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Region 11: Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Executive Meeting

Tuesday, January 28, 2025
10:00 AM

Agenda Item 1

Call to Order

1. Attendance
2. Individuals attending in-person, please sign-in

Welcome

Agenda Item 2

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item 3

Approval of minutes from the April 3, 2024 Region 11
RFPG meeting

Meeting Minutes
Region 11 Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Group Meeting
April 3, 2024 at 2:00 PM

Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority River Annex (905 Nolan Street, Seguin, TX 78155)

Roll Call:

<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>Interest Category</u>	<u>Present (x) / Absent () / Alternate Present (*)</u>
Doug Miller Melissa Reynolds*	<i>Agricultural</i>	X
John Johnston	<i>Counties</i>	X
Lon Shell	<i>Counties</i>	X
John Packard	<i>Electric Generating Utilities</i>	X
Annalisa Peace Bill Barker*	<i>Environmental</i>	*
Doug Sethness	<i>Flood districts</i>	X
Matt Koone	<i>Industries</i>	
Joseph Pantalion John Espinoza*	<i>Municipalities</i>	X
Ken Gill	<i>Municipalities</i>	X
Dr. Kimberly Meitzen	<i>Public</i>	X
R. Brian Perkins Charlie Hickman*	<i>River Authorities</i>	X
Tara Bushnoe	<i>River Authorities</i>	X
Gian Villarreal Tami Norton*	<i>Small Business</i>	X
Charlie Flatten	<i>Water Districts</i>	X
Steven Fonville	<i>Water Utilities</i>	X

<u>Non-voting Member</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)</u>
Sue Reilly Beth Bendik*	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	
Hollie Hischer Bierbauer	Texas Division of Emergency Management	
Jami McCool Kristin Lambrecht*	Texas Department of Agriculture	X
Allen Nash	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	
Kris Robles Teresa Williams*	General Land Office	
Cynthia Nolasco	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	X
Joel Klumpp	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	
Don Durden	Public	
Doris Cooksey	Region 12 Liaison	
Patrick Brzozowski Scott Hartl*	Region 10 Liaison	

Quorum:

Quorum: **Yes**

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

- Agenda Item #7 added Charlie Flatten on as a voting member – Open Meeting Act and Public Information Act Training was completed
- Agenda Item #8 added John Packard on as a voting member – Open Meeting Act and Public Information Act Training was not completed prior to meeting

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

Other Meeting Attendees:

Lauren Willis, GBRA (Facilitator)

Juliano DeLeon, TDEM

Ram Mendoza, GBRA (IT)

Christine Blain, GBRA (Community Affairs)

Mayor Steve Sucher, City of Gonzales

David Guajardo, Green DeWitt Drainage District

Matthew Perrill, TDEM

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM. Lauren Willis called roll of the planning group members to record attendance and a quorum was established.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Welcome

Chairman Miller welcomed members to the meeting

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Approval of minutes from the January 10, 2024 Region 11 RFPG Meeting.

Chairman Miller opened discussion on approving the minutes from the January 10, 2024 Region 11 RFPG Meeting.

A motion was made by John Johnston to approve the January 10, 2024 Region 11 RFPG Meeting minutes. Tara Bushnoe seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Region 11 Guadalupe RFPG Chair Updates

No updates were given by the Chair.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Updates

Chairman Miller introduced Cynthia Nolasco from TWDB. The following items were reviewed by Ms. Nolasco.

1. Congratulated the group on their hard work for the Amended and Final Plans
2. The Amended Flood Plans were presented on March 5, 2024 at the TWDB Board Meeting and were successfully approved
3. Refer to the November 2023 Newsletter for important dates and working timeline as TWDB transitions from the first cycle to the second cycle

4. TWDB is working on drafting grant contracts for the group sponsors and will be due May/June 2024

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Guadalupe Region 11 RFPG Sponsor Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) Updates

Lauren Willis reviewed the following items.

1. Grant application approved by TWDB
2. It will take 4-5 months to get contracts executed between the TWDB and the technical consultant.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Discussion and potential action regarding the solicitation to fill the vacant voting position in the Water Districts interest category

Chairman Miller noted the recommendation of Charlie Flatten by the Executive Committee.

A motion for Charlie Flatten to represent the Water Districts interest category was made by Lon Shell. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kimberly Mietzen. The motion was approved by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Discussion and potential action regarding the solicitation to fill the vacant voting position in the Electric Generating Utilities interest category

Chairman Miller noted recommendation of John Packard by the Executive Committee.

A motion for John Packard to represent the Electric Generating Utilities interest category was made by John Johnston. The motion was seconded by Doug Sethness. The motion was approved by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Discussion, evaluation and potential action regarding the Bylaws for the Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Group

Lauren Willis reviewed the proposed changes to the By-Laws. Chairman Miller opened the floor to discussion. John Johnston suggested a change of verbiage in Article VII from shall to may designate one alternate.

Joe Pantalione made a motion to accept the updated By-Laws with the recommended verbiage change by John Johnston in Article VII from shall to may designate one alternate. John Johnston seconded the motion. The vote passed by 13 Ayes, 0 Nays.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Discussion, evaluation and action concerning the technical consultant procurement for Region 11 Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Group.

a. Update and discussion of responses to the RFQ

Chairman Miller reviewed the one Statement of Qualifications received.

b. Discuss a recommendation from the Executive Committee for the selection of a technical consultant.

Chairman Miller opened discussion of the Executive Committee selection for a technical consultant. A motion for Freese and Nichols to be selected as the technical consultant was made by Doug Sethness. The motion was seconded by Steven Fonville. John Johnston abstained from the vote. The motion was approved by consensus.

- c. Consider authorizing the Region 11 RFPG Sponsor to negotiate and execute a contract with the selected firm to provide technical consulting services with the development of a regional flood plan.**

A motion was made by Joe Pantalione to nominate Freese & Nichols as the Region 11 technical consultant and authorizes the Region 11 Sponsor, GBRA to negotiate a contract. Ken Gill seconded the motion. John Johnson abstained from the vote. The motion was approved by consensus.

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

Lauren Willis reviewed the timeline of executing the contracts between TWBD and GBRA and between GBRA and the technical consultant. Ms. Willis recommended that the July meeting be cancelled.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Adjourn

Doug Sethness made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Bill Parker. The motion was approved by consensus.

The meeting adjourned at 2:38 PM by Chairman Miller.

Approved by the Region 11 Guadalupe RFPG at a meeting held on January 21, 2025.

Brian Perkins, SECRETARY

Doug Miller, CHAIR

Region 11 Guadalupe RFPG Chair Updates

Agenda Item 4

Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Updates

Agenda Item 5

Guadalupe Region 11 RFPG Sponsor Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) Updates

Agenda Item 6

Discussion regarding the solicitation to fill the vacant voting position in the Counties interest category

Agenda Item 7

Agenda Item 8

Discussion and potential action regarding administrative expenses to be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for reimbursement.

Agenda Item 9

Consider nominating and potential action electing RFPG Officers for 2025 (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and two members-at-large).

Consider nominating and electing Guadalupe RFPG members to be non-voting liaisons to Regions 10 & 12 (Region 10 LCRA – Austin, Region 12 SARA – San Antonio)

- a. Nominations for Region 10 RFPG liaison by members
- b. Discussion and consider taking action to elect Region 10 RFPG Liaison
- c. Nominations for Region 12 RFPG liaison by members (currently Annalisa Peace)
- d. Discussion and consider taking action to elect Region 12 RFPG Liaison

Agenda Item 11

Pre-Planning Public Input: The RFPG is soliciting public input regarding suggestions and recommendations as to issues, provisions, projects, and strategies that should be considered during the flood planning cycle and/or input on the development of the regional flood plan (as required per Texas Water Code §16.062(d) and 31 Texas Administrative Code §361.12(a)(4))



Pre-Planning Meeting No. 1

Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Group

January 21, 2025

Agenda Item 11



Agenda

- Introductions
- Regional and State Flood Planning Background
- Timeline and Key Tasks
- Public Input
 - Gather Suggestions/Recommendations as to Issues, Provisions, Strategies to be Considered in Development of the Plan
 - Opportunities for Public Input
 - Data Needs

