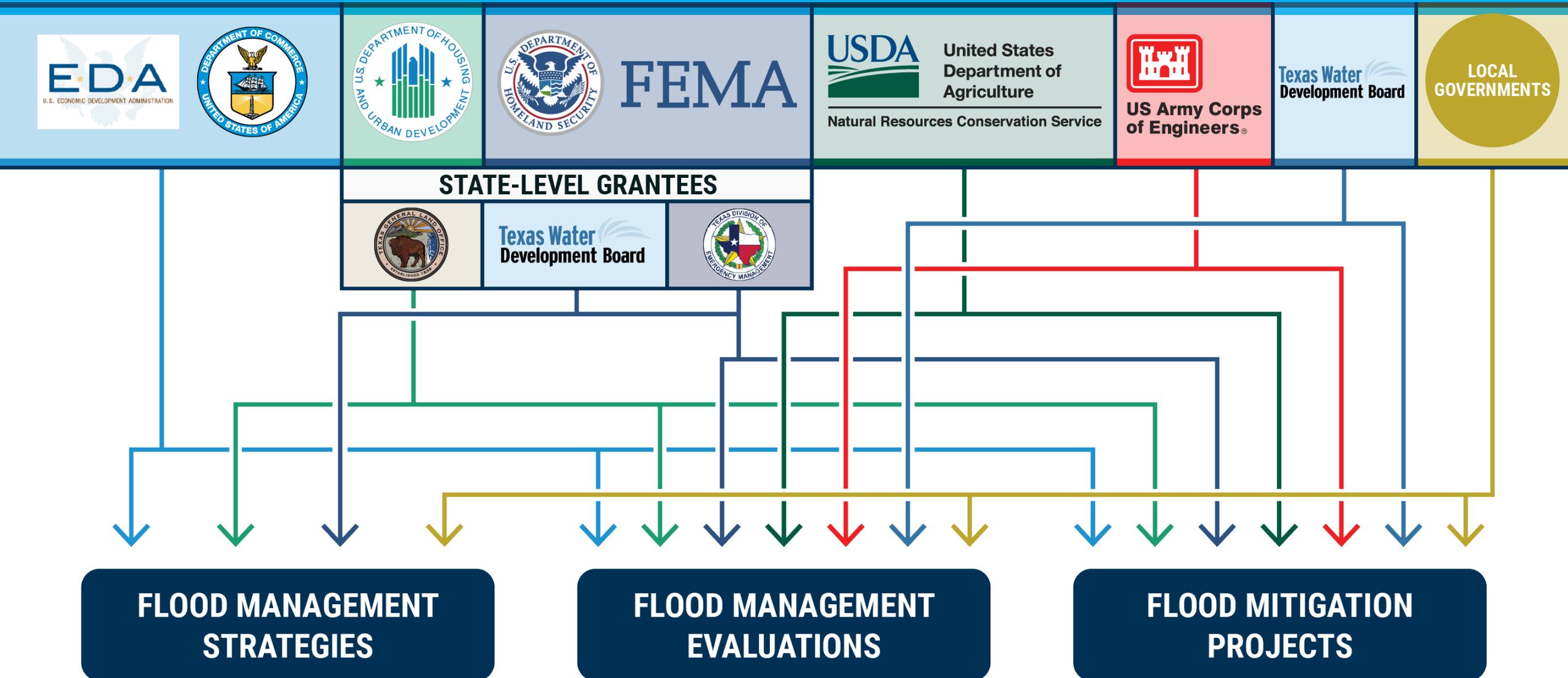
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# Identification of Project Funding



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# Texas Disaster Information System TDIS



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- Data and information produced by the GLO's Combined River Basin Flood Studies program will inform TDIS.
- TDIS will house critical flood risk information through an accessible online dashboard to support preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation for Texas.
- Provides users with the most current and accurate information available to assess related disaster risks, impacts, and mitigation strategies.
- Texas A&M University Systems TAMUS will house the disaster database.

# Outreach Next Steps

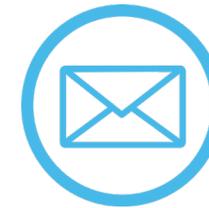


## Information Sharing

- We will push information out via the West Flood Studies mailbox
- We will share information across our technical and communication teams
- We will coordinate and collaborate with you

## Engagement

- Multiple opportunities over the next 2 years
- Currently underway workshops and initial calls from your LOR reps and the West Outreach Team



For general questions about the study, email us!

