



# Region 11: Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Group Meeting

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Wednesday, January 4, 2023  
2:00pm

# Agenda Item 1

## Call to Order

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

# Agenda Item 2

Welcome

## Agenda Item 3

### Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of meeting minutes from December 7, 2022 Region 11 RFPG Meeting.

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Region 11 Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Group Meeting**  
**December 7, 2022 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
Bobby Christmas	<i>Electric Generating Utilities</i>	
Annalisa Peace Bill Barker*	<i>Environmental</i>	X
Doug Sethness Jennifer Urban*	<i>Flood districts</i>	X
Kevin Stone	<i>Industries</i>	
Joseph Pantalion John Espinoza*	<i>Municipalities</i>	X (arrived at 2:15pm)
Ken Gill	<i>Municipalities</i>	
Dr. Kimberly Meitzen	<i>Public</i>	X
R. Brian Perkins Charlie Hickman*	<i>River Authorities</i>	X
Vacant	<i>River Authorities</i>	
Gian Villarreal Tami Norton*	<i>Small Business</i>	X
Ronald (Ron) Fieseler 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
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	X
Ryke Moore	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	X
Joel Klumpp	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	
Don Durden	Public	X
Doris Cooksey	Region 12 Liaison	X (arrived at 2:09pm)
Patrick Brzozowski Scott Hartl*	Region 10 Liaison	

**Quorum:**

Quorum: **Yes**

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

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

**Other Meeting Attendees:**

Lauren Willis, GBRA (Facilitator)

Virginia Parker, SMRF

Ram Mendoza, GBRA (IT)

Doug Letbetter, City of Schertz

Jay Scanlon, Freese & Nichols, Inc.

Roland Ruiz, EAA

Adam Conner, Freese & Nichols, Inc.

Duke Altman, Doucet

Alicia Reinmund-Martinez, Blanton & Associates

Carly Farmer, City of New Braunfels

James Blount, TDEM

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

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 2:04 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 November 2, 2022 Region 11 RFPG Meeting.**

Chairman Miller opened discussion on approving the minutes from the November 2, 2022 Region 11 RFPG Meeting.

A motion was made Ron Fieseler to approve the November 2, 2022 Region 11 RFPG Meeting minutes. Doug Sethness seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

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

Chairman Miller reviewed the following items: (1) selection of officers for 2023 will occur at the January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, an email was sent by Brian Perkins, (2) one application was received for the River Authority open position by Tara Bushnoe with UGRA, (3) Gian Villarreal gave a presentation at the New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce Natural Resource meeting, and (4) City of New Braunfels is in the process of updating their master drainage plan.

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

Ryke Moore reviewed the following items: (1) TWDB is looking forward to receiving the final plan in January and (2) TWDB staff is reviewing the invoice submitted.

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

Lauren Willis did not have any updates for the group.



**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Discussion and potential action regarding administrative expenses to be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for reimbursement.**

Lauren Willis reviewed the administrative costs for FY23Q1 (September 1, 2022 – November 30, 2022).

A motion was made by Doug Sethness to approve the administrative expenses for FY23Q1 for reimbursement. Ron Fieseler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by consensus.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Discussion and potential action regarding budget memorandum No.2 to be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board.**

Lauren Willis reviewed the changes being made to the budget with Tasks 6B, 8, 9 and 11 having a change greater than 35%. A correction was also stated that this is budget memorandum No. 1 not No. 2. Chairman Miller opened discussion on approving the budget memorandum No.1.

A motion was made Doug Sethness to approve budget memorandum No. 1 to be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board. Kimberly Meitzen seconded the motion. The motion was approved by consensus.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Discussion and potential action regarding Region 11 RFPG Technical Consultants work and schedule.**

Jay Scanlon overviewed the agenda, reviewed the comments received by the public on the draft, and reviewed the Look Ahead calendar.

**a. Discussion and potential action approving the list of Flood Mitigation Evaluation (FME) and Flood Mitigation Project (FMP) tables.**

Jay Scanlon reviewed newly identified FMEs and reclassified FMPs. Newly identified projects include: Technical Study to Enhance Great Springs Project Regional Flood Mitigation, City of Victoria WWTP Protection, City of San Marcos McKie Street at Willow Springs, City of San Marcos South LBJ Drive at Willow Springs, Dewitt County Drainage District Cuero Levee, Kendall County Guadalupe River Model Study, and Kendall County Stream Gauges and Flood Hazard Beacons. Reclassified projects from FMPs include: City of New Braunfels Wood Road/Landa Street Drainage, City of Kerrville Spring Street Project, City of Kerrville Clay Street Drainage and Kroc Center Detention Pond, and City of Kerrville Coronado Drive and Junction Highway Drainage.

