

# **2028 Regional Flood Planning Technical Conference Call**

**September 12, 2025**

## Agenda

1. Introductions and opening remarks
2. Technical Memorandum Checklist
3. TWDB FME Performance Overview
4. General Q&A
5. Wrap-up and next technical call agenda topics and date

This call is being recorded. The recording and slides will be made available on the TWDB Flood Planning \*website as soon as possible.

\*<https://www.twdb.texas.gov/flood/planning/planningdocu/2028/index.asp>

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# Meet the TWDB Contract Managers



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Regions 6, 14, 15

# Round Robin Introductions by Region

(Name, Affiliation)

# Technical Memorandum

# Tech Memo Overview

- Tech memo approved at regular RFPG meeting
- January 7, 2026: Submission Deadline
- TWDB confirms receipt
- 30-day review period
- TWDB accepts (notice to proceed) or rejects Tech Memo
- \*March 26, 2026: List of FMEs submitted to TWDB
- \*April 24, 2026: SOWs for FMEs submitted to TWDB
- May – June 2026: TWDB sends informal comments
- RFPG applies comments to Draft RFPs

# Tech Memo Timeline

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# Tech Memo Submission Checklist

- Deliverables from Exhibit C Task 4B and Exhibit D Table 1

| Checklist of required Technical Memorandum submission items  |          |                          |                           |
|--|----------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Deliverable Name & Description   | SOW Task | Requirement Reference    | Submission Notes (If any) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. A list of existing political subdivisions within the Flood Planning Region (FPR) that have flood-related authorities or responsibilities.  | 1        | Exhibit C Task 4B Item a |                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Completed feature class: Entities. This feature class should be, at a minimum, partially complete and show entities with flood-related authority and whether they are actively engaged in flood planning, floodplain management, and flood mitigation activities. It should conform to the Table 3 template provided in Exhibit D. | 1        | Exhibit D Table 1        |                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Completed feature class: ExFldInfraPol. This polygon feature class should include a general description of the location, condition, and functionality of existing natural flood mitigation features and constructed major flood infrastructure within the FPR. It should conform to Exhibit D Table 6.                             | 1        | Exhibit D Table 1        |                           |

# **TWDB Flood Management Evaluation (FME) for Small Communities**

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# TWDB FME for Small Communities Overview

- Prioritize FMEs for **small and rural communities that lack resources and staff.**
- Consider FMEs most likely to result in potentially feasible FMPs and FMSs.
- Beyond this requirement, RFPG has flexibility.
- RFPGs provide list **in order of timing.**
- RFPGs approve the FME list at regular RFPG meetings.

# Requirements

- Small and rural with limited resources
  - RFPGs to identify metrics to be approved at RFPG meeting and submitted to TWDB
- Budget
  - Total estimated budget ~ approximately \$59M/5 year
  - For the list, cap on total estimated FME-costs per RFPG per planning cycle: \$3.9M
- TWDB to provide the following required templates:
  - FMX one-pagers
  - Scope of work
  - Community affirmation form – requesting for the first two.

# Considerations and Requests

- The TWDB aims to complete the first two FMEs for each RFPG to align with draft 2028 RFPs due May 26, 2027
- To meet an expedited timeline, TWDB requests the first two FMEs SOW be submitted with the full list on **March 26, 2026**.
- Due on March 26, 2026:
  - Ordered list of FMEs: Standalone Exhibit C Table 19
  - Updated FME feature class
  - FME one-pagers
  - **[First two FMEs only]** Scope of work
  - **[First two FMEs only]** Community affirmation forms
- Due on April 24, 2026:
  - Scope of work for all FMEs on the FME list

# Proposed Timeline

- January 7, 2026 – Tech Memo Submission Deadline
- March 26, 2026 – Ordered list of FMEs due to TWDB
- March 26, 2026 – SOWs for the first two FMEs due to TWDB
- April 24, 2026 – SOWs for all other FMEs due to TWDB
- May 2026 – Task orders executed with TWDB consultants
- Sept 2026 – Midpoint update to RFPGs
- February 19, 2027 – FME draft report and proposed FMPs to RFPGs
- April 26, 2027 – FME final reports to RFPGs for inclusion in draft 2028 RFPs
- May 26, 2027 – Draft 2028 RFP due to TWDB

# Additional considerations

While RFPGs have flexibility to determine which small, rural community FMEs are included, please consider:

- **[First two FMEs only]** Project scope: Can it be completed in less than a year?
- Cost estimates: Must reasonably align with study scope and are proportionate to study size
- **[First two FMEs only]** If TWDB determines FME cannot be completed during this cycle, FME will be skipped, and we will move to the next FME on the list

*Note: TWDB consultants performing work to provide scope and fee within RFPG estimated amount (if reasonable)*



# Updated FME feature class

- Limited field [Identified] FME feature class submitted with Tech Memo (Due Jan. 7) – does not need to be a complete list
- Additional required fields for FMEs performed by TWDB (Due March 26):
  - RFPG to perform FME (RFPG\_PERF) – Yes/No
  - TWDB to perform FME (TWDB\_PERF) – Yes/ No
  - Year to be performed (FME\_YEAR)
  - Order of Timing (ORDER\_TIME) – 1, 2, 3 etc.
  - Flood Planning Cycle (FP\_CYCLE) – 2023, 2028

# Questions?



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*Note: TWDB will send out a follow-up email blast with questions and answers, including those submitted ahead of the call.*

# Date & Topics for Future Calls