Regional Flood Planning Group Members

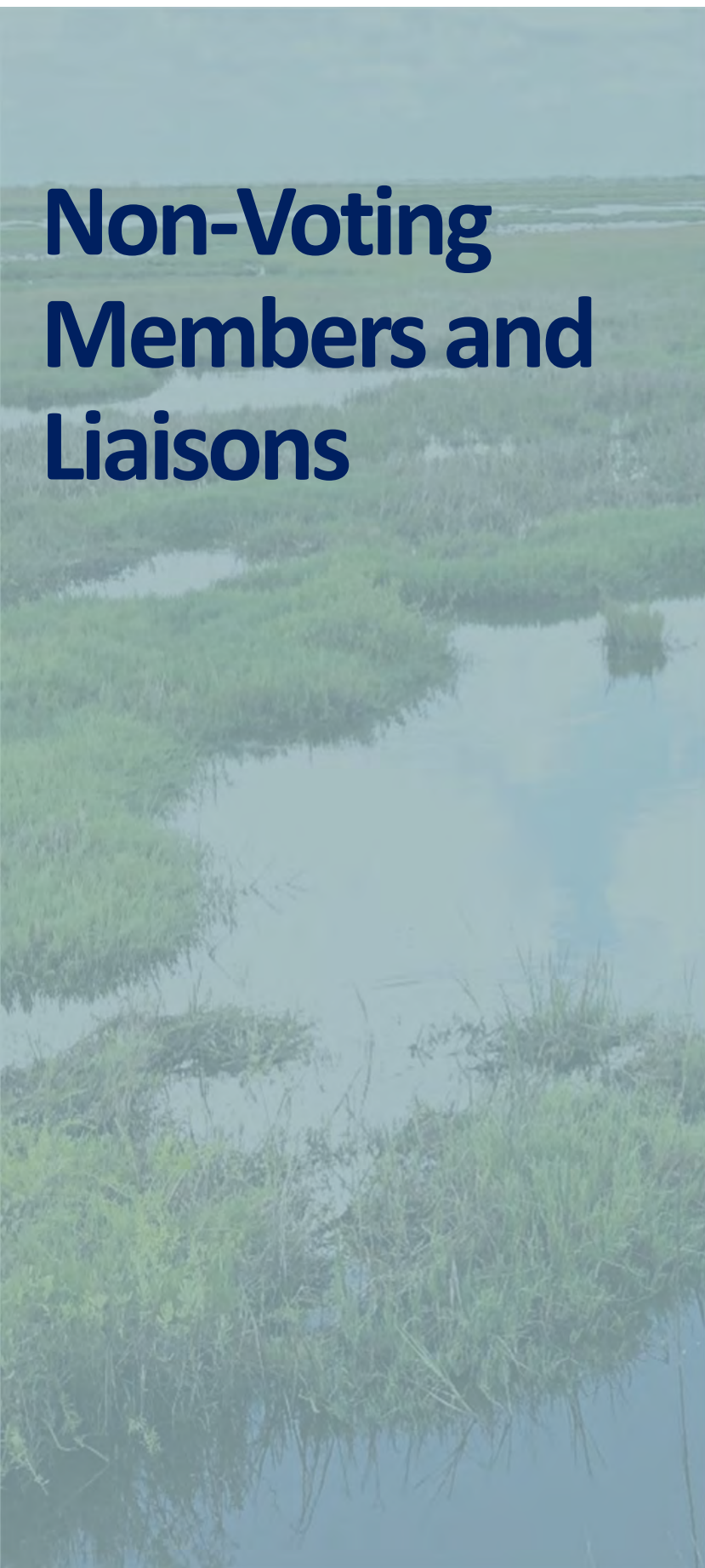


The RFPG is a group of **volunteers** representing 13 interest categories. RFPG members **recommend** flood risk reduction actions based on input from General Public and other Stakeholders. **Implementation of specific recommendations and flood mitigation actions included in this plan will require action by local communities in the region.**



Voting Members

Voting Member	Stakeholder Category
Doug Miller	Agriculture
John Johnson	Counties
Lon Shell	Counties
John Packard	Electric Utilities
Annalisa Peace	Environmental
Doug Sethness	Flood Districts
Matt Koone	Industries
Joe Pantalione	Municipalities
Ken Gill	Municipalities
Kimberly Meitzen	Public
Brian Perkins	River Authorities
Tara Bushnoe	Water Districts
Gian Villarreal	Small Business
Charlie Flatten	Water Districts
Steven Fonville	Water Utilities



Non-Voting Members and Liaisons

Non-Voting Member	Agency
Sue Reilly	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Hollie Bierbauer	Texas Division of Emergency Management
Jami McCool	Texas Department of Agriculture
Allen Nash	Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board
Kris Robles	General Land Office
Cynthia Nolasco	Texas Water Development Board
Joel Klumpp	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Don Durden	Kendall County Commissioner, Pct. 4
Doris Cooksey	At-large

Liaison	Representing
Patrick Brzozowski	Region 10
Suzanne Scott	Region 12



Regional Flood Plan Organization



Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Group



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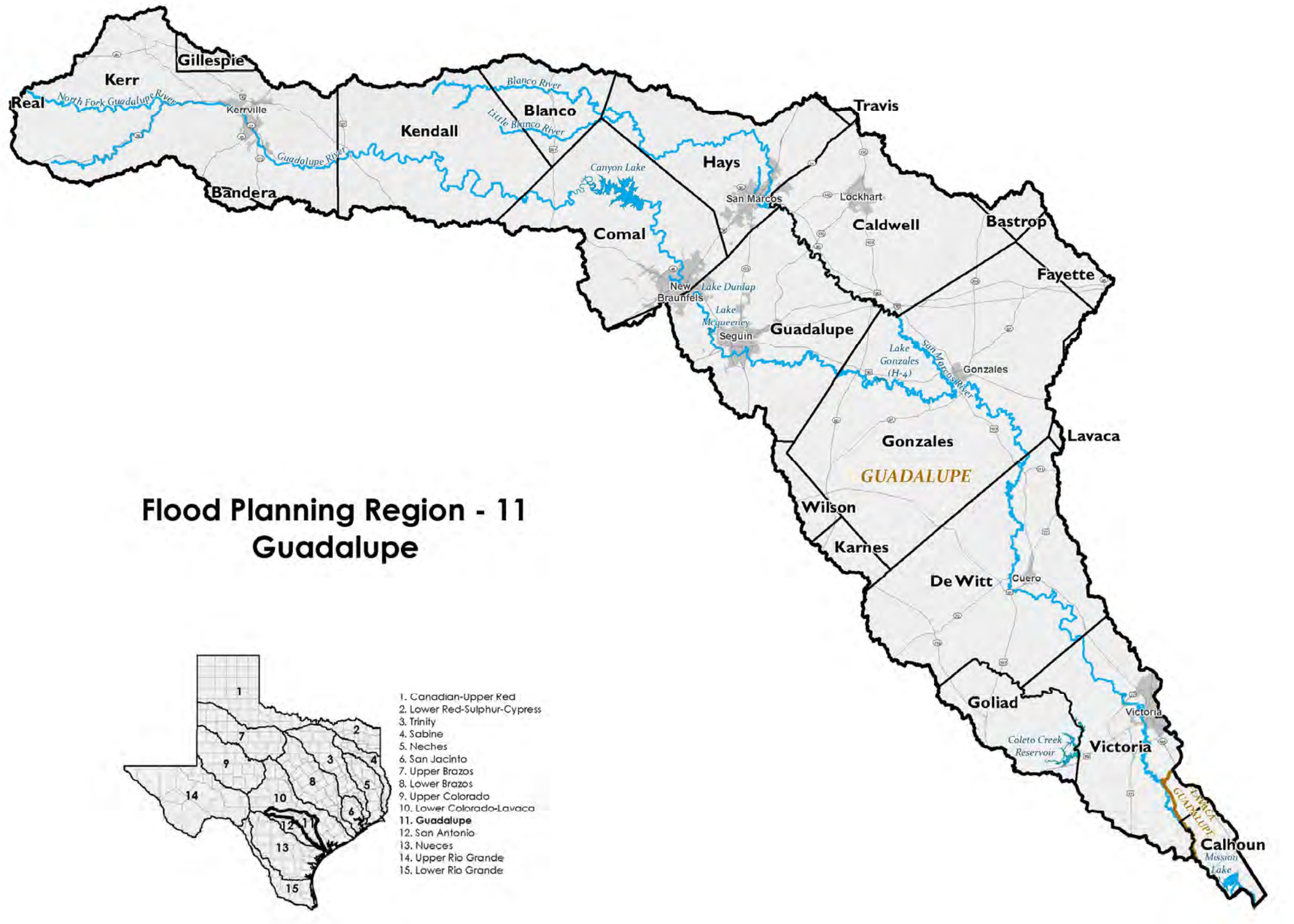