Chairman Miller opened the floor for discussion of approving the updated Flood Mitigation Evaluation (FME) and Flood Mitigation Project (FMP) tables.

A motion was made by Doug Sethness to approve the updated FME and FMP tables and the motion was seconded by Annalisa Peace. The motion passed with 10 Ayes and 0 Nays.

**b. Discussion and potential action approving additional recommendations to Chapter 8: Legislative, Administrative, and Regulatory Recommendations.**

Jay Scanlon reviewed four possible updates to Chapter 8 within the Legislative recommendations.

1. Change the legislation pertaining to Drainage Districts to allow the expansion of the authorized area of the Drainage District, specifically DeWitt County Draining District No. 1, to expand to the watershed boundaries, instead of the current restriction to city.

Chairman Miller opened the floor for discussion. A motion was made by Doug Sethness to approve the change in legislative recommendation pertaining to Drainage Districts to allow the expansion of the authorized area of the Drainage District, specifically DeWitt County Draining District No. 1, to expand to the watershed boundaries and the motion was seconded by Annalise Peace. The motion passed with 10 Ayes and 0 Nays.

2. Modify funding rules to identify Drainage Districts as qualified entities for receipt of Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Action Plan funding.

Chairman Miller opened the floor for discussion. A motion was made by Doug Sethness to approve the change in legislative recommendation to Modify funding rules to identify Drainage Districts as qualified applicants for receipt of Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Action Plan and the motion was seconded by Brian Perkins. The motion passed with 10 Ayes and 0 Nays.

3. Clarify legislation that provides counties the authority to regulate floodplains to explicitly allow and encourage activities associated with floodplain management such as development of land use plans and regulatory authorities such as permitting.

Chairman Miller opened the floor for discussion. A motion was made by Joe Pantalio to approve the change in legislative recommendation to clarify legislation that provides counties the authority to regulate floodplains to explicitly allow and encourage activities associated with floodplain management such as development of land use plans and regulatory authorities such as permitting and the motion was seconded by Ron Fieseler. The motion passed with 10 Ayes and 0 Nays.

4. Non-regulatory regional flood control or drainage districts should be established and funded for rapidly growing urban areas.

Chairman Miller opened the floor for discussion. A motion was not made.

An administrative recommendation for FEMA to find a better way to track flood losses outside of flood claims was made. Doug Miller opened the floor for discussion. A motion was made by Annalisa Peace to approve the administrative recommendation for FEMA to find a better way to track flood losses outside of flood claims and the motion was seconded by Lon Shell. The motion passed with 10 Ayes and 0 Nays.



**c. Discussion and possible action approving the list of Flood Mitigation Evaluations for Task 12.**

Jay Scanlon reviewed one FME, City of San Marcos McKie Street at Willow Springs to be added to the list for Chapter 12.

Chairman Miller opened the floor for discussion of approving the additional FME. A motion was made by Ron Fieseler to approve the additional FME and the motion was seconded by Kimberly Meitzen. The motion was passed by consensus.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.10: Consider date and agenda items for next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at the GBRA River Annex – 905 Nolan Street, Seguin, TX 78155.

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

Chairman Miller would like the RFPG to take a photo at the January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Doris Cooksey gave an update on the Region 12 San Antonio Flood Planning Group.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Adjourn**

Doug Sethness made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Brian Perkins. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 3:46 PM by Doug Miller.

*Approved by the Region 11 Guadalupe RFPG at a meeting held on January 4, 2023.*

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Brian Perkins, SECRETARY

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Doug Miller, CHAIR

Region 11 Guadalupe RFPG Chair Updates

## Agenda Item 4

Texas Water Development Board Updates

## Agenda Item 5

# Agenda Item 6

Guadalupe Region 11 RFPG Sponsor – GBRA  
Updates

## Agenda Item 7

Discussion and potential action regarding the solicitation to fill the vacant voting position in the River Authorities interest category.

