

2028 Regional Flood Planning Technical Conference Call

June 25, 2025

Agenda

1. Introductions and opening remarks
2. Aligning the state flood plan with the 28-29 FIF Cycle
3. Cost Estimates for FMX
4. Defining Emergency Need
5. TWDB Studies for Small Communities
6. General Q&A
7. Wrap-up and next technical call agenda topics and date

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Round Robin Introductions

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Aligning the state flood plan with the 28-29 FIF Cycle

Alignment of FY28-29 FIF Cycle and Flood Planning

- The recommended FMEs, FMPs, and FMS are required to be an approved State Flood Plan prior to board commitment of FIF funding for the said projects.
- Next State Flood Plan is scheduled to be Adopted in August 2029.
- The first round of commitments for FY28-29 FIF will be aligned to August 2029, as well.

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Cost Estimates for FMX

- Due diligence on FMX cost estimates

Emergency Need

- ISSUE: No standardized guidelines for the 2023 RFPs. RFPG interpretations of the definition varied. Therefore, unable to use ‘Emergency Need’ for ranking or funding prioritization.
- **TAC 361.10**: *“Emergency Need--The need for projects and actions to address a flood hazard that is expected to cause the loss of function of critical facilities or to alleviate immediate threat to life and property from flooding such as imminent anticipated failure of infrastructure.”*

Emergency Need, Cont.

- Guidelines for calling an FME/ FMP/ FMS an ‘Emergency Need’:
 - ✓ Medical, EMS, Fire, Police, and/ or Schools located in flood hazard area.
 - ✓ Imminent anticipated failure of infrastructure to alleviate immediate threat to life and property from flooding.
 - ✓ Single access to 20 or greater number of residences.
- If you identify an FME/ FMP/ FMS as “Emergency Need”, please describe in the description field how it qualifies based on guideline above.
- TWDB will add “Emergency Description” fields to FME and FMS

Clarification on Task 5B – Recommend a List of Flood Management Evaluations to be Performed by TWDB

- These FMEs are intended for small, and/or rural communities.
- The FME list should provide a relative order of timing in which the RFPGs prefer the FMEs to be performed.
- SOW: “The nature of the sponsor/beneficiary of the identified FME study including whether, for example, the community is a smaller community without appropriate staff and resource, located in a rural area, and/or whether that entity might otherwise have difficulty in funding and overseeing the FME study itself;”
- Exhibit C: “It is expected that FMEs associated with those small and rural communities who often do not have the resources to develop, perform, or review FMEs on their own behalf.”

Questions & Comments?



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Date & Topics for Future Calls