

Public Comment Period: Flood Infrastructure Fund Project Prioritization List for Flood Management Evaluations and Flood Mitigation Projects

Notice: The public comment period has been extended to March 17 due to an update of the Flood Management Evaluations (FME) project list.

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) is holding an extended period of public review and comment before consideration of the updated draft State Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) project prioritization lists for the flood management evaluations category and flood mitigation projects category.

The project prioritization lists are for the flood management evaluations and flood mitigation projects categories only, and are available online:

- <u>Draft updated project prioritization list for flood management evaluations</u>
- Draft project prioritization list for flood mitigation projects

The period of public review and comment **begins February 6** and ends on March 17. Public comments should be submitted to FIF@twdb.texas.gov.

Following the public comment period, the TWDB will address all comments, and the project priority lists will be presented to the Board for consideration. Should the project prioritization lists receive Board approval, the TWDB will begin the invitation process.

The 86th Texas Legislature passed several bills entrusting the TWDB with responsibilities related to funding flood mitigation projects and planning for future flood events. In November 2019, Texas voters approved Proposition 8, a constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the FIF. The FIF program assists in the financing of drainage, flood mitigation, and flood control projects, including planning and design activities, work to obtain necessary regulatory approvals, and construction and/or implementation of flood projects.

For more information on the FIF program, please visit the <u>TWDB FIF webpage</u>.

For assistance regarding the FIF program, please contact Sara Sopczynski at 512-936-0852 or send an email to FIF@twdb.texas.gov.