# Region 11 Guadalupe RFPG

## Member Nomination Form

Date:

Name & Email of person submitting this form (Nominator, may be the same as nominee):

Nominee Name:

Nominee Phone:

Nominee E-mail:

Nominee Mailing Address:

County in which the nominee resides:

Nominee Occupation:

Nomination for Interest Group (Check One)

Agricultural  Counties  Counties  Electric Generating Utilities  Environmental

Flood Districts  Industries  Municipalities  Public  River Authorities

Small Business  Water Districts  Water Utilities

Brief bio and summary of qualifications specific to interest group

General type of flood-related knowledge, experience, and approximately number of years of being involved in flood-related issues.

Please provide 2 references (Name, title/affiliation, phone number)

Please list any optional attachments included (Resume, CV, Resolutions, etc.)

## Agenda Item 8

Consider nominating the potential action electing RFPG Officers for 2023 (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and two members-at-large).



# Agenda Item 9

Discussion regarding Region 11 RFPG Technical Consultants work and schedule.

A. Discussion and potential action approving additional recommendations to Chapter 8: Legislative, Administrative, and Regulatory Recommendations.

B. Discussion and potential action adopting the Final Guadalupe Regional Flood Plan approving for submittal for submittal to the TWDB by January 10, 2023.



# **Region 11 Guadalupe**

**Regional Flood Planning Group Meeting**

**January 4, 2023**

**Item 9**



# Agenda

Comments from the Public

Revised Chapter 8 recommendations\*

Overview of Changes in Final Plan

Adoption of Final Plan\*

Look Ahead

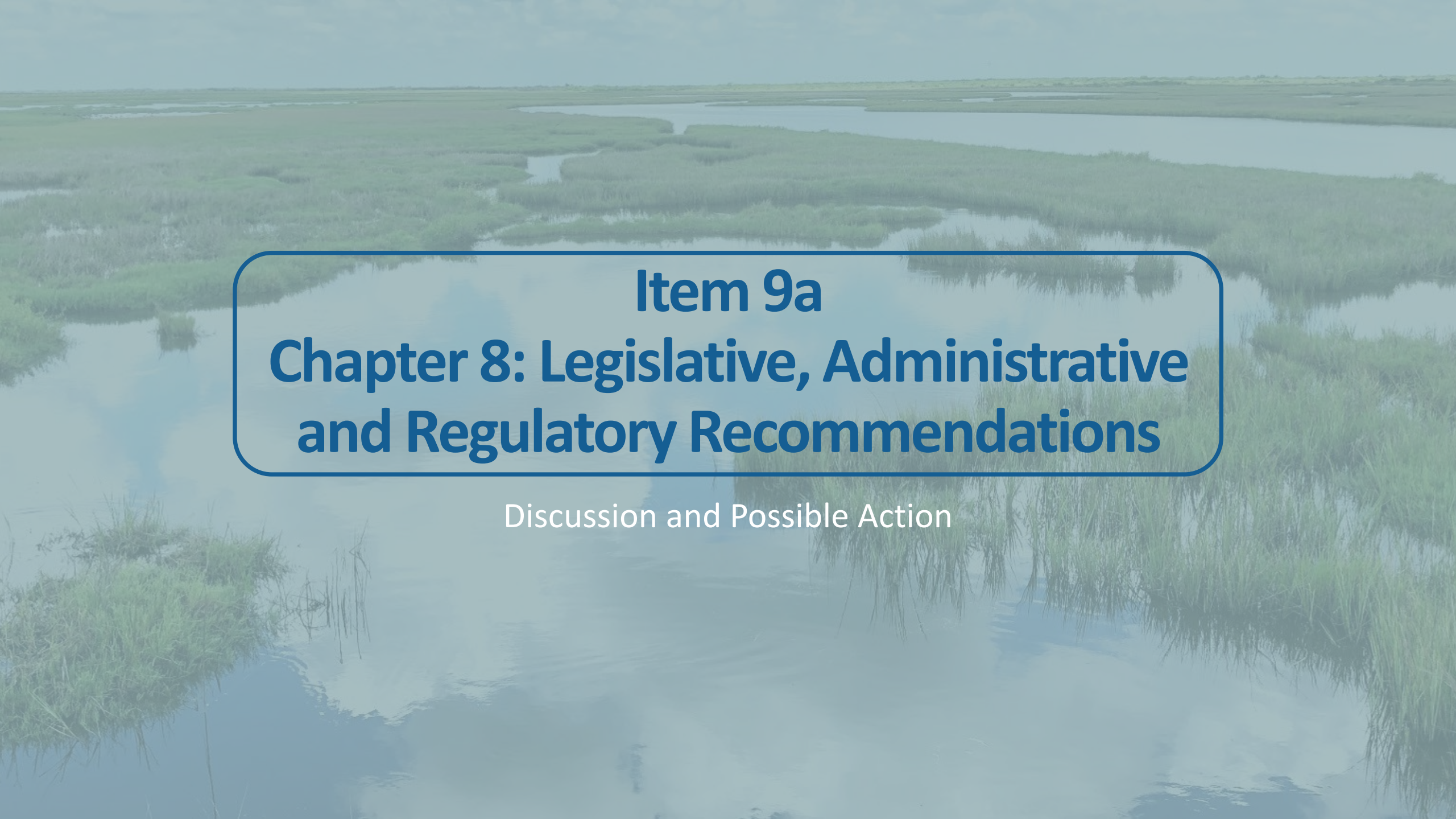




# Public Comments Received via [comments@guadaluperfpg.org](mailto:comments@guadaluperfpg.org) for November 1<sup>st</sup> through December 6<sup>th</sup>

## Draft Plan Comments and Outreach


Topic	Comment
<b>Outreach</b>	An emergency management coordinator recommended informing the TDEM (Texas Division of Emergency Management) district coordinators (DCs) in Region 11 about the GBRA RFPG, as they are the first for contacts for city and county officials in emergencies.
<b>Additional Comment on the Draft Plan</b>	Recommends that the method of the identification and counting of the number of flooded homes and the financial cost of the damage be revised to a method of identification which would include homes and businesses which do not have flood insurance.



**Item 9a**  
**Chapter 8: Legislative, Administrative  
and Regulatory Recommendations**


Discussion and Possible Action





