Regional Flood Planning
Pre-Planning Public Meeting
Requirements
Pre-Planning Meeting Background

• Provide background on formation of RFPGs and the Regional Flood Planning process.

• Gather suggestions and recommendations as to issues, provisions, projects, and strategies that should be considered in development of regional flood plan.

TWDB flood outreach meeting in Bastrop, TX.
About Regional Flood Planning

- First-of-its-kind statewide flood plan
- Watershed-based planning regions
- Bottom-up approach to flood planning
- Transparent process with public input
- Volunteer members representing interest categories

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Flood Planning Timeline

SB 8 passed in 2019 requiring a statewide flood plan based on regional flood plans.

- **First RFPG Meetings**
  - Oct/Nov 2020
- **RFPG sponsors will solicit technical consultants**
  - Early 2021
- **Draft regional flood plans due to TWDB**
  - Aug 1, 2022
- **First state flood plan due to legislature**
  - Sept 1, 2024

- **Feb/March 2021**
  - Contract execution with the RFPG sponsors
- **Jan 7, 2022**
  - Technical memorandum due to TWDB
- **Jan 10, 2023**
  - First regional flood plans due to TWDB
Key Tasks of the RFPGs

- Gather & analyze data
- Identify existing and future flood risks
- Evaluate floodplain management practices
- Recommend evaluations, strategies, and projects to reduce flood risks
- Develop a regional flood plan

The 1% annual chance floodplain is shown in blue. The 0.2% annual chance floodplain is shown in orange. Image by FEMA
Flood Mitigation

The implementation of actions, including both structural and non-structural solutions, to reduce flood risk to protect against the loss of life and property.

Mangroves on the Texas Coast stabilize shorelines and help absorb storm surge; an example of a non-structural flood mitigation solution. Photo by Univ. Of Texas Marine Science Institute

Galveston Seawall, a structural flood mitigation solution. Image by Yinan Chen CC-PO
Additional Opportunities for Public Input

There will be many opportunities for public involvement:

- public comments are received at every RFPG meeting
- there will be at least one meeting for the public to comment on a flood risk summary map to identify any flood risk not captured
- there will be at least two public pre-planning meetings to receive feedback and gather general suggestions
- the public will get to comment on the draft regional flood plan, once developed

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Questions? Comments?