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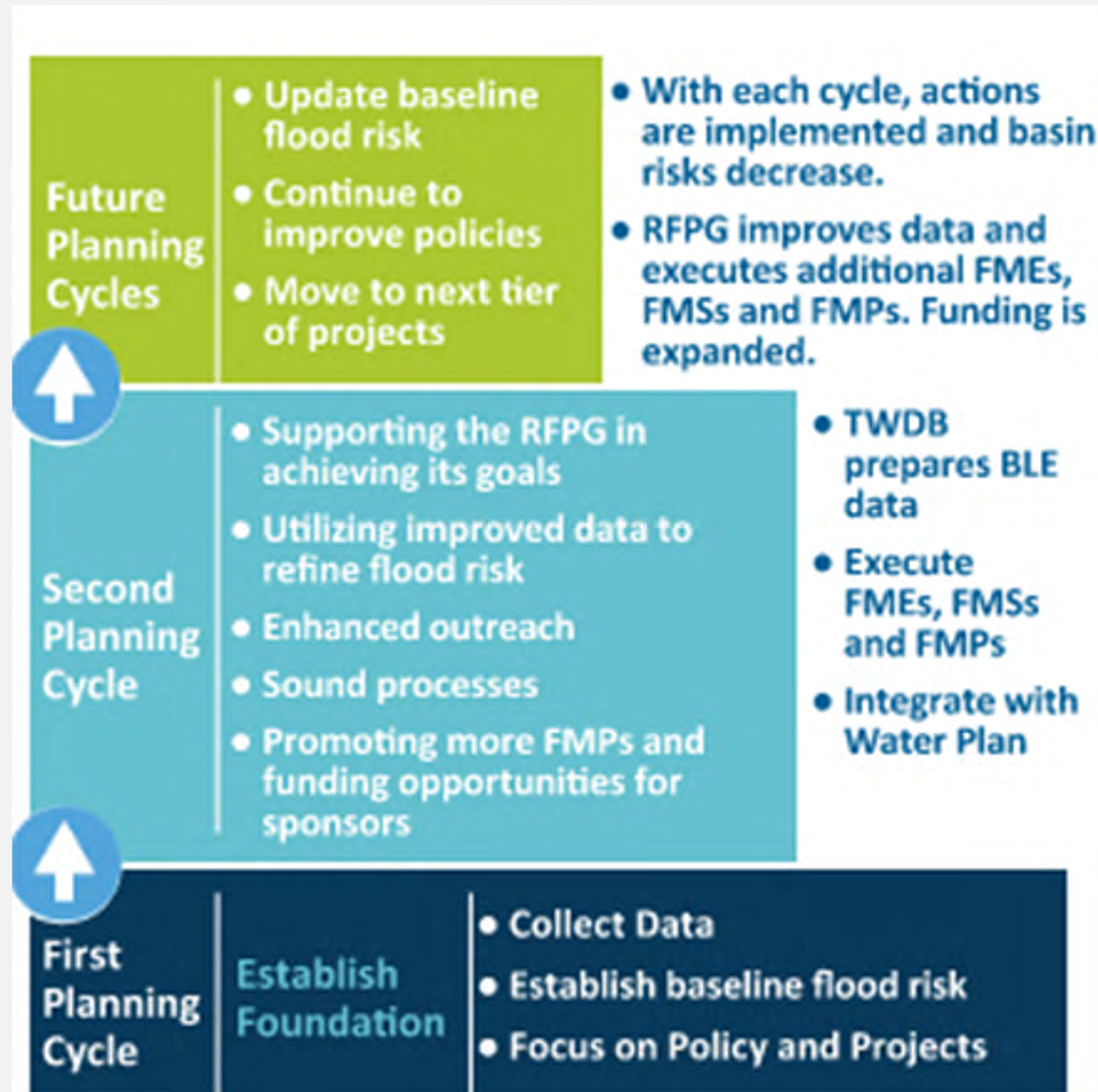


- **2019 Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 8 to:**
 - Establish Texas' regional and state flood planning process
 - Provide funding for flood science and mapping
 - Establish a state flood planning framework
 - 2023 Regional Flood Plans (“first cycle” complete)
 - 2024 State Flood Plan (complete)
- **2019 Legislature also created the Flood Infrastructure Fund**
 - Intended to fund flood-related actions in the State Flood Plan
 - One time funding (additional funding added)

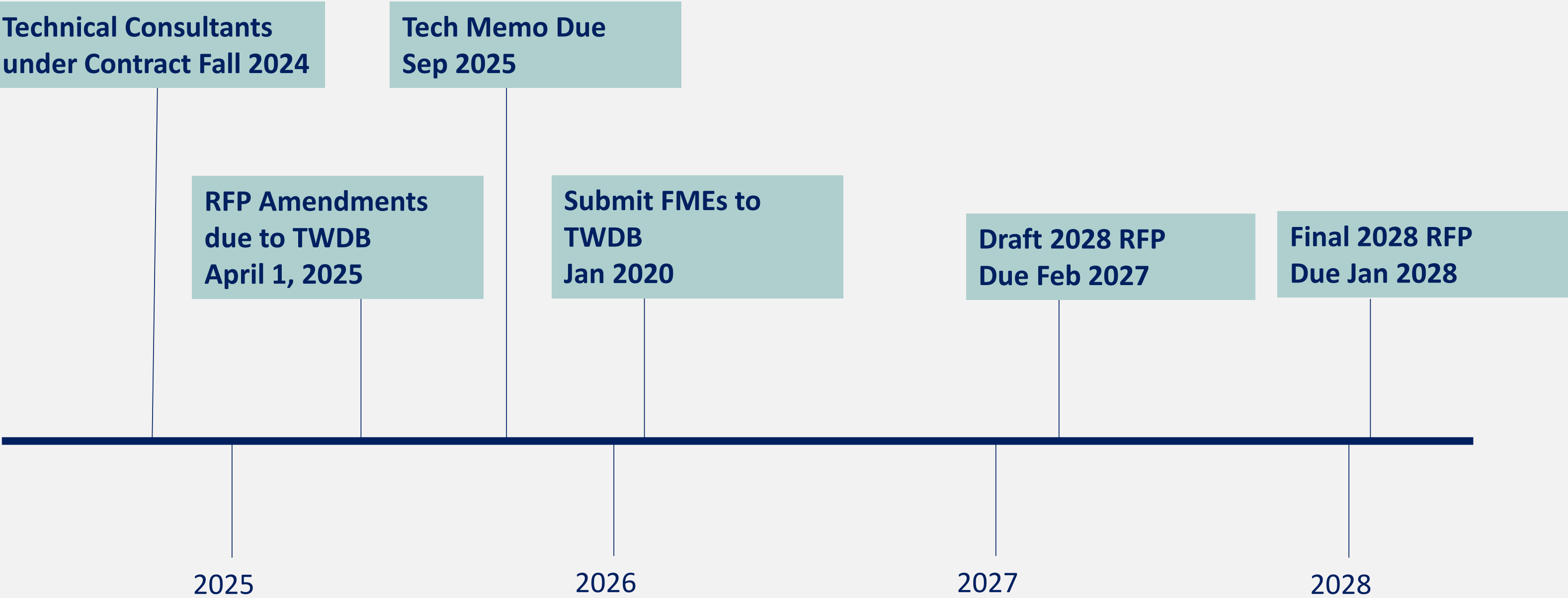
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2028 RFP Timeline*



Key Tasks



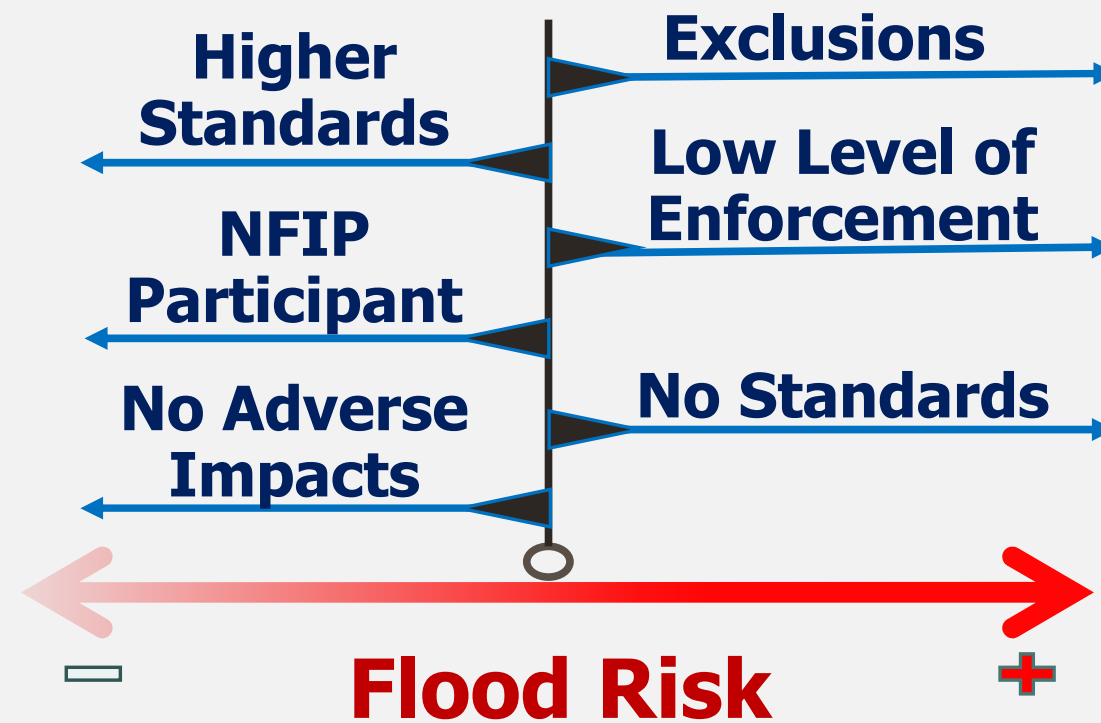
Gather Data



Identify Flood Risk



Evaluate/Recommend Management Practices



Prepare Flood Plan





Data to Collect

- Public Input
- Historic flooding
- Flood photos
- News articles
- Past drainage/flood studies
- Existing drainage infrastructure
- Low water crossing locations
- Proposed/ongoing flood mitigation projects
- Floodplain management practices
- Future growth plans

Source: Victoria Advocate (2019)

Flood Mitigation Options



- RFPG is reaching out to gather suggestions and recommendations as to issues, provisions, projects, and strategies that should be considered in development of regional flood plan.

