

Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2026

Region 11 Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Group Meeting

GBRA River Annex at 9:00 AM

GBRA River Annex (905 Nolan Street, Seguin, Texas)

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>	X
Doug Leacock	<i>Counties</i>	X
Melissa Reynolds	<i>Electric Generating Utilities</i>	
Annalisa Peace Bill Barker*	<i>Environmental</i>	X
Doug Sethness	<i>Flood districts</i>	X
Zach Boyer	<i>Industries</i>	
Joe Ramos	<i>Municipalities</i>	X
Ken Gill	<i>Municipalities</i>	X
Kimberly Meitzen	<i>Public</i>	X
R. Brian Perkins Jonathan Stinson*	<i>River Authorities</i>	X
Tara Bushnoe Shelby Taber*	<i>River Authorities</i>	X
Matthew Hoyt	<i>Small Business</i>	X
Charlie Flatten Ben Eldridge	<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	X
Fernando Perez Regan Middleton*	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* John Blount	General Land Office	X
Cynthia Nolasco	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	X
Joel Klumpp	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	
Leah Cuddeback	Public	X
Juan Sandoval Toby Matias	Region 12 Liaison	X

Quorum:

Quorum: Yes

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

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

Other Meeting Attendees:

Sharon Warren, GBRA (Paralegal)

Leigh Crettenden, GBRA (IT)

Alicia Reinmund Martinez (ICF)

Katherine Smith (Freese & Nichols)

See sign-in sheets attached for additional attendees.

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order

Chairman Johnston called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. A moment of silence was acknowledged for the passing of Charlie Hastings, Kerr County Engineer. Sharon Warren called the roll of the planning group members to record attendance, and a quorum was established.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Welcome

Chairman Johnston welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Approval of minutes from the January 13, 2026, Region 11 RFPG Meeting.

Chairman Johnston opened the discussion on approving the minutes from the January 13, 2026, Region 11 RFPG Meeting.

A motion was made by Joe Ramos to approve the January 13, 2026, Region 11 RFPG Meeting minutes. Brian Perkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

No updates were given by the Chair.

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

Chairman Johnston called on Kevin Weitzel for updates. The Technical Memorandum was due to the Board on January 7th, 2026. The TWDB administrative completeness reviews are complete, and staff have notified regions with a notice to proceed to Task Five A. The Board staff will provide informal comments during the summer of 2026. TWDB posted an FME for small communities FAQ document on the second-cycle flood planning webpage. An ordered list of FMEs for the TWDB to perform under Task B are due on or before March 26th, 2026. Before submission, RFPGs should approve the FME list as well as the metrics used to determine small

rural communities with limited resources for the FMEs that will be performed by the TWDB. The scope of work and community affirmation forms for all are due April 24th, 2026. The TWDB contacted Texas A&M AgriLife Extension to develop a model to calculate economic losses from flooding events on agricultural lands. This project has been completed, and the agricultural flood loss guidance documents and analysis tools have been published on the TWDB website.

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

No updates were given by the Chair

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Guadalupe Region 11 RFPG Sponsor Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) Updates.

No updates were provided by GBRA.

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

The item was previously discussed during the January 13, 2026, meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Discussion updates regarding Region 11 RFPG Technical Consultants' work and schedule

- a. Status Update
- b. Discussion and possible actions to approve the process and recommendations for FMEs to be performed by the TWDB (Task 5B).
- c. Discussion and possible actions to approve the process and recommendation for FMEs to be performed by the RFPG Technical Consultant (Task 4C)
- d. Look-ahead

Kathrine Smith, of Freese & Nichols, is presenting on behalf of Jay Scanlon. She provided an update on the TWDB IUP ("Intended Use Plan"), Task A, which is the recommendations on floodplain management practices; Task 5B, which is discussion and possible actions to approve the process and recommendations for FMEs to be performed by the TWDB; Task 4C, which is discussion and possible actions to approve the process and recommendations for FMEs to be performed by the technical consultant; and the FME advancement process.

TWDB IUP Task A - The draft IUP was released in December 2025, followed by a 30-day public comment period. Solicitation for abridged applications is approximately two weeks later, and the final IUP to the TWDB is about 3 to 4 months after the abridged applications. Next will be the publication of List and Project review and scoring, and the first round of invitations to submit full applications is late 2026. A few months after that, the TWDB will be supplied a list for the final preliminary IUP that staff is bringing forward. A short list will then be developed based on available funding and the cost of those actions. This list should be finalized this coming summer, which will open up the full application process.

