Flood Implementation Stakeholder Workshop



August 2019







Agenda

- Welcome and opening remarks
- TWDB Flood Activities: Past, Present, and Future
- Presentations of Senate Bill (SB) 7 and SB 8 stakeholder consideration issues

(interactive with real-time polling and audience participation)

- Breakout session discussions (optional)
 - Group 1: discussion on flood planning
 - Group 2: discussion on financial assistance
- Adjourn

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Agenda

What won't be covered today:

- Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) or insurance issues
- Local regulations, bond programs, or projects
- Federal projects or programs
- Disaster recovery efforts
- Public assistance to homeowners/businesses

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TWDB Flood Activities: Past, Present, and Future



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TWDB Flood Responsibilities

- Prior to 2015, TWDB:
 - Funded state grants for flood protection planning to conduct feasibility studies for an entire watershed to evaluate both structural and nonstructural solutions
 - Administered federal Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant (FMA) Program
 - Served as state coordinator for:
 - National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)
 - Cooperating Technical Partner Program

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Expanded Flood Responsibilities in 2015



New and Expanded Data Collection

	DATA	SCIENCE	COMMUNICATION	FUNDING
NEW EFFORTS	Flood Gages	River Forecast Model Calibration	TexasFlood.org	
	TexMesonet		TexMesonet.org	
			State Flood Assessment	



Creation of a Flood Gage Network









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Creation of TexMesonet

statewide earth observation network

- Collects: precipitation, wind direction/speed, air temp., relative humidity, soil moisture/temp.
- Supports flood & drought monitoring and forecasting





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State Flood Assessment



- 1. Assess risk and roles
- 2. Estimate flood mitigation costs
- Envision the future of flood planning in Texas





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Flood-related Roles and Responsibilities





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We asked: What would most benefit your community?



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Three Pillars of Flood Risk Management



Flood Risk Management Policies & Goals





Governor's Commission to Rebuild Texas: Eye of the Storm Report

"Texas needs to work toward making the Texas Gulf Coast—and indeed the entire state— more resilient in the face of future risks, whether the threat comes from hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, flooding or other disasters."

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Outcomes of the 86th Texas Legislature

- SB 7 (Sen. Creighton): Creates the Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) and the Texas Infrastructure Resiliency Fund (TIRF)
- SB 8 (Sen. Perry): Creates a new state and regional flood planning process
- HJR 4 (Rep. Phelan): Flood Infrastructure Fund creation outside the treasury
- SB 500: Appropriates funding for bills, including:
 - Expansion of TexMesonet
 - Lidar acquisition
 - Development of a dashboard/datahub
 - Updates to reservoir flood pool measurements

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SB 7 and SB 8 Implementation Process Timeline

August 2019: Informal, pre-rulemaking request for feedback, stakeholder workshops, and webinar

Fall 2019/Early 2020: Formal rulemaking activities, including public comment period

Early 2020: Flood funding applications are solicited

Mid 2020: Regional flood planning groups are formed



Opportunities to Provide Input

- In following presentations on SB 7 and SB 8:
 - Respond to Poll Everywhere questions as member of audience
 - Pose questions and comments to the group
- Attend breakout session(s) or mingle
- Provide written comments by August 30
- Participate in formal rulemaking public comment options this fall
- Participate in regional flood planning process

Poll Everywhere Tell us a little bit about yourself.

What town or county do you call home?



Poll Everywhere

Tell us a little bit about yourself.

What interests do you most identify with (top 2)?

- Floodplain manager/ flood professional
- City or county
- State government
- Federal government
- Water-related district or political subdivision
- Concerned citizen/ flood survivor
- Legislative/ policy

- Council of government
- Environmental/natural resources
- Engineering/consulting
- Real estate/ development
- Education/academics
- Business
- Professional association

- Insurance
- Other

SB 7: Flood Financing



SB 7: Flood Financing

- Low interest loans
- Grants:
 - Lack of ability to repay a loan
 - Outside of metropolitan statistical area
- Can fund both structural and non-structural mitigation activities

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Flood Mitigation Activities

Struct			ral	Non-s		structural	
Local drainage		Bridges, culverts, pipes		NFIP		Development ordinances	
			Channel		Tra	aining &	Buyouts
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SB 7: Flood Financing

Prior to adoption of state flood plan in 2024, the Flood Infrastructure Fund can fund projects that have been developed through cooperative planning efforts:

- Drainage
- Flood mitigation
- Flood control

After adoption of state flood plan in 2024:

• Can fund projects in state flood plan

SB 7: Form of Financial Assistance (Issue 1)

Given that the amount of funding is limited and the needs for financial assistance are great, should the TWDB:

- A. Give out more grants than loans to meet immediate needs for those that qualify?
- B. Give out more low-interest loans to maximize overall funds available over time?
- C. Balance loans and grants based on program demands and interest?



