

APPENDIX J: Oral Comments Received on Draft Regional Flood Plan

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Region 3 Trinity Regional Flood Planning Group Meeting

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A P P E A R A N C E S

- List of Attendees:
- Glenn Clingenpeel, Chairman
- Richard Bagans, Texas Water Development Board
- Stephanie Griffin, Halff Associates - Lead Consultant
- Caroline Short, Freese and Nichols - Technical Consultant
- Colby Walton, Cooksey Communications - Subconsultant
- Heather Firn, Trinity River Authority of Texas
- Lissa Shepard
- Sarah Standifer
- Allison Porter
- Owen Ramsey, Cooksey Communications
- Sam Atta, Halff Associates
- Audrey Giesler, Halff Associates
- David, Freese and Nichols
- Nick Fang, University of Texas at Arlington
- Laura Haverlah, H2O Partners

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P R O C E E D I N G S

MR. CLINGENPEEL: -- have a quorum.
We'll go ahead and receive public comment, though I do not believe there are any members of the public present or online.

Heather, do we know, or is there anyone from the public online?

MS. FIRN: I just have the additional attendees, Allison and Tim Porter. That's all I have.

MR. CLINGENPEEL: I don't know who Allison is.

MS. PORTER: Hey now.

MS. FIRN: Allison's in the room with --

MR. CLINGENPEEL: Let's go ahead and give it five more minutes. At 6:10, we'll go ahead and proceed with the agenda, regardless of whether we have a quorum.

But if we don't have anybody from the public.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER 1: Do we have to do it

1 if there's no public --

2 MR. CLINGENPEEL: I'm sorry?

3 UNKNOWN SPEAKER 1: Do we have to do it
4 if there's no public?

5 MR. CLINGENPEEL: No.

6 UNKNOWN SPEAKER 2: Do we know who Tim
7 Porter is?

8 MR. CLINGENPEEL: I'm sorry?

9 UNKNOWN SPEAKER 2: Who's Tim?

10 UNKNOWN SPEAKER 1: Tim Porter? Who's
11 Tim?

12 MR. CLINGENPEEL: I'm wondering if he
13 isn't an alternate for one of the ex officio members,
14 and I don't have my list in front of me.

15 MS. GRIFFIN: If there's a person named
16 Tim Porter, I think he might work for the City of
17 Wylie. That name sounds familiar.

18 MR. CLINGENPEEL: Ah, let me -- Sarah's
19 got the list. I sent it to her earlier.

20 (Off the record.)

21 MR. CLINGENPEEL: -- given group

1 members plenty of time to join.

2 Like to welcome everybody this evening.
3 This is our public comment forum for the first ever
4 Draft Region Three Flood Plan. Pleasure to have
5 everybody here this evening. Thank you for joining
6 us.

7 The purpose of this evening's meeting
8 is to receive comments from the public on the plan.
9 Legislature intended from day one that this was to be
10 a bottoms-up approach, and so I think it's very
11 apropos that we spend some time this evening receiving
12 comments from the public. And, of course, this is a
13 hybrid meeting, so we will have participants both
14 virtually and in person, that will be able to provide
15 comments. We do have a podium for that purpose, and
16 we can also call on individuals who have either phoned
17 in, who are joining via Zoom virtually.

18 So with that, because we're not
19 convening an official meeting of the group this
20 evening, I think we can move straight to our overview
21 of the regional planning process, and for that, I will

1 turn to Stephanie.

2 MS. GRIFFIN: Give us just one minute.
3 For some reason, the computer has frozen and won't let
4 us advance our screens.

5 MR. CLINGENPEEL: All right. Love
6 technology. So one minute to get that going.

7 Richard, in the meantime, do you have
8 any updates from the Texas Water Development Board
9 that you'd like to share with us this evening?

10 MR. BAGANS: No administrative updates.
11 Currently, TWDB is still reviewing all the draft plans
12 and still looking to get out all of our comments by
13 the end of October to you all and to the consultants,
14 to address. Or just for the record, for the public, I
15 appreciate any members of public that are online or in
16 person willing to speak and give comment to the group.
17 This is an important opportunity for members of the
18 public to have input on their regional plans, as we go
19 forward. Not to say that this is the last opportunity
20 for public comment. There will be plenty more,
21 including for the amended plan for next summer.