Task 3A: Discussion of recommendations and best practices on land conservation, detention basins, development limits, creek and river buffer zones, improved floodplain modeling, low-impact development practices, and higher standards will be incorporated into Chapter 3 of the final report.

FME to FMP Advancement Criteria- Discussion of purpose and goals, initial filters, scoring and ranking, and project selection.

Task 4C – Regional Budget - discussion of projects to be performed by the technical consultants to be worked on over the next few months, in the total price range of \$560,000, with each project in the range of \$150,000. The technical consultants are reaching out to the sponsors in Caldwell, Kerrville, New Braunfels, and San Marcos. Three or four projects will be chosen in this category.

Task 5B – discussion and possible actions to approve the process and recommendations for FMEs to be performed by the TWDB. Projects previously selected were the levy project in the Green DeWitt Drainage District and the sediment and water control basin study from the Upper Guadalupe River Authority. The scope of these projects is due to the TWDB at the end of March. The remaining project's scope is due to the TWDB at the end of April, with a total budget of approximately \$4,000,000.

Motion by Brian Perkins, and seconded by Doug Leacock, to submit in March 2026, the Upper Guadalupe River Authority and the Green DeWitt Drainage District projects totaling \$500,000; to submit to the TWDB in April the following projects: Hays County Drainage Project- (Willow Springs Creek between McCarty Lane and Hunter Road); Hays County Drainage Project- (Willow Springs Creek between Hunter Road and the Railroad); Comal County Master Water Improvement District River Road Low Water Crossing; and the City of Victoria Regional Drainage Solutions Project (narrowed down to \$800,000). Motion carried.

Motion by Annalisa Peace, and seconded by Joe Ramos, to accept the TWDB definition of Rural. Motion carried.

Recommendation and Motion by Ken Gill, and seconded by Joe Ramos, for Freese Nichols to submit, with no substantial changes, on March 26, 2026, to the TWDB, the scope and prioritized list of the following FMEs: (1) Dewitt Drainage District- Cuero Levee Study; and (2) Upper Guadalupe River Authority – Evaluation of water and sediment control facilities. Motion carried.

Task 10 – No public comments received since February 27th and at the January 2026 RFPG meeting.

Looking ahead: The eBlast was refined to increase engagement to ensure officials understand the regional flood planning process and the importance of their participation, especially given that there are new officials either appointed or elected.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Presentation – TWDB Nature-Based Solutions Guidance Document

Justin Kozak, with TWDB, and Kim Patak, with Freese & Nichols, presented to the RFPG the purpose of the Nature-Based Solutions (“NBS”), publishing schedule, Guidance Manual content, project goals, intended users, defining NBSs, flood resilience spectrum and examples, structural and non-structural NBS for flood resilience, promotion of NBS, and key takeaways.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Discussion on future meeting dates for 2026.

The following dates are scheduled:

May 12, 2026 - 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., GBRA River Annex

July 14, 2026 - 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., GBRA River Annex

September 8, 2026 - 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., GBRA River Annex

November 10, 2026 - 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., GBRA River Annex

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

Chairman Johnston provided the date for the next meeting to be held at the GBRA River Annex on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM No. 13: Public general comments on Regular Business:

The Chairman called upon Kathy Roecker, with the City of Kyle, who discussed the need for a basin-wide study.

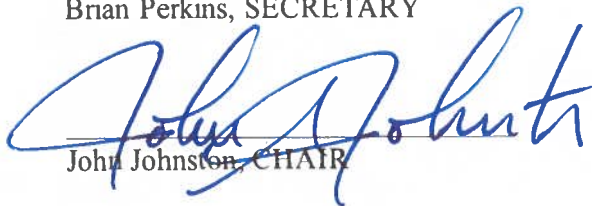
AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: Adjourn

Brian Perkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Doug Leacock. The motion was approved by consensus at 10:49 a.m.

Approved by the Region 11 Guadalupe RFPG at a meeting held on March 10, 2026.



Brian Perkins, SECRETARY



John Johnston, CHAIR

SIGN-IN SHEET FOR REGION 11 FLOOD PLANNING GROUP
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Date: March 10, 2025

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Date: March 10, 2025

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