

Meeting Minutes
Region 11 Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Group Meeting
January 28, 2025 at 10:00 AM

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
John Packard	<i>Electric Generating Utilities</i>	X
Annalisa Peace Bill Barker*	<i>Environmental</i>	X
Doug Sethness	<i>Flood districts</i>	
Matt Koone	<i>Industries</i>	
Joseph Pantalion Joe Ramos*	<i>Municipalities</i>	*
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>	
Gian Villarreal Tami Norton*	<i>Small Business</i>	*
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	X
Hollie Hischer Bierbauer	Texas Division of Emergency Management	
Jami McCool Kristin Lambrecht*	Texas Department of Agriculture	
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: **11**

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

Other Meeting Attendees:

Christine Blain, GBRA

Ram Mendoza, GBRA (IT)

Jay Scanlon, Freese & Nichols, Inc.

Adam Conner, Freese & Nichols, Inc.

David Stovall, Comfort

Reagan Middleton, TDEM

Larry Busch, City of Schertz

Marianne Choi, HNTB

Kevin Anderson, City of Schertz

Kelly Fuller, Guadalupe County

Shirley Ellis, City of Gonzales

Christopher Willis, New Braunfels

Bill Barker, Great Springs Project

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 10:09 AM. Brian Perkins 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 April 3, 2024 Region 11 RFPG Meeting.

Chairman Miller opened discussion on approving the minutes from the April 3, 2024 Region 11 RFPG Meeting.

A motion was made by Ken Gill to approve the April 3, 2024 Region 11 RFPG Meeting minutes. John Johnston seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

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

Chairman Miller stated that this will be another good cycle with a good foundation to build upon.

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

Cynthia Nolasco reviewed the following items.

1. Process for amended plans
2. Deadline for amended plans April 1, 2025

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

Brian Perkins reviewed the following items.

1. Introduced Christine Blain, GBRA Community Affairs Coordinator. Brian Perkins also acknowledged Lauren Willis's departure from GBRA and noted that Christine and Mary Newman will be assisting going forward.
2. Stated that all contracting for the second cycle is now complete.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Discussion regarding the solicitation to fill the vacant position in the Counties interest category.

Lon Shell resigned on November 25, 2024 to be effective as of December 31, 2024. Notice to fill the vacant position was posted on January 2, 2025. At the time of the meeting, there are 2 nominees that have applied for the position. Nominations close February 7, 2025.

It is likely that the Executive Committee will convene to review and make a recommendation to the full planning group before the March 11, 2024 meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Discussion and potential action regarding administrative expenses to be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for reimbursement.

No administrative expenses were presented at this time. Expenses will be provided at the March meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Consider nominating and potential action electing RFPG Officers for 2025 (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and two members-at-large).

Doug Miller made a motion to nominate the following members to the executive committee:

- John Johnston, Chair
- Gian Villareal, Vice Chair
- Brian Perkins, Secretary
- Kimberly Meitzen, Member-at-large 1
- Doug Sethness, Member-at-large 2

Ken Gill seconded the motion. The slate was approved by roll call vote.

<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>Interest Category</u>	<u>Yay</u>
Doug Miller Melissa Reynolds*	<i>Agricultural</i>	X
John Johnston	<i>Counties</i>	X
John Packard	<i>Electric Generating Utilities</i>	X
Annalisa Peace Bill Barker*	<i>Environmental</i>	X
Doug Sethness	<i>Flood districts</i>	
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>	
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Charlie Flatten	<i>Water Districts</i>	X
Steven Fonville	<i>Water Utilities</i>	X

John Johnston assumed the role of Chair.

Doug Miller announced his resignation from the planning group effective at the end of the meeting and submitted a letter of resignation to the group.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: 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. Charlie Flatten volunteered to be Region 10 RFPG Liaison.
Brian Perkins made a motion to approve and Kim Meitzen seconded.
- c. Discussion and consider taking action to elect Region 10 RFPG Liaison
The nomination was approved by consensus. Charlie Flatten will be Region 10 RFPG Liaison.
- d. Nominations for Region 12 RFPG Liaison by members (currently Annalisa Peace)
Annalisa Peace agreed to continue as Region 12 RFPG Liaison.
- e. Discussion and consider taking action to elect Region 12 RFPG Liaison.
Doug Miller made a motion and Brian Perkins seconded.

The nomination was approved by consensus. Annalisa Peace will remain Region 12 RFPG Liaison.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 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 planning cycle and/or input on the development of the regional flood plan (as required per Texas Water Code §16.062(d) 31 Texas Administrative Code §361.12(a)(4)

Jay Scanlon led the discussion:

- Gathering information and strategies from the sponsors to take to the State Flood Planning.
- The mapping tool is to launch soon.
- An overview of the type of data to be collected. There has been a request for an extension due to the need for more data.

Public Input:

- David Stovall from Comfort, TX expressed a WWTP permit in the area of North Creek (a tributary to Cypress Creek), development in the floodplain, and the potential flooding associated with rainfall runoff.

- Annalisa Peace (speaking on behalf of Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance) confirmed that these are real common issues for that area. Ms. Peace also stated there was no way to protest stormwater permits.
- Kimberly Meitzen asked for clarification on how the map will be shared.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Discussion and potential action regarding Region 11 RFPG Technical Consultants work and schedule.

- a. Review 2024 State Flood Plan - How to view it
- b. Review 2028 State Flood Plan Timeline
- c. 2024 Amendment Process
- d. Process for selection of FMEs

Brian Perkins encouraged the group to make a list based on their regional issues for the next meeting, March 11, 2025

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Discussion and potential action for preparation of 2023 Regional Flood Plan Amendment.

- a. Review FMXs received by technical consultants Discuss and consider amendment

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: Consider date and agenda items for next meeting.

Brian Perkins made a motion proposing that the group meet the 2nd Tuesday of odd-numbered months. Joe Ramos seconded. Motion passed by consensus.

March meeting will be March 11, 2025.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: Public general comments – Limit 3 minutes per person

David Stoval addressed the group with concerns, discussing the issues in the Comfort area.

Bill Barker asked if there was a good way in the process of the plan to identify problem development areas.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16: Adjourn

Brian Perkins made a motion to adjourn. Doug Miller seconded the motion—the motion passed by unanimous consent.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 AM by Chairman Johnson.

Approved by the Region 11 Guadalupe RFPG at a meeting held on January 28, 2025



Brian Perkins, SECRETARY



John Johnston, CHAIR