# Chapter 8 – Revised Legislative Recommendations

Recommendation No.	Recommendation
8.1.9	Modify the enabling legislation for Green DeWitt Drainage District to allow them to expand to watershed boundaries rather than political (Municipal or County) boundaries.
8.1.10	Modify CDBG-MIT funding rules to eliminate the need for an eligible recipient to sign a waiver to allow funding to pass down to sub-recipients if those sub-recipients are also eligible for funding.



# Chapter 8 – Revised Administrative Recommendation

Recommendation No.	Recommendation
8.2.13	TWDB should work with FEMA and other regulatory agencies to develop a more effective way to measure/calculate flood damages including the number of structures, and financial cost of damages.



# Key Revisions to Final Plan

- Chapter 1

- Revised language on smaller impoundments in the upper basin in Sections 1.2 and 1.3.2 in response to UGRA comment.
- Updated statistic of % land area in the region at flood risk in Section 1.2.2 for consistency with Chapter 2.
- Updated Table 1-10 to reflect newly-added or re-categorized entities with flood-related authority.
- Added clarifying language to Section 1.3.2 regarding the source of data for LWCs in the region in response to TWDB comment.
- Updated list of FIF Category 1 planning studies within the region in Section 1.4 based on new data and information provided by TWDB.

# Key Revisions to Final Plan

- Chapter 2

- Added total land areas (square miles) at flood risk by flood risk type in Section 2.1.1 in response to TWDB comment.
- 11 WWTP critical facility structures within the region were originally mis-categorized as residential structures and 3 residential structures were originally mis-categorized as critical facilities. We updated the classification for these features and this change, while small in comparison to overall totals, necessitated updates to counts of exposed features by type in Tables 2-3 and 2-4 and Figures 2-9, 2-10, 2-11, 2-16, 2-17, as well as the corresponding Chapter text.
- In response to a TWDB comment, we revised the methodology used to calculate total population exposed to flood risk in the region and made corresponding updates to Tables 2-3 and 2-4 and text in Section 2.2.2.
- TWDB expanded the list of critical facility types in recent guidance and requested RFPs to re-classify accordingly. We made the requested updates to the geodatabase and updated Table 2-5.
- Added clarifying language regarding the methodology used to locate future buildings and assign population to those buildings to Section 2.2.2 in response to TWDB comment.