[LOfloodstudies@west@recovery.texas.gov](mailto:LOfloodstudies@west@recovery.texas.gov)

**Questions**



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# **Western Region Outreach Team**

<https://www.tlgs.texas.gov/floodstudies/recovery>

# Agenda Item 8

Discussion and potential action regarding Region 11  
RFPG Technical Consultants work and schedule



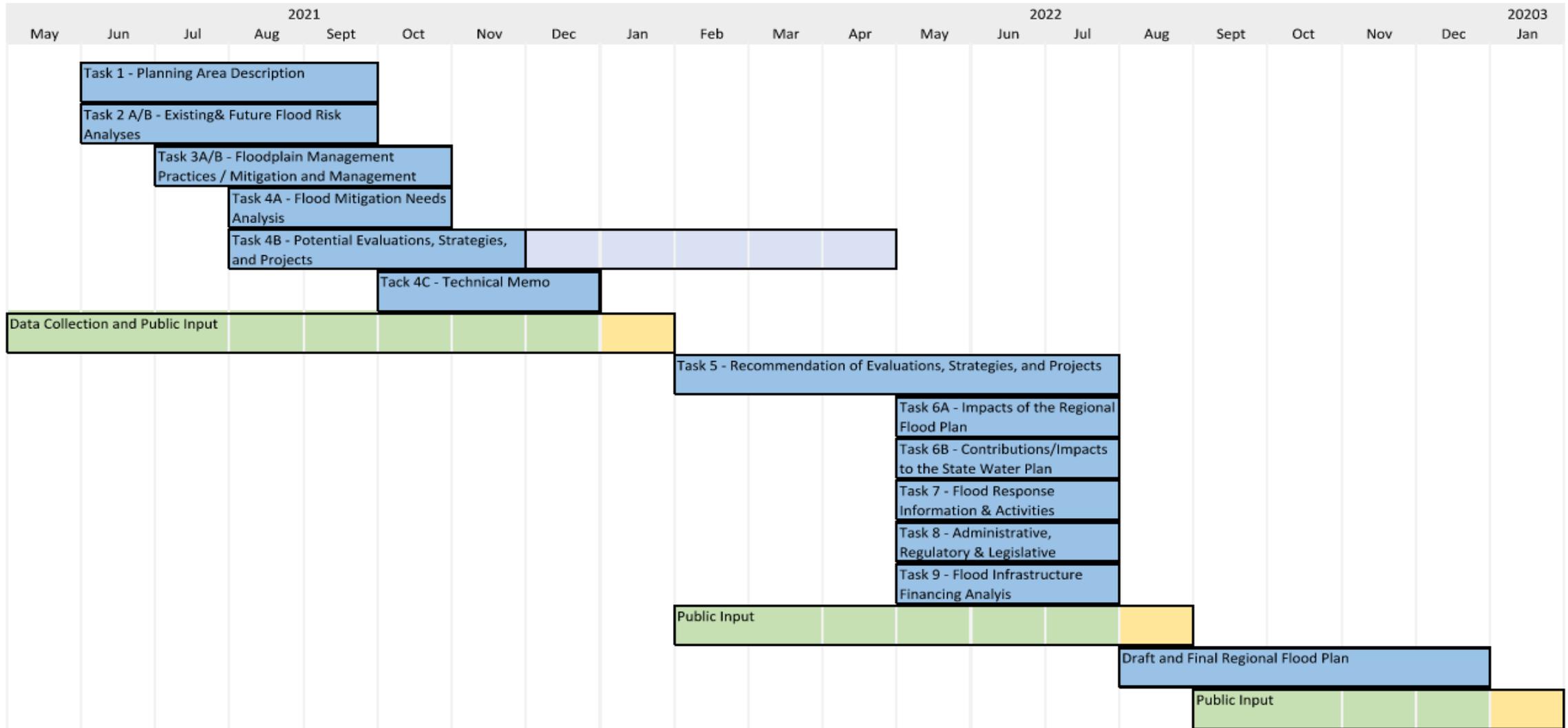
# Region 11 Flood Plan

**Process Schedule / Overview  
(Expectations)**

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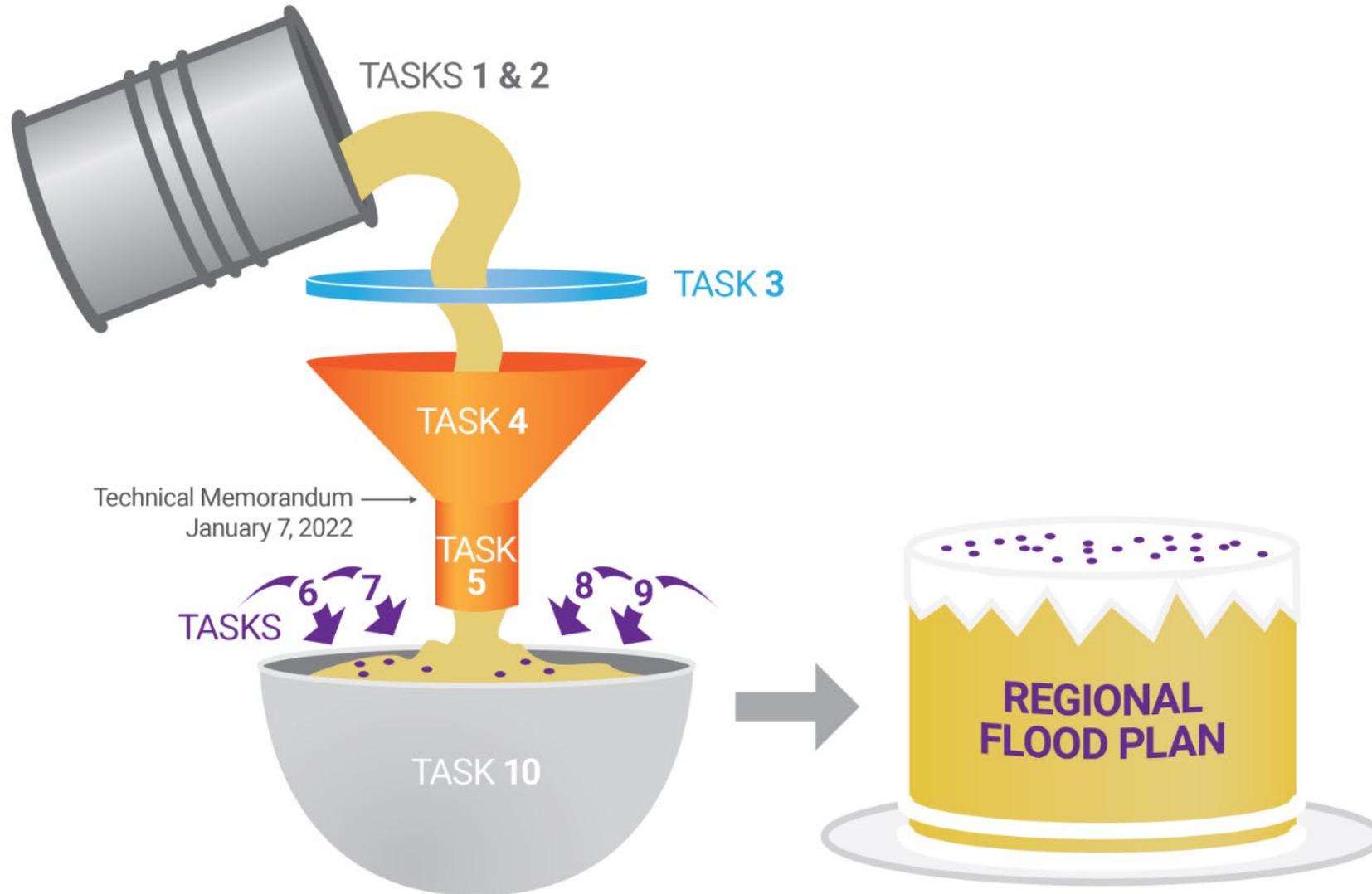


# Overall Schedule





# Where We are Headed





# Quick Look Back

## May

- Kickoff Meeting
- Discuss Pre-planning Meeting
- Start Task 1 – Data Collection



# June

- Present and Discuss
  - Task 1 – Data Collection Update
  - Pre-Planning Meeting
  - Process Schedule/Overview
  - Start Task 2A – Existing Condition Flood Analysis
  - Start Task 3A – Evaluation of Floodplain Practices



# July

- **Present and Discuss**
  - **Task Updates**
    - Initial Flood prone Map
    - Pre-planning meeting
  - **Task 2B – Future Condition Approach**
  - **Task 3A/B – Floodplain Management Policies/Goals**



# August

- Present and Discuss
  - Task Updates/Results
  - Task 3A/B continued discussion (Policy/Goals)
  - Task 4A/B
  - Screening Criteria for Evaluations, Studies, Projects

*Pre-planning Meeting Date – Shift items to September?*