- **Additional Opportunities for input:**

- Public comments at every RFPG meeting
- RFPG Website (GuadalupeRFPG.org)
- comments@guadalupefpg.org
- Public Meeting for Comments on Existing Flood Risk Map
- Draft Regional Flood Plan

Online Tools

- Map
- Survey
- Data Submittals

Public Input



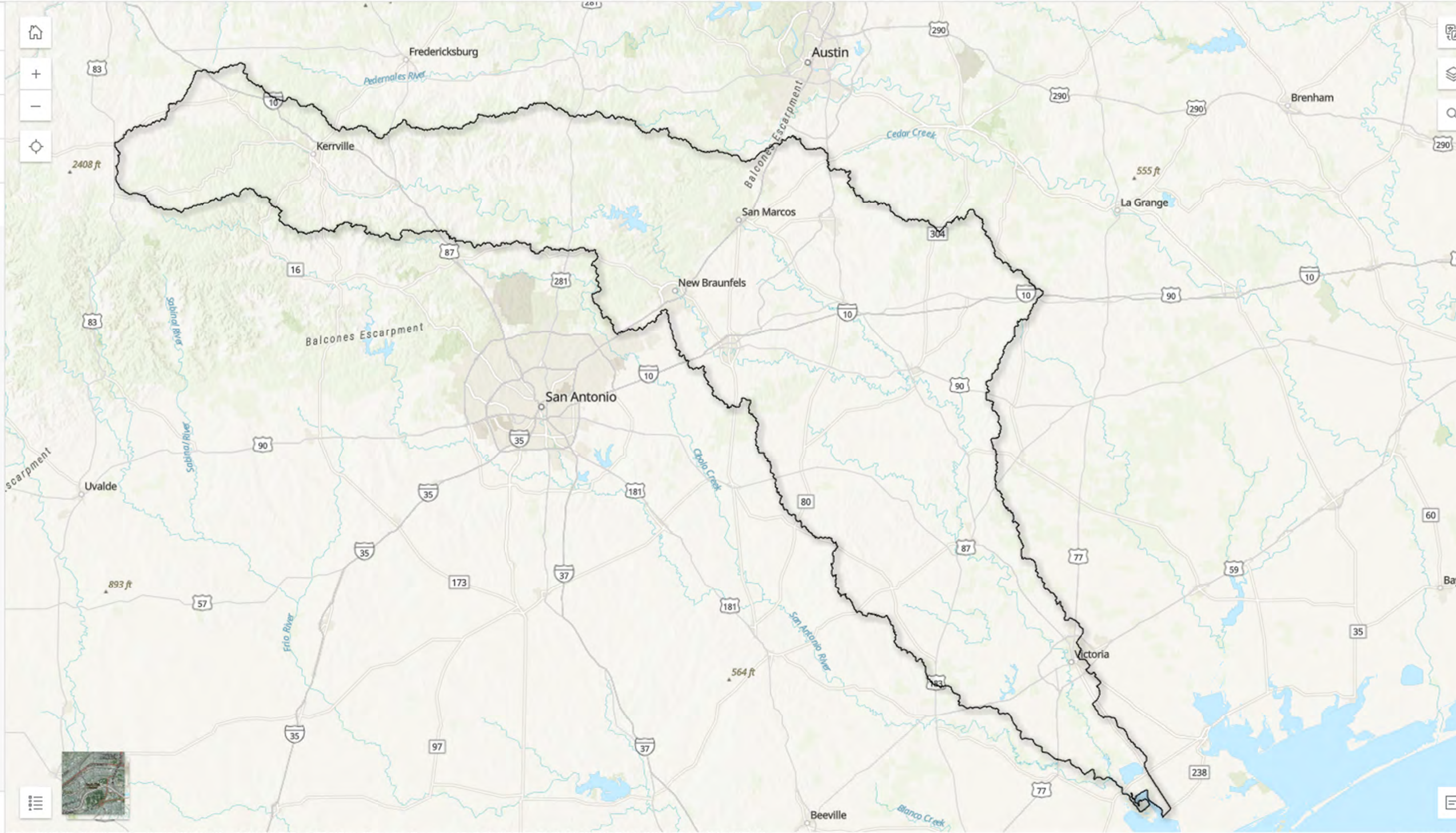
An aerial photograph of a vast wetland landscape. The terrain is a mosaic of green, marshy areas and light blue, winding water channels. The water reflects the sky and the surrounding vegetation. The overall scene is flat and expansive, typical of a coastal or estuarine wetland.

Webmap and Comments

**Link to be
added to
GRFPG Website**



- Comment
- Flood Prone Areas (points) (0) >
- Flood Prone Areas (polygons) (0) >
- Projects in Progress (points) (0) >
- Projects In Progress (polygons) (0) >



Submit a New Comment

Flood Prone Areas (points)

Please provide the details.

What is impacted by the flooding?*

Please enter a value

How often does the location flood?*

What level of storm intensity causes the area to flood?*

What appears to be the main cause of the flooding at each location?*

Comments

Which entity do you represent?

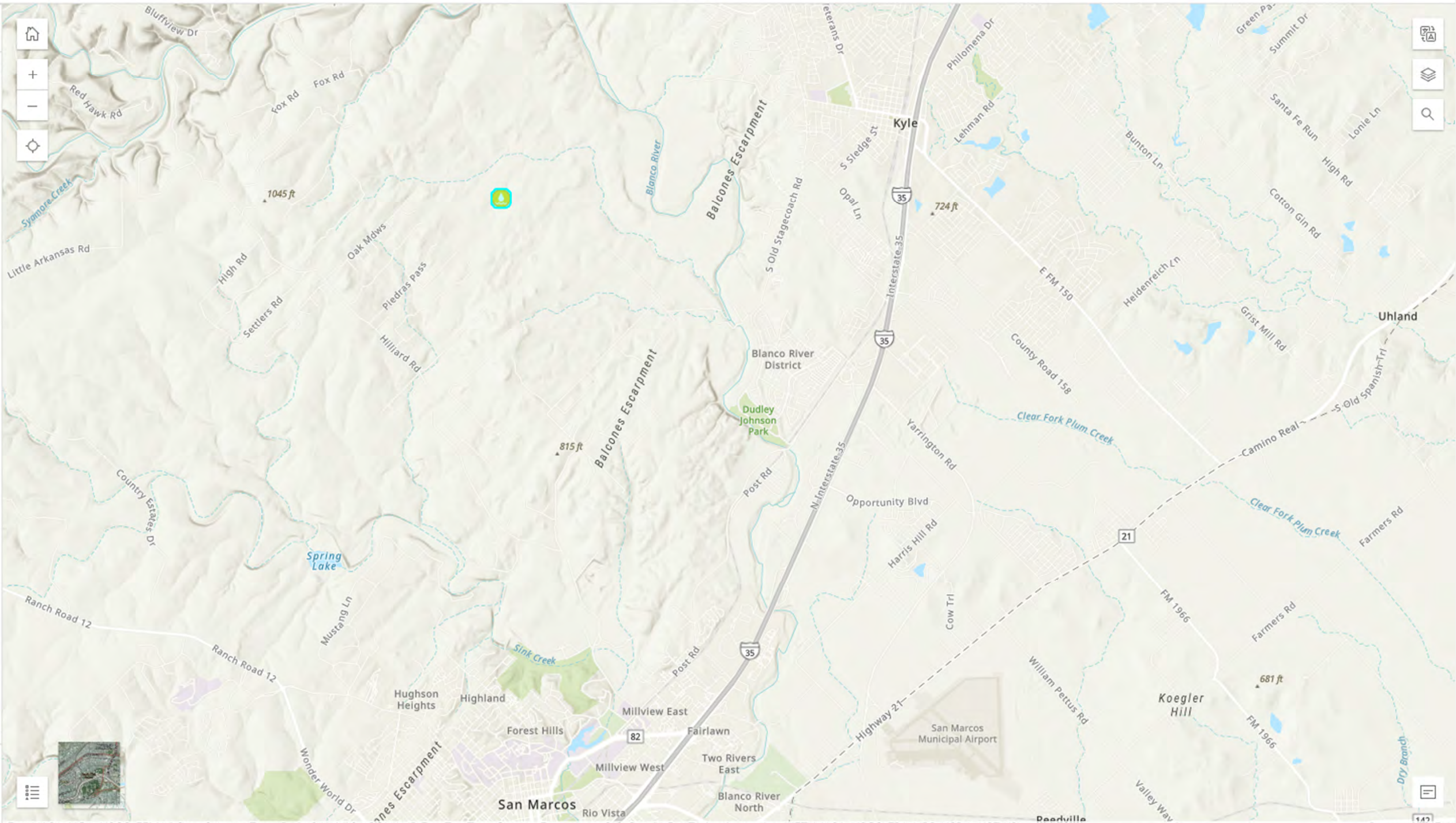
Name

Phone Number

Email*

Submit

Cancel



An aerial photograph of a vast wetland landscape. The terrain is a mosaic of green marshes and blue water channels. The water reflects the sky and the surrounding vegetation. The overall scene is serene and natural.