# Key Revisions to Final Plan

- Chapter 3: No changes.
- Chapter 4A: No changes.
- Chapter 4B/5:
  - Updated total number, cost, and summary statistics of FMEs and FMPs throughout the Chapter to reflect the following FMX changes (*voted on at 12/7/22 RFPG meeting*): sponsor requests for new FMEs, FMPs reclassified as FMEs due to model/data gaps.
  - Added language in Section 5.3.1 regarding ongoing FIF Category 1 planning studies in the region and county-wide evaluations that span more than one planning region in response to TWDB comment.
- Chapter 6
  - *Changes approved at 12/7/22 RFPG meeting: Revised language in Section 6.1.1, 6.1.2, and 6.1.4 to state none of the FMSs or FMPs recommended in the plan will negatively impact or measurably reduce water availability or water supply volumes and will not impact the State Water Plan.*
  - *Changes approved at 12/7/22 RFPG meeting: Revised language in Section 6.2.5 to reflect that while some FMPs have the potential to provide water supply benefits, they are not quantified at this time.*
- Chapter 7
  - *Changes approved at 12/7/22 RFPG meeting: Revised Section 7.3 to include additional information related to entities and actions certain entities (such as cities and counties) took or plan to take for recovery from past flood disasters in the region.*

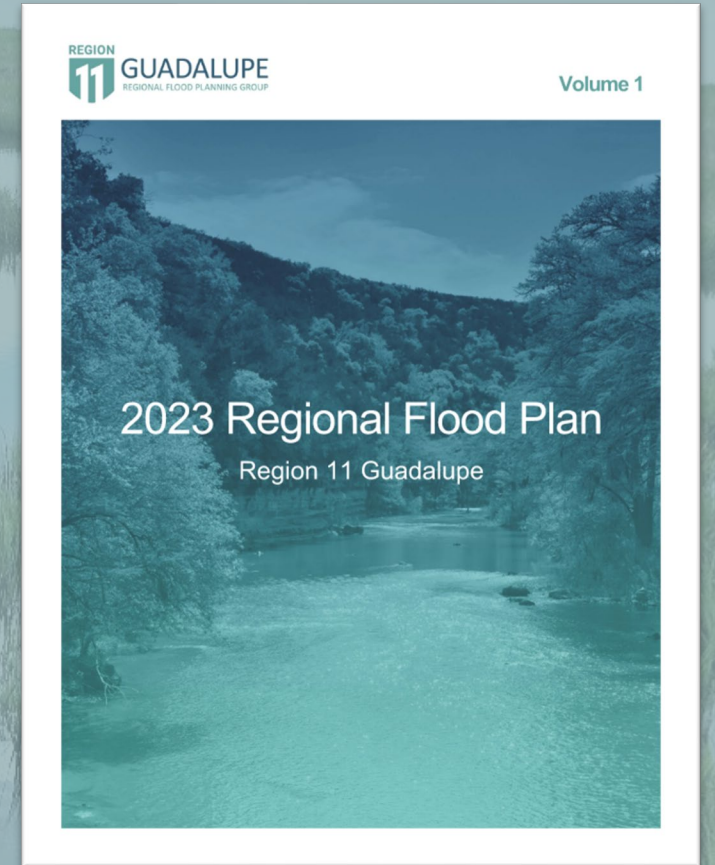
# Key Revisions to Final Plan

- Chapter 8
  - Updated with new legislative and administrative recommendations.
- Chapter 9
  - Updated total cost of all FMXs in accordance with changes made in Chapters 4B/5 and re-calculated projected state or federal funding amount needed.
  - Added additional clarifying text to Section 9.2 to clarify that the data was gathered via email and, in some cases, by follow up phone calls, in response to TWDB comment.
- Chapter 10
  - *Changes approved at 12/7/22 RFPG meeting: Updated Section 10.4 to clarify meeting language and to incorporate public meeting summaries, updated Table 10-4 to reflect additional RFPG meetings, updated Table 10-5 regarding outreach*



# Item 9b Adoption of the Final Guadalupe Regional Flood Plan

Discussion and Possible Action



# Look Ahead



Meeting	Milestone Goals
January	<b>January 10</b> Regional Flood Plan due to TWDB
February	<b>February 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Update on Task 12</li><li>• Discuss New Administrative and Regulatory Recommendations</li><li>• Update on new FMXs requested by stakeholders</li><li>• Potential Guest Speakers:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Update from GLO River Basin Flood Study West Region</li><li>• Environmental Defense Fund</li><li>• Waters of the US</li></ul></li></ul>
<i>March - June</i>	<i>RFPG meetings TBD as needed</i>
July	<b>July 14</b> Amended Regional Flood Plan due to TWDB

# Agenda Item 10

Consider date and agenda items for next meeting

Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 2pm – GBRA, Seguin

Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – Cancelled

Wednesday, April 5th at 2pm – GBRA, Seguin



# Agenda Item 11

## Public General Comments

Public Comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker

# Agenda Item 12

Adjourn