SB 7: Form of Financial Assistance (Issue 1)

How important are the needs for financial assistance for repair and rehab of existing infrastructure that manages floodwaters?

A. Very important

- B. About the same importance as needs for new infrastructure/mitigation activities
 - C. Less important than the needs for new infrastructure/mitigation activities

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SB 7: Form of Financial Assistance (Issue 1)

What is the best use of state funds?

A. Local match for federal programs?

B. Complement to federal buyout programs?

C. Assistance to implement local projects that lack funding?

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SB 7: Prioritization of Projects (Issue 2)

What types of projects do you consider to be the most impactful at addressing loss of life and property from flooding?

SB 7: Prioritization System (Issue 2) Which criteria should TWDB use in its point system?

- Severity of risk?
- Risk to life vs. property?
- Benefit to cost ratio?
- Diverse urban/rural benefits?
- Repeated historical losses?
- Regional benefits?
- Socioeconomic considerations?
- Emergency need?

- Local contribution?
- Readiness to proceed?
- Water supply benefits?
- Multiple project benefits (including benefits to natural resources, recreation, etc.)?
- Expedites delivery of federally funded project?

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• Others?

SB 7: Property Buyouts (Issue 4)

Should state financial assistance be available for political subdivisions to purchase private property to prevent future flood losses?

A. Yes

B. No

C. Only in conjunction with federal programs



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SB 7: Property Buyouts (Issue 4)

• How could state funds be used to complement federal buyout programs?

• What requirements for future land use should be placed upon properties that are bought out?

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SB 7: Other Issues

- Should the entities that get the most value from flood mitigation (i.e. those in the floodplain) pay more? If so, how? If not, why not?
 - What other issues do you see that the TWDB faces for this program?
 - What other issues do potential program participants face?
 - How do you suggest that we address those issues?

SB 8: Regional and State Flood Planning



SB 8: Regional Flood Planning



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Texas River Basins

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SB 8: Planning by Watershed





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SB 8: Supporting Data



Lidar



Hydrology

100-Year Floodplain 500-Year W.SEL 100-Year 50-Year 10-Year Channel

Hydraulics



Base level engineering



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SB 8: Planning Group Membership (Issue 1)

Required interests:

- Public
- Counties
- Municipalities
- Industries
- Agricultural interests
- Environmental interests
- Small businesses
- Electric generating utilities
- River authorities
- Water districts
- Water utilities

Ex officio members:

- TWDB
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- General Land Office
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- Texas Department of Agriculture
- Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board
- Texas Division of Emergency Management

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What other interests should be represented on the regional flood planning groups?



SB 8: Planning Standards and Parameters (Issue 2)

To what extent should the regional flood plans consider local stormwater and drainage issues?

- A. Regional plans should focus only on flooding that results in the loss of life or property.
- B. All regional plans should include a lower limit for project scale, such as contributing drainage area of greater than 1.0 square mile.
- C. Regional flood groups should have some flexibility on consideration of project scale.

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SB 8: Planning Standards and Parameters (Issue 2)

What timeframe should the planning process cover?

- A. 10 years?
- *B. 20 years?*
- C. 30 years?
- D. 40 years?
- E. 50 years?

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SB 8: Planning Area Boundaries (Issue 3)





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SB 8: Planning Area Boundaries (Issue 3)

- How should the larger river basins be divided?
 - How should the smaller river basins be combined with other basins?
- How should the coastal basins be addressed?

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SB 8: Issue 6

Please review and provide comments on proposed guidance principles and rule outline.

• Have the guidance principles been crafted to adequately reflect the public interest of the entire state?



SB 8: Other Issues

- What other issues do you see that the TWDB faces for this program?
 - What other issues do the flood planning groups face?
 - How do you suggest that we address those issues?

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Optional Breakout Session Discussions

- Group 1: Flood planning
- Group 2: Financial assistance



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