Public Comments

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

- a. Review 2024 State Flood Plan
- b. Review 2028 State Flood Plan Timeline
- c. 2024 Amendment Process
- d. Process for Selection of FMEs



Technical Consultant Update

Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Group

January 21, 2025

Item 12



Agenda

- 2024 State Flood Plan Overview
- 2028 Regional Flood Plan Kickoff and Overview
 - Schedule/Timeline
 - Scope Comparison
- 2024 Amendment Process
 - Item 13 Action
- FME Decision Process



2024 State Flood Plan

2024 State Flood Plan Overview



The dataset presented in this viewer represents planning level information and is not regulatory.

[▶ Read the 2024 State Flood Plan](#)



Overview of findings from the 2024 State Flood Plan

Statewide

Existing Flood Risk

(in 1 percent and 0.2 percent annual chance flood hazard areas)

5,886,000 Population	1,789,800 Buildings
13,099,990 Agricultural land (acres)	66,000 Roadway miles
1,402,000 Residential buildings	6,659 Critical Facilities*

Recommended Studies, Projects and Strategies**

Flood management evaluations (3,097)

\$2.63B

Flood mitigation projects (615)

\$49.06B

Flood management strategies (897)

\$2.84B

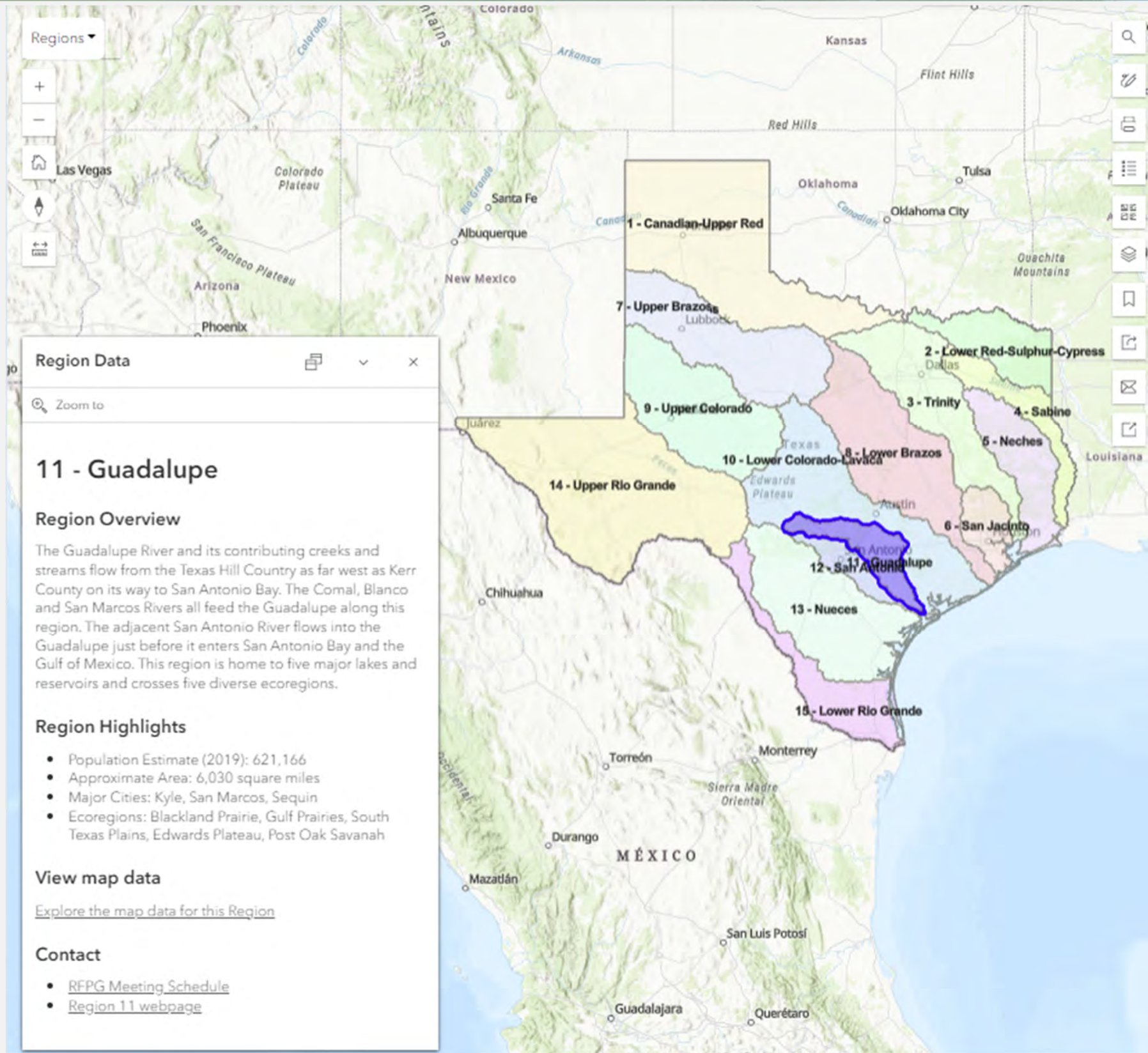
Total count (4,609)

\$54.52B

*Hospitals, emergency medical services, fire stations, police stations, and schools

**Due to rounding, numbers presented may not add up precisely to the totals provided and percentages may not precisely reflect the absolute figures.

2024 State Flood Plan Overview



Region Data

Zoom to

11 - Guadalupe

Region Overview

The Guadalupe River and its contributing creeks and streams flow from the Texas Hill Country as far west as Kerr County on its way to San Antonio Bay. The Comal, Blanco and San Marcos Rivers all feed the Guadalupe along this region. The adjacent San Antonio River flows into the Guadalupe just before it enters San Antonio Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. This region is home to five major lakes and reservoirs and crosses five diverse ecoregions.

Region Highlights

- Population Estimate (2019): 621,166
- Approximate Area: 6,030 square miles
- Major Cities: Kyle, San Marcos, Sequin
- Ecoregions: Blackland Prairie, Gulf Prairies, South Texas Plains, Edwards Plateau, Post Oak Savannah

View map data

[Explore the map data for this Region](#)

Contact

- [RFPG Meeting Schedule](#)
- [Region 11 webpage](#)

Overview of findings from the 2024 State Flood Plan

Region 11: Guadalupe

Existing Flood Risk
(in 1 percent and 0.2 percent annual chance flood hazard areas)

117,100 Population	45,800 Buildings
441,360 Agricultural land (acres)	1,000 Roadway miles
32,100 Residential buildings	127 Critical Facilities*

Recommended Studies, Projects and Strategies**

Flood management evaluations (163)
\$85.74M

Flood mitigation projects (54)
\$394.22M

Flood management strategies (5)
\$33.47M

Total count (222)
\$513.43M

*Hospitals, emergency medical services, fire stations, police stations, and schools

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2028 Regional Flood Plan

Scope Comparison

First Cycle		Second Cycle		Key Changes/Notes
1	Planning Area Description	1	Planning Area Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simplified Table 1 Addition of dam and levee inventory Specific inventory of low water crossings
2A	Existing Flood Risk Analysis	2A	Existing Flood Risk Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition of 10% ACE event
2B	Future Flood Risk Analysis	2B	Future Flood Risk Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can use BLE models rather than Fathom for existing conditions flood quilt. Option to modify existing hydraulic models to create future condition run
3A	Eval/Rec MIT & Mgmt Practices	3A	Eval/Rec MIT & Mgmt Practices	-
4A	Flood MIT Needs Analysis	3B	Flood MIT Needs Analysis	-
3B	Flood MIT & Mgmt Goals	3C	Flood MIT & Mgmt Goals	-
4B	ID and Eval Potential Feasible FMXs	4A	ID and Eval Potential Feasible FMXs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consideration of avoidance of future flood risk Option to perform FMEs under this task Removed BCR from this task
4C	Technical Memorandum	4B	Technical Memorandum	-
		4C	Perform FMEs	New Task (similar to Task 12) to perform FMEs
5	Recommend FMXs	5A	Recommend FMXs	-
		5B	Rec FMEs for TWDB to perform	New Task
6A	Impacts of RFP	6A	Impacts of RFP	-
6B	Cont & Impacts State Water Plan	6B	Cont & Impacts State Water Plan	-
7	Flood Response Info & Activities	7	Flood Response Info & Activities	-
8	Admin, Reg, Leg Recommendations	8	Admin, Reg, Leg Recommendations	-
9	FIF Analysis	9	FIF Analysis	-
10	Plan Adoption & Public Participation	10	Plan Adoption & Public Participation	-
11	Outreach & Data for Tasks 1-9	11	Comparison to Prior Flood Plans	New Task
12	Perform FMEs for Recom. FMPs			
13	Prep&Adoption of Amended RFP			