1 And with that, I'll pass it back to
2 you, Glenn.

3 MR. CLINGENPEEL: Thanks, Richard.
4 Are we ready with the presentation?

5 MS. GRIFFIN: We're good.

6 MR. CLINGENPEEL: Okay. Go ahead.

7 MS. GRIFFIN: I can't explain it.

8 Well, good evening. This evening we're
9 going to cover the Regional Flood Planning process,
10 give you an overview of that, and a brief introduction
11 to the Regional Flood Plan, the Trinity flood plan is
12 actually at the back table there with Audrey. If you
13 want to see all four volumes, you're welcome to peruse
14 the paper copy there or look at it online on the
15 website.

16 A quick overview of the planning group
17 effort.

18 Glen, do you want to cover parts of
19 this, or do you want me to do it?

20 MR. CLINGENPEEL: No, I think we can
21 roll right into it, but we do have the two slides with

1 the planning group members, and so I'll just reiterate
2 what I just said then: that is, this is intended to be
3 not only a bottoms-up approach, a process, but also
4 one that is very inclusive. And that is by
5 legislative mandate, and so you see up here the 12
6 different stakeholder interests that are represented.

7 And I will just say this as well: the
8 group has done a phenomenal job. We've had excellent
9 participation from the group member and, of course,
10 the consultant team as well. And that's not just the
11 voting members that you see here, but if you'll
12 advance the slide, here is a list of the ex officio
13 members, or nonvoting members, who have also
14 contributed quite a bit, and we appreciate y'all's
15 attendance and contribution as well, through this
16 process.

17 MS. GRIFFIN: All right.

18 So what is the state flood planning
19 process? This is a picture of the state of Texas
20 broken down into the 15 different Regional Flood
21 Planning Groups. And the state of Texas divided those

1 up based on the watershed boundaries, and so the 15
2 groups are shown there. We're focused tonight on the
3 Trinity, which is within the region in which we all
4 live and reside right now.

5 So, like, these 15 groups are each
6 having the same scope of work to develop the same
7 report, and so that is the report that Audrey's got at
8 the back of the room. And then we've got all of these
9 different criteria that have to be -- or not criteria,
10 but all these different tasks that have to be
11 accomplished and accounted for and documented in the
12 plan. And the Texas Water Development Board is going
13 to take all that information from the local level, put
14 it, encapsulate it in the Regional Flood Plan, and
15 then will roll up into the State Flood Plan. And that
16 will be first ever State Flood Plan for the state of
17 Texas.

18 So this is what the Trinity region
19 looks like. It goes from Cooke County area all the
20 way down to Chambers County, and it dumps out into the
21 Gulf of Mexico, so it's very, very long. It's got all

1 portions of 38 counties, and some counties are lucky
2 enough to be in multiple regions, and so for those
3 counties, we do cooperate and coordinate with the
4 neighboring regions to make sure that we're sharing
5 information and that the right region has included the
6 right projects and the right plan.

7 So we've got a long way to go, which is
8 one of the reasons why the planning group has
9 selected -- or decided that they want to offer these
10 hybrid type meetings so that folks don't have to drive
11 quite so far from one meeting to the next and can join
12 virtually when that's more appropriate for them. We
13 do move our meetings around, and I'm probably stepping
14 on Colby's presentation slides later now.

15 All right. So a quick overview of the
16 plan. As I said, all 15 planning groups have the same
17 tasks that they're required to accomplish. The draft
18 plan has all ten chapters covered; each task has its
19 own chapter. We're not going to cover all those
20 chapters in depth tonight; we are going to just simply
21 highlight some of the information that's covered in

1 each of the chapters. The website has the full plan;
2 we have the plan here with us. And so you're welcome
3 to peruse either one of those options. There is an
4 amendment to the plant that will come out about a
5 year -- well, a little less than a year from now.
6 It'll be due in July of next year, so if some of the
7 information we receive during this public comment
8 period is more than what we can incorporate in the
9 final plan, then we will consider that in the amended
10 plan in the spring.

11 So this is a screenshot of our
12 schedule. We've had a very compressed schedule. We
13 started about a year ago, and we have gone nonstop.
14 We've now got this draft plan. We've had two previous
15 milestones submitted in January of 2021 -- just
16 kidding -- 2022. We submitted our draft -- or a
17 technical memo that just documented where we were in
18 the planning effort, and then in March, we also
19 submitted a technical memo addendum. Yeah. And that
20 documented -- it was just kind of a second milestone
21 so that the Texas Water Development Board could see

1 that the planning group was making progress on pulling
2 the Regional Flood Plan together.

