



Regional Flood Planning Update

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Updated Working Conceptual Schedule

Please see the updated TWDB Flood Planning Working Conceptual Schedule for important contract related deadlines and the anticipated start of the 2nd cycle of regional flood planning to develop the 2028 regional flood plans.

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Clarification on SOW Task fund expiration

We have received some questions asking if the funds allocated to Scope of Work (SOW) Tasks 1-11 expire after January 10, 2023. Please note that while work performed on these tasks cannot take place after January 10, 2023, any unused funds will not immediately expire after that date. Invoices related to SOW Tasks 1-11 where costs were incurred prior to January 10, 2023 can be submitted up until the Final Payment Request Deadline which is currently defined in the grant agreement as February 29, 2024.

Should you have funds remaining in any of these SOW Tasks, RFPG Sponsors may work with your TWDB Regional Flood Planner to initiate a Budget Memorandum to reallocate any remaining unused funds to SOW Tasks 12-13. Budget Memorandums do not need to be initiated or executed by January 10, 2023, and note that the last day that any budget amendment requests may be submitted is February 29, 2024. Please keep in mind the time remaining to complete all SOW Tasks prior to the Amended Regional Flood Plan submission deadline of July 14, 2023.

Other considerations:

- Be sure to submit all remaining invoices related to SOW Tasks 1-11 prior to identifying any remaining funds and submitting a Budget Memorandum to reallocate such funds to SOW Tasks 12 and/or 13.
- Budget Memorandums must be approved by majority vote during a full RFPG meeting
- In most cases Budget Memorandums must be approved by the Planning Group Sponsor's local governing body (City Council, Commissioners' Court, etc.).
- Subcontracts may need to be amended if there is any increase in funds beyond the current amount.

Please contact your TWDB regional flood planner with any questions.

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State Flood Plan Inclusion Requirement for Future FIF funding

Since the regional flood planning process is structured with a bottom-up approach, only the flood management evaluations (FMEs), flood mitigation projects (FMPs) and flood management strategies (FMSs) with non-recurring costs recommended by the RFPGs, as approved by the TWDB, will be included in the ranked list of projects and strategies in the state flood plan.

In terms of potential future funding opportunities, only the FMEs, FMPs, and FMSs with non-recurring costs that are both:

- recommended in the final adopted, and TWDB-approved, regional flood plans, and
- included as ranked, recommended projects and strategies in the state flood plan to be adopted by September 1, 2024

are anticipated to be eligible for subsequent Flood Infrastructure Funds (FIF). Projects not recommended as FMEs, FMPs, or FMSs in the regional and state flood plans shall not be eligible for future state flood funding.

It is important to note that future rounds of FIF are dependent on appropriations from the legislature.

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Regional Flood Plan Amendment Process

The statute and [administrative rules](#) governing the regional flood planning process include provisions allowing for RFPGs to amend their most recently adopted regional flood plan based on changed conditions or new information. TWDB acknowledges that there may be a need for such amendments to adopted regional flood plans while subsequent five-year plans are being developed, and guidance with a flowchart and applicable rule references has been developed to assist the RFPGs and Planning Group Sponsors through this process. A handout document is attached to this newsletter email and will be posted on the TWDB website.

Please contact your TWDB regional flood planner with any questions.

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Progress Updates, Reminders, and Upcoming Events

To date, RFPGs and their committees have held over 450 public meetings! Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to this important effort.

As a reminder, the meeting at which the RFPG adopts their regional flood requires **14 days** public notice. For other types of actions and associated public notice periods, please reference our [Public Notice Quick Reference Guide](#).

As a reminder, please review your RFPG bylaws regarding potential officer elections at the first RFPG meeting in 2023. Per Section 2 of Article VIII of the model Bylaws provided by TWDB, written notice of the meeting to select officers should be sent to all members of the RFPG by the current secretary thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. We are interpreting this to be an email to RFPG members, not posting for public view 30 days in advance. Please review Article VIII of your RFPG bylaws to ensure compliance.

Our next Technical Consultants' Conference Call is to be determined, likely February or March.

Our next Chairs' Conference Call date is to be determined, likely January or February.

For more information regarding the TWDB Regional Flood Planning Program, please visit [our website](#).

Note: This email was sent to all RFPG members, sponsors, and technical consultants.

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