

Meeting Minutes

Region 11 Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Group Meeting

05/06/2025 at 2:04 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>
Don Durden	<i>Agricultural</i>	X
John Johnston Billy Jordan*	<i>Counties – Chair</i>	
Doug Leacock	<i>Counties</i>	X
John Packard	<i>Electric Generating Utilities</i>	
Annalisa Peace Bill Barker*	<i>Environmental</i>	X
Doug Sethness	<i>Flood districts</i>	X
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 Shelby Taber*	<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>	

<u>Non-voting Member</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)</u>
Sue Reilly Beth Bendik*	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	
Fernando Perez Regan Middleton*	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	X
Cynthia Nolasco	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	X

Joel Klumpp	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	
Juan Sandoval	Region 12 Liaison	
Patrick Brzozowski Scott Hartl*	Region 10 Liaison	

Quorum:

Quorum: **Yes**

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: **10**

- Agenda Item #7 added Don Durden on as a voting member – Open Meeting Act and Public Information Act Training was not completed prior to the meeting.

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

Other Meeting Attendees:

Mary Newman, GBRA (Facilitator)

Ram Mendoza, GBRA (IT)

Tony Matias (Gonzales County Commissioner)

Alicia Reinmund-Martinez (ICF)

Janis Childers (ICG)

Kelly Fuller (Guadalupe County Flood Planning)

Bill Barker (Great Springs Project)

Caroline Hrncir (Guad. Co. Groundwater Conservation Dist.)

Carly Farmer (City of New Braunfels)

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order

Vice Chair Gian Villarreal called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM. Mary Newman called roll of the planning group members to record attendance, and a quorum was established.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Welcome

Vice Chair Villarreal welcomed members to the meeting

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Approval of minutes from the March 11, 2025, Region 11 RFPG Meeting.

Vice Chair Villarreal opened discussion on approving the minutes from the March 11, 2025, Region 11 RFPG Meeting.

On a motion made by Annalisa Peace and Seconded by Ken Gill the meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

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

Vice Chair Villarreal expressed his excitement to be getting into the second phase and ready to improve on what the group has done since Phase I. Vice Chair Villarreal thanked Jay Scanlon and his group for all their help in getting us through the Phase I process and currently gathering data to share in this Phase II.

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

Vice Chair Villarreal called on Cynthia Nolasco from TWDB. The following items were reviewed by Ms. Nolasco:

- a. a. On April 17th, the “Future Conditions” Cursory Floodplain (Year 2060) dataset became available for download on our TWDB Data Hub website.
- b. On March 14th, the updated Existing Conditions Cursory Floodplain dataset also became available for download.
- c. The Planning team sent out a Q/A on the infrastructure assessment toolkit for regions to review.
- d. TWDB is hosting a Chairs Conference Call on May 30. The topic is Outreach – Lessons learned from Cycle 1. We encourage all Chairs to attend and present.
- e. A completed and accepted FIF Category 1 reports are now available for download and review on our website.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Inter-regional updates on Region 10 & Region 12

Annalisa reported Region 12 is tracking along the same lines as we are. They may have had a bit more discussions on plans submitted for funding.

Charlie Flatten reported on Region 10 that they are tracking almost exactly as our group is as well.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Discussion and potential action regarding the vacant voting position in the Agricultural interest category.

Brian Perkins reported GBRA received one nomination for the Agricultural voting position from Don Durden, who currently sits as a non-voting member of the group. GBRA reached out to Chair Johnston and inquired if there was a need for an Executive Committee meeting. Since there was only one nomination and Mr. Durden had regularly attended meetings, Chair Johnson requested that Don Durden be brought before the group as the nominee. Brian Perkins made a motion to bring forward Don Durden as the nominee to fill the voting position for the Agricultural Interest. Motion was seconded by Tara Bushnoe and unanimously passed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Discussion regarding the solicitation to fill the vacant non-voting position in the Public interest category (if necessary).

With Don Durden taking the voting Agriculture Interest, that left an opening for the non-voting Public Interest Category. Brian Perkins informed the group that we will be posting for this position to the RFPG website, out to the stakeholders, county clerks, and those who have signed up for notifications. However, it is not necessary to fill this non-voting position within the next 30 days, but we will be posting for 30 days.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Discussion regarding the solicitation to fill voting positions with terms expiring July 10, 2025. These include:

- a. **Counties (1 of 2)**
- b. **Electric Generating Utilities (1 of 1)**
- c. **Flood Districts (1 of 1)**
- d. **Industries (1 of 1)**
- e. **Municipalities (1 of 2)**
- f. **Public – Voting (1 of 1)**
- g. **River Authorities (1 of 2)**
- h. **Water Districts (1 of 1)**

A discussion was held on the expiring terms of the above listed categories. Vice Chair Villarreal read a resignation letter from Joe Pantalio, a municipalities interest. Brian Perkins informed the group that this position is one of the eight (8) expiring on July 10th of this year and therefore we will be soliciting nominations for it to be filled. However, Mr. Pantalio's resignation will be effective immediately. All current position holders with a July 10, 2025, expiration date were encouraged to reapply.