2028 RFP Timeline*

Technical Consultants
under Contract Fall 2024

Tech Memo Due
Sep 2025

RFP Amendments
due to TWDB
April 1, 2025

Submit FMEs to
TWDB
Jan 2026

Draft 2028 RFP
Due Feb 2027

Final 2028 RFP
Due Jan 2028

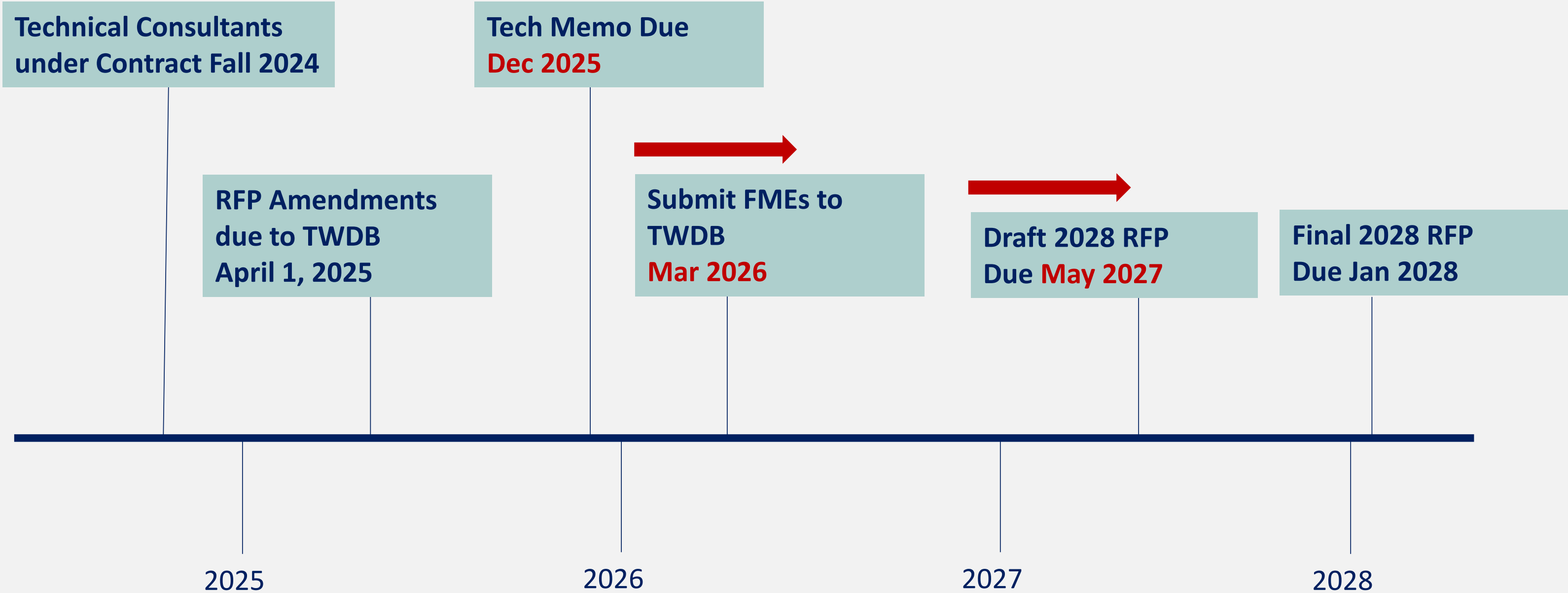
2025

2026

2027

2028

2028 RFP Timeline*



Look Ahead (Tentative)

Verify meeting frequency and set dates – adjust topics/schedule based on deadlines and actions needed

Meeting	Milestones / Goals
January 2025	2028 Pre-Planning Meeting 2024 State Flood Plan Overview 2024 Amendment Process (Action Needed Item 13) Task 4C: Discuss FME Decision Process
March 2025	Recommend FMXs and Adopt Amendment (Action Needed) Finalize Public Survey Task 1, Task 2A, Task 3A: Review/Updates
May 2025	Task 4C: Select FMEs to Perform (Action Needed) Tasks 2B, 3B: Review Results/Updates Task 3A: Discuss/Consider Minimum Standards
July 2025	Task 2A/2B: Review results Task 3B: Review results Task 3C: Discuss/Consider Updates to Goals
September 2025	Task 3A: Minimum Standards (Possible Action) Task 3C: Adopt Updated Goals (Action Needed) Task 4X: Review Identified FMX's for recommendation
Sep. 19, 2025	Technical Memo Due (requested delay to December)
November 2025	Task 10: Approve Technical Memo (Action Needed) Discuss FIF prior to FY26-27 Call for Applications

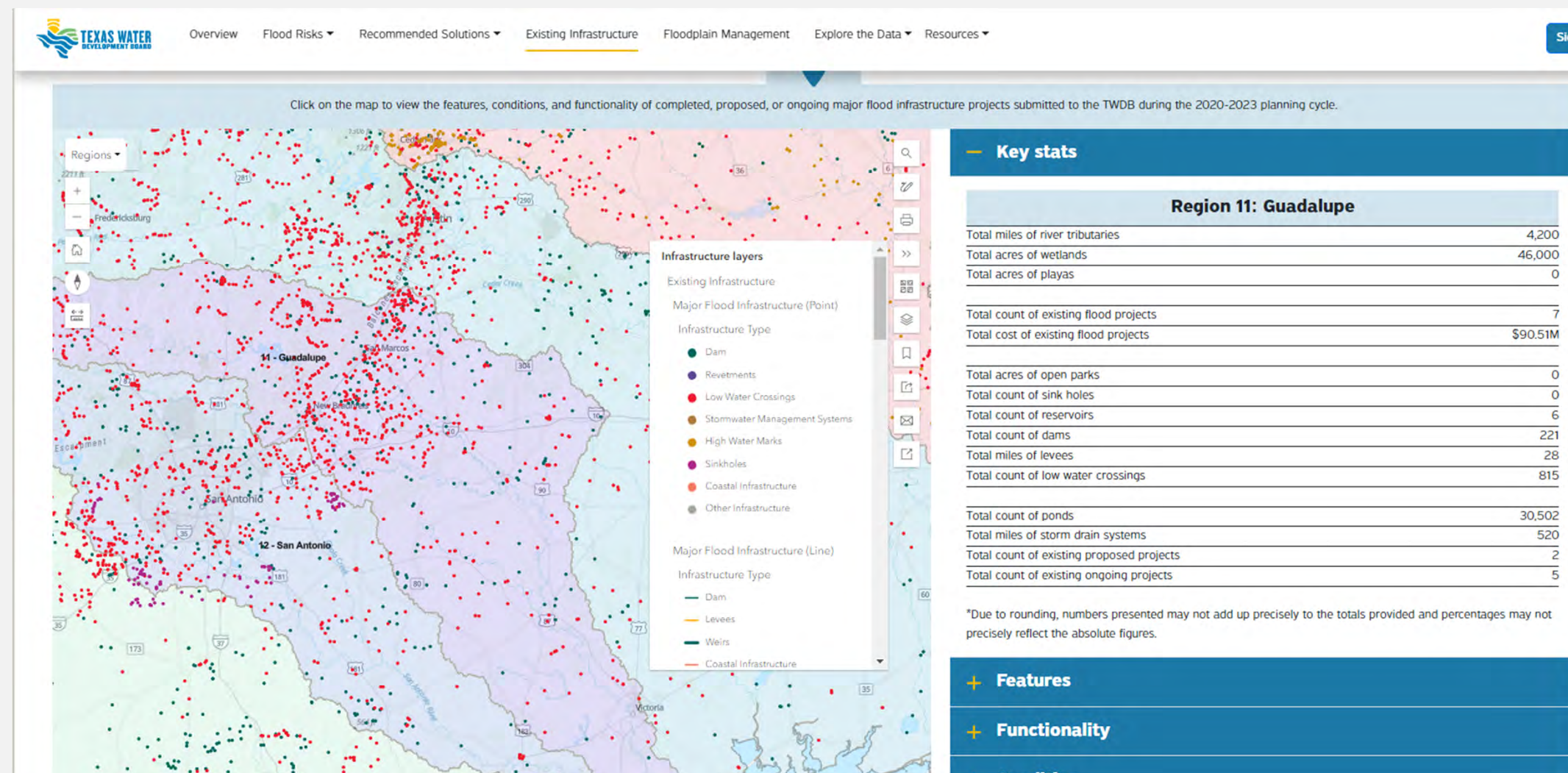
Task 1 Planning Area Description and Public Survey

Region 11 by the Numbers

- **621,200** people
- **6,030** square miles
- **4,200** stream miles
- **222** FMXs
- **\$514M** needs

Goal of this cycle is to improve understanding of functionality and condition of assets

Information on tsk 1 data collected in the 2023 GRFP can be found on the [Region 11 website](#) or the [State Flood Plan Viewer](#)