3 August 1st was when the draft plans
4 were all due to the Texas Water Development Board and
5 to the various libraries and the website and all the
6 other places where the public can have access to the
7 document. We will address comments that we receive
8 during this public comment period, which ends on
9 October 10th. We will incorporate those into the
10 final plan, which is due to the Texas Water
11 Development Board on January 10th, so we have a pretty
12 tight timeframe to get all that accomplished. And
13 then we will be rolling right on into the addendum
14 because that will be due July 14th next summer.

15 So chapters One through Three, these
16 cover an overview of the region: what does the region
17 look like, current and future flood risk, and planning
18 goals. So I'm going to cover those, and then I'll
19 hand it off to Caroline in a few minutes, and she will
20 go through some of the other chapters. And then Colby
21 will step up and he will go through the public

1 outreach portion of our meeting.

2 So this is what the region looks like
3 in terms of land use. The gray areas are your more
4 urbanized areas, and the more yellow and green areas
5 are your more rural areas, where we have more
6 agricultural and forestry type activities. So as you
7 can see, throughout the region, we have a mix of
8 different types of land uses, and so we're trying to
9 account for all of those in developing this plan.

10 So last June when we first met with the
11 planning group, we -- when I say last June, I mean
12 June of 2021 -- we developed and initiated a data
13 collection tool that was a little website. I say it
14 was "little"; it's probably not the right description,
15 huh, Sam? It was a very detailed data collection
16 effort, and we asked lots and lots of questions about
17 flood plan ordinances and any master plans that
18 communities or counties might have. Any known flood
19 locations, solutions that entities may already have on
20 the books that they just haven't quite figured out how
21 to fund. And so we included all of that information

1 in the data collection outreach tool. There were
2 interactive maps where the communities could go in,
3 and they could mark where they have flood areas. And
4 we took that to cities, counties, flood control
5 districts, anyone that had a flood-related
6 responsibility.

7 We also had a public side of that, or
8 public -- not version, but a public piece of that data
9 collection because the public is probably a little
10 less concerned with what the flood plan ordinance is
11 or where it's located on a city's website. They're
12 more interested in telling us where they have seen
13 flooding in the past and making sure that we get that
14 incorporated into the plan. And so they had questions
15 they can answer, and then they had an interactive map
16 where they could upload information, they could drop
17 pins and let us know where they were having or have
18 seen flood issues in the past.

19 So that went out, and we did that data
20 collection all last summer. And then we used that
21 information to pull together the flood plan quilt, and

1 so that looks at our current and future flood risk.
2 And so we looked at, currently, what are we looking
3 at, and if we were to have a 1-percent annual chance
4 flood hit the entire region on the same day, this is
5 what the projected flood would look like, based on
6 current conditions. And we've got a number of people
7 that would be impacted; we've got \$636 billion worth
8 of damages that would be anticipated; and if you look
9 at the 0.2-percent annual chance flood event, which is
10 commonly called "the 500-year floodplain," then you're
11 looking at even more people displaced and more
12 damages.

13 So we looked at both of those
14 conditions, and then we also looked at future
15 conditions. And we looked at future conditions if
16 nothing changed, if everyone continued to doing
17 business as they're doing it now, and future
18 conditions if higher standards were considered. So
19 the planning group was a little nervous about defining
20 exactly where that future condition might be, and
21 "future" is 30 years from now, just to give you kind

1 of a timeframe of what we're working with. And so
2 they preferred to have a range of future conditions,
3 and so the shades of blue show the range of future
4 1-percent annual chance flood and the color ranges in
5 the orange, red, and yellow is the future 500-year, or
6 the 0.2-percent annual chance flood. And you can
7 continue to see additional impacts in the future.

8 The Texas Water Development Board's
9 goal for all of these Regional Flood Plans is that we
10 will come up with solutions that will protect people
11 and property and reduce their risk of flood impacts in
12 the future. The Trinity Regional Flood Planning Group
13 spent a lot of time on goals specific to this
14 region -- what was it that they wanted this plan to
15 accomplish? And they came up with seven overarching
16 goals.

17 Each goal has one or more measurable
18 statements, and they are measured at the -- they're
19 called "short-term," which is ten years from now, and
20 "long-term," which is 30 years from now -- of measured
21 elements that they want to show that this plan is

1 doing what it's intended to do. And so that is part
2 of the plan. Every recommended solution in the plan
3 had to match up to one or more of the goals, so that
4 has been very important to the planning group, and
5 they did spend a lot of time coming up with those
6 goals.