A discussion was held because 4 of the 5 members of the Executive Committee terms will be expiring in 2025. It was suggested that at the Vice Chair's discretion, he should appoint an ad-hoc committee made up of non-expiring members to review the applications received prior to the June meeting and bring their recommendations to the group on the 24th for election. Vice Chair Villarreal appointed Annalisa Peace and Doug Leacock to serve alongside himself as the nominating committee to review all nominations received in each of the interests and bring their recommendations to the Group. Kimberly Meitzen moved to form an Ad-Hoc Committee of Gian Villarreal, Annalisa Peace and Doug Leacock to review and vet the nominations sent in for the open positions and bring their recommendations to the group. The motion was seconded by Doug Leacock and the Vice-Chair hearing no objections; the motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Guadalupe Region 11 RFPG Sponsor Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) Updates

Brian Perkins reported that an amendment to the Freese and Nichols contract was executed by GBRA which came after a Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) review and dealing with language consistency between the RFPG contract and GBRA's contract with TWDB.

Brian then reported that we are working through to formalize the process of amending the contract between GBRA and TWDB to change the due dates on the various deadlines for the group based on the actions taken at our last meeting.

Brian had a few copies of the 2024 State Flood Plans and offered to those in attendance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Discussion and potential action regarding administrative expenses to be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for reimbursement

Brian Perkins presented a detailed total of Administrative expenses of \$3,680.24 to be presented to the TWDB for reimbursement. Ken Gill recommended approval of the expenses to be submitted for reimbursement, Doug Sethness seconded the motion. There being no further discussion or objections, the Vice-Chair called for the vote and the motion carried.

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

- a. **Updates and discussion related to ongoing tasks**
 - b. **Potential action related to selection of existing and future flood inundation boundaries for the 2028 RFP**
- a. Jay Scanlon reported on getting the amendment to the Freese & Nichols (FNI) contract submitted to the TWDB at the end of March.
 - b. There being no action items to come before the group, Jay Scanlon gave a detailed overview of the data collected to-date. Reporting that Tasks 1, 2, and 3 are very data dependent such as the flood plain, critical facilities building footprints and public information. Currently they are working on the flood inundation mapping and building footprint updates using data collected from TWDB, public data sources, surveys and outreach updating the 2023 data. Task 2 was touched on at the March meeting (Existing Condition Flood Risk). FNI were waiting on some of the data to come out and with the cursory flood plain published by TWDB along with final FEMA floodplain data makes mapping a continued work in progress. The TXGLO Western Region models/mapping data from Hurricane Harvey is also being compared to the models used by this group. Jay will be meeting with GLO in the next week and will bring completed data on this Floodplain map to the June meeting for the group to decide which mapping to move forward with.
 - c. TWDB updated their building footprint layer, and we have been supplementing critical facilities on these layers to sync up with new modeling and mapping which will start feeding into Tasks 2 and 3.
 - d. Jay touched on the Future Condition Flood Risk Scenarios. Notifying the group that the State has paid for some future modeling on future conditions and existing floodplain data.

He presented five (5) scenarios and hi-lighting Scenario 3 as the TWDB dataset recommendation, to help fill any remaining data gaps in our existing condition flood hazard analyses. Jay reviewed the Flood Exposure Analysis by highlighting the potential exposure if we don't pay attention to how we regulate items such as new developments and the overall conditions of the floodplain.

- e. The 2023 RFPG recommendations were reviewed, and Jay reiterated that adoption by local entities will be required to have any actions included in the in the RDP. The 10-30 years goals were also reviewed and discussed. Public comments received from emails from January 2025 to April 2025 were discussed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 Consider date and agenda items for next meeting.

- a. Tuesday, June 24, 2025
- b. Traveling Meeting Location for Pre-planning Meeting (September).

Vice-Chair announced the next meeting is to be held on June 24th with the location to continue to be in Seguin at the River Annex. Brian Perkins took on the task to call other venues for a possible location for the September meeting and will report at the June meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: Public General comments (Public comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

No one signed up to speak to the group.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: Adjourn

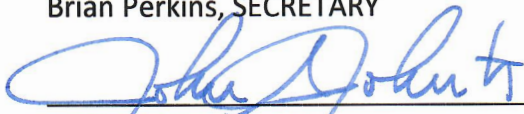
Brian Perkins made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Doug Sethness. The motion was approved by consensus.

The meeting adjourned at 3:24 PM by Vice Chair Villarreal.

Approved by the Region 11 Guadalupe RFPG at a meeting held on June 24, 2025. September 10, 2025.



Brian Perkins, SECRETARY


John Johnston, CHAIR