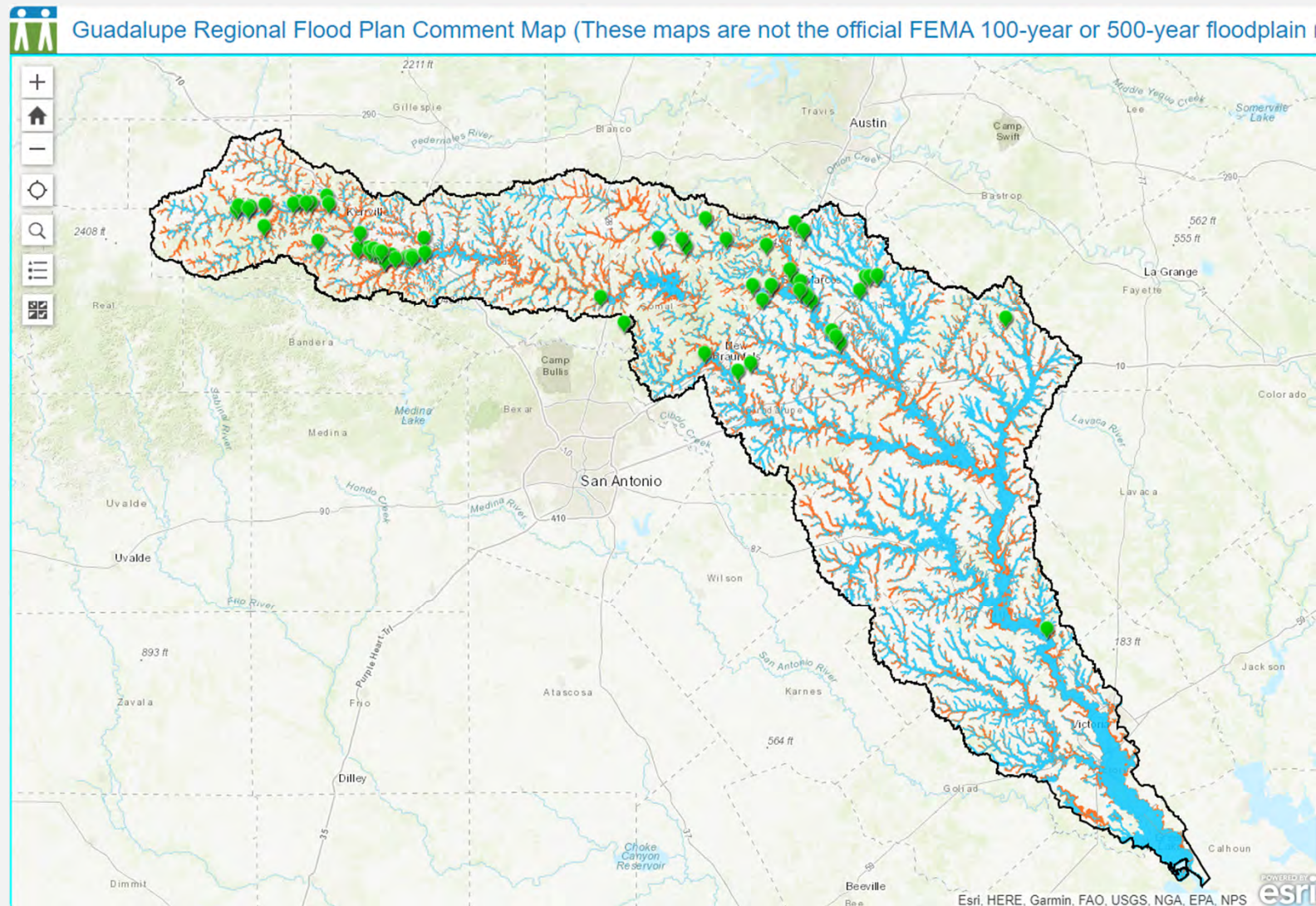


Task 1 Planning Area Description and Public Survey



- Public Survey intended to capture new/updated information since the previous cycle
 - Addition of dams, levees, low water crossings
 - Infrastructure toolkit
- Goal is to launch in coming weeks to begin capturing data
- Followup Phone calls (lesson learned)

Scope Comparison – Task 2A/B: Flood Risk Analysis



- Existing and Future 1% and 0.2% annual chance events (ACEs)
 - Addition of 10% ACE in 2028 RFP
- Future Condition
 - Option to modify existing hydraulic models to create future condition run
 - TWDB to provide Fathom future condition run (release pending)

Task 10: Public Participation and Plan Adoption

- **ICF (Blanton) will update the Public Input Plan**
 - Similar tools as 2023 RFP
- **Immediate Next Steps**
 - Review/update Region 11 Websites
 - Publish Interactive Survey
 - Publish Stakeholder Survey (cities, counties, public, etc.)
 - Begin a coordinated effort for sponsor outreach
- **Meeting Dates/Locations**
 - Proposing every other month
 - Not scheduled beyond March

2023 Regional Flood Plan Amendment (Task 10 Key Change)

“At the discretion of the RFPG, the grant funding may be used to amend the Board-approved, most recent 2023 amended regional flood plans.”

- Initiated by the RFPG or an entity (Political Subdivision)
- For changed conditions or new information
- RFPG must formally consider an amendment request from a political subdivision in the FPR within 180 days
- Amendments must meet all the requirements related to development of an RFP
- Up to two amendments during the current planning cycle.
- **Direct Technical Consultants to perform and submit the data required in Exhibit C for consideration of a new or revised FMX per Task 4A**
- No amendments submittal of draft 2028 RFP and adoption of the final 2028 RFP
- Amendments should be timed to coincide with anticipated TWDB amendments to the State Flood Plan, which will be aligned with TWDB flood funding program application periods (TBD)



**2023 Regional Flood Plan Amendment Process
(2024 State Flood Plan Amendment)**

Amendment Process

Sponsors Submit FMXs Intent to Region

- Announcement distributed on October 30, 2024.
- Nov 15, 2024 Deadline (NOI)
- Two Sponsors replied

FMX Information Deadline: Jan. 15, 2025

- All data/information required
- 6 Revised/New FMXs
- **RFPG Action Required**

FNI Submits Amendment to TWDB by April 1, 2025

- FNI prepare amendment docs
- **RFPG Action Required** (March RFPG Meeting)

TWDB Adopts Amended RFPs by December 2025

- Allows TWDB approximately 8 months to review/approve amended RFP

Amendment Requests

City of Seguin	Ingress/Egress Improvement Project Planning (111000063) Low water Crossing Improvement Study (111000062)	Combine into one study: Low Water Crossing Study for Ingress and Egress (FME)
City of Seguin	Drainage Master Plan (111000178)	Revise: Regional Drainage Master Plan (FME)
City of Seguin	Drainage Improvements Study (111000061)	Revise: Regional Drainage Improvements Study (FME)
City of Seguin		New: Washington Street Drainage Improvements (FMP)
City of Seguin		New: Walnut Branch Channel Modifications (FMP)
New Braunfels		New: Blieders Creek Regional Flood Mitigation (FMP)

Amendment Notification

REGION 11 GUADALUPE REGIONAL FLOOD PLANNING GROUP

ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE FLOOD RISK REDUCTION FUNDING

Regional and State Flood Planning Overview

In 2019, the Texas Legislature tasked the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) with initiating the regional and state flood planning processes. Region 11 is one of 15 Regional Flood Planning Groups (RFPG) across the State responsible for developing a regional flood plan. In 2024, TWDB adopted the inaugural State Flood Plan, a compilation of the 15 Regional Flood Plans. Currently, activities to initiate the next regional and state flood planning and funding cycles are underway.

Flood Infrastructure Fund Eligibility

TWDB's Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) is a funding program that provides financial assistance for drainage and flood risk reduction planning/studies, design, and construction (flood risk reduction solutions). Funding includes grants and low or no interest loans to eligible political subdivisions. To be eligible for FIF funding, your flood risk reduction solution(s) must be included in the 2024 State Flood Plan. A list of currently eligible flood risk reduction solutions is available online in the [2024 State Flood Plan Documents](#).

The next FIF funding cycle is anticipated to open in late 2026. To increase the number of eligible communities, TWDB and the RFPG are providing an opportunity to incorporate additional flood risk reduction solutions into the 2024 State Flood Plan through an amendment process.

TWDB has established an April 1, 2025, submittal deadline. The RFPG must take actions prior to that submittal for the amendment; therefore, the RFPG is requesting a Notice of Intent (NOI) from communities considering joining the amendment process within the Regional 11 boundary. The NOI should be submitted by November 15, 2024, with a full submittal deadline of January 15, 2025.

If you do not intend to submit a 2026 FIF application, or if your flood risk reduction solutions are already in the State Flood Plan, 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. Anticipated timelines for the FY2026-2017 FIF funding and future funding cycles are included below.

TIMELINE

Anticipated FY 2026-2027 FIF Funding Cycle



Future Funding Cycles



REGION 11 GUADALUPE REGIONAL FLOOD PLANNING GROUP

TYPES OF ELIGIBLE SOLUTIONS

Flood risk reduction solutions are classified into 3 categories: Flood Management Evaluation (FME), Flood Management Strategy (FMS), and Flood Mitigation Projects (FMP).