# September

- Present and Discuss
  - Task Updates/Results
  - Task 1 – preliminary draft
  - Task 2A/B Results
  - Task 3A/B – preliminary draft
  - Task 4A/B continue discussion



# October

- Present and Discuss
  - Task Updates/Results
  - Task 4A/B continue discussion (results)



# November

- Present and Discuss
  - Task Updates/Results
  - Task 4B continue discussion (results/presentation)
  - Technical Memorandum – preliminary draft



# December

- Present and Discuss
  - Approve Technical Memorandum

# QUESTIONS?

## Region 11 Flood Plan



## Agenda Item 9

Discussion of second Pre-Planning Public Input Meeting to solicit public input (as required per Texas Water Code §16.062 (d) and 31 Texas Administrative Code §361.12 (a)(4))

# Pre-Planning Meeting Discussion

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**FPG Member Survey**  
**August 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting**  
**Other Meetings**  
**Virtual Public Meeting**

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# Agenda Item 10

## Update from Liaisons

- Update from Region 10 (Lower Colorado-Lavaca)
- Update from Region 12 (San Antonio)

# Agenda Item 11

Update from RFPG  
Sponsor (GBRA)

Update from GBRA

# Agenda Item 12

## Public General Comments

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## Agenda Item 13

Consider date and agenda items for next meeting

# Agenda Item 14

Adjourn