FLOOD MANAGEMENT EVALUATION

Studies to Assess Flood Risk or Identify Potential Projects

Examples:

- Watershed Planning Study
- Project Feasibility Study
- Dam Evaluations



FLOOD MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Policy Changes, Education, & Awareness

Examples:

- Outreach & Education Programs
- Flood Warning Systems
- Drainage Criteria Development
- Property Acquisition or Elevation



FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT

Structural Project to Reduce Flood Risk

Examples:

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

For inclusion in the 2024 Plan Amendment, all proposed FMEs, FMSs, and FMPs must be reviewed for completeness and alignment with RFPG-adopted flood mitigation and floodplain management goals, and recommended by the RFPG. The submittal checklist below identifies key requirements of each flood risk solution type. *Note: sponsors must provide all required data and information to the RFPG.*

SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST

FME	FMS	FMP	Requirements
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Notice of Intent by November 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"/>	Estimated Construction Cost
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Hydrologic & Hydraulic Models
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Pre & Post Project 100yr Floodplains
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Benefit Cost Analysis
		<input type="checkbox"/>	No Negative Impacts Certification
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Pre & Post Project Flood Risk Exposure*

*Technical Consultant will provide additional details following Notice of Intent

GET INVOLVED

To submit a notice of intent please email the name of the study or project to the [flood planning group email \(comments@guadaluperfpg.org\)](mailto:comments@guadaluperfpg.org).

For information on the RFPG and future meetings, please visit the [Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Group website \(http://www.guadaluperfpg.org\)](http://www.guadaluperfpg.org).

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Amendment Documentation

- **Sponsors Provide all Required**
 - Completeness Check
 - Requests for Information/Clarification
- **FNI Prepare Amendment**
 - Cover Letter
 - Introduction and Comply with Rules
 - Summary of RFP Changes (Section by Section Text and Tables)
 - Most likely Chapters 5, 6, 9, 10
 - Summary of Changes to Appendices
 - Exhibit C Tables; Recommended FMXs; Project Details; Funding
 - Geodatabase and Change Log
 - No Negative Impact Table
 - Models (if FMP)
 - Maps

An aerial photograph of a vast wetland landscape. The terrain is a mix of green marshland and blue water channels. The water reflects the sky and the surrounding vegetation. The overall scene is calm and expansive.

FME Decision Process

Discuss Initial Assumptions for FME Strategy

- Total FMEs = 2023 SFP + FMEs identified in 2028 RFP
 - Maximize schedule
 - No floodplain mapping, emphasis on developing FMPs
- Consider SFP rankings and any GRFPG priorities
- Priority FMEs performed by the Technical Consultant
 - Budget/schedule dependent
 - TWDB will perform others in this cycle or future
 - FMEs preferred for 2028 RFP
- TWDB aims to prioritize underserved communities (small/understaffed, rural, lack funding)
- Likely 2 categories of FMEs:
 - Full H&H Study (evaluate existing conditions and identify FMPs)
 - Elevate FMEs to FMPs (low hanging studies to fill gaps)

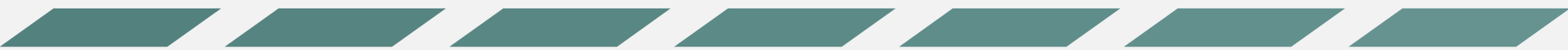


FME Outcome Options

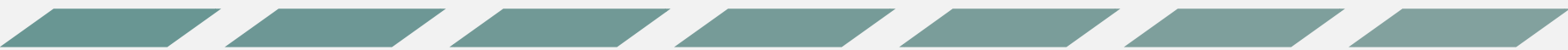
1. Technical Consultant performs in 2nd cycle



2. TWDB performs in 2nd cycle



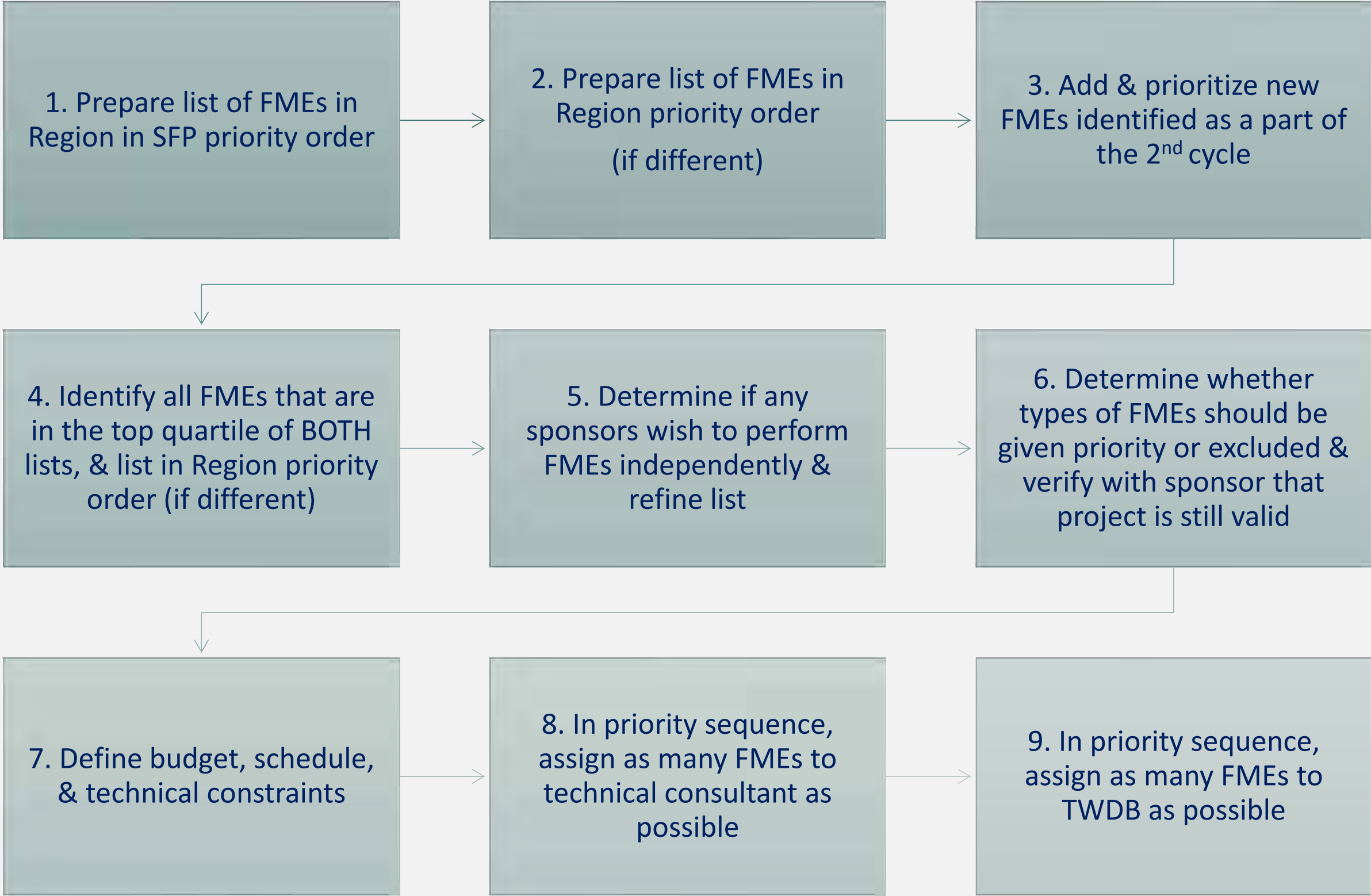
3. Sponsor performs



4. FME deferred for future opportunity



Process Steps



Look Ahead (Tentative)

Verify meeting frequency and set dates – adjust topics/schedule based on deadlines and actions needed

Meeting	Milestones / Goals
January 2025	2028 Pre-Planning Meeting 2024 State Flood Plan Overview 2024 Amendment Process (Action Needed Item 13) Task 4C: Discuss FME Decision Process (Initial)
March 2025	Recommend FMXs and Adopt Amendment (Action Needed) Public Survey Task 1, Task 2A, Task 3A: Review/Updates
May 2025	Tasks 2B, 3B: Review Results/Updates Task 3A: Discuss/Consider Minimum Standards Task 4C: Select FMEs to Perform (Action Needed)
July 2025	Task 2A/2B: Review results Task 3B: Review results Task 3C: Discuss/Consider Updates to Goals
September 2025	Task 3A: Minimum Standards (Possible Action) Task 3C: Adopt Updated Goals (Action Needed) Task 4A/B: Review Identified FMX's for recommendation
Sep. 19, 2025	Technical Memo Due (requested delay)
November 2025	Task 10: Approve Technical Memo (Action Needed) Discuss FIF prior to FY26-27 Call for Applications

Discussion and potential action for preparation of 2023
Regional Flood Plan Amendment.

a. Review FMXs received by technical consultants



Overview of Potential Amendment FMXs

City of Sequin	Ingress/Egress Improvement Project Planning (111000063) Low water Crossing Improvement Study (111000062)	Combine into one study: Low Water Crossing Study for Ingress and Egress (FME)
City of Sequin	Drainage Master Plan (111000178)	Revise: Regional Drainage Master Plan (FME)
City of Sequin	Drainage Improvements Study (111000061)	Revise: Regional Drainage Improvements Study (FME)
City of Sequin		New: Washington Street Drainage Improvements (FMP)
City of Sequin		New: Walnut Branch Channel Modifications (FMP)
New Braunfels		New: Blieders Creek Regional Flood Mitigation (FMP)

Consider date and agenda items for next meeting.

- a. Wednesday, March 12th
- b. Traveling Meeting Location for Pre-planning Meeting
- c. Bi-monthly meetings

Public general comments – limit 3 minutes per person

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Adjourn

Agenda Item 16