7 All right. Caroline, are you ready?

8 MS. SHORT: Sure.

9 MS. GRIFFIN: All right. All right.

10 MS. SHORT: Thank you, Stephanie.

11 Yes, my name is Caroline Short, and I'm
12 with Freese and Nichols, one of the other consultants
13 working as the technical consultant for the planning
14 group. And we'll be diving into chapters Four and
15 Five.

16 Before we get too much further though,
17 it's important to understand a few acronyms that we
18 have come up with, that the legislature has defined
19 for us. And just to explain what these are, we have
20 "flood management evaluations," which are studies.
21 And there's a whole number of different studies that

1 this could include. It could be a mapping study, or
2 it could just be a study to determine a recommended
3 alternative. It's necessary to determine that
4 recommended alternative in order for that evaluation
5 to become a project, so the next category is a "flood
6 mitigation project." Specifically, these flood
7 mitigation projects have a clear alternative defined,
8 and they have models and a report that support that
9 recommended alternative and how they came to that
10 conclusion.

11 The legislature defined a whole list of
12 requirements that are needed in order for us to be
13 able to call it a "project," so these were very
14 difficult for us to find already complete from other
15 entities, and we were also limited by our time that we
16 had to evaluate them and to include them in this draft
17 plan.

18 And the third bucket that we have is a
19 "flood management strategy," or an FMS, and we loosely
20 call these "plans," but really they could be a whole
21 variety of different categories, and so we have

1 anything from flood-proofing to buyouts of repetitive-
2 loss properties and also some regulation or ordinance
3 updates as well. So you'll see more of those coming
4 up. Included in our draft plan is a variety of all
5 three different types, and you'll see that as we
6 continue.

7 So first we have our FMEs, which again
8 are the studies, and you'll see here that we have our
9 different FME types, including preparedness, project
10 planning, watershed planning, and we also have one dam
11 study included. And so the planning group wanted to
12 recommend as many actions as possible, so you'll see
13 as we go through, the three different categories that
14 they have recommended the vast majority of these
15 actions.

16 And most of these FMEs were collected
17 either through the outreach tool that Stephanie
18 mentioned in Chapter Two, or we also did our own
19 research as the consultant in the planning group. We
20 also looked through the hazard mitigation plans, and
21 we also conducted our own outreach to try to compile

1 this big list of evaluations.

2 The next category we have, again, is
3 the flood mitigation projects, and again, we were very
4 much time-constrained to be able to complete very many
5 of these. We do have seven across the D-FW area,
6 across our "upper basin" region, as we're calling it.
7 However, we are still going to evaluate more for our
8 amended plan, so this is by no means the only ones;
9 this is just the beginning. This was how many that we
10 had data for by a certain time so that we had the time
11 we needed, as the consultant, to evaluate them and
12 include them in the tables and in the chapter for the
13 draft plan.

14 The last category, again, is the flood
15 management strategies, and again, you'll see we've
16 recommended 136 out of 143, so again, the vast
17 majority of these actions were recommended by our
18 planning group. And here's where you can see the vast
19 array of different strategies that we have include, so
20 you'll see that we have education and outreach; we
21 have flood measurement and warning, so flood warning

1 systems and low water crossings; and then
2 infrastructure projects, such as citywide drainage
3 improvements. There's a whole number of others and,
4 like I mentioned earlier, the regulatory and guidance
5 as well, to update ordinances or zoning regulations.

6 And just as we wrap up this section
7 here, it is important to note that the planning group
8 does not rank these actions. That is not something
9 that we're doing. That is not something the planning
10 group's doing. We simply just recommending all of
11 these as a group. We are just providing these to the
12 development board, and then they will take care of the
13 ranking.

14 So we will continue on to Chapter Six
15 through Nine. However, we're only going to really
16 touch on Chapter Six and Chapter Nine, so the other
17 chapters, Seven and Eight, are listed there -- the
18 Flood Response Summary and the Recommended Planning
19 Process Improvements. Those are included in the draft
20 plan for you to read through at your convenience.

21 So for Chapter Six, this was where we

1 looked at the impacts of the Regional Flood Plan. So
2 as you can see in this figure, we have identified 35
3 counties that have inadequate mapping, and so based on
4 this analysis, we recommended FMEs to improve the
5 mapping in those 35 counties. So this is where you
6 can see that we are proposing improvements across the
7 whole basin, so you can see that there's at least 35
8 countywide FMEs that we created, based on this data
9 analysis, but there's so many more. This was just one
10 example.

11 More specifically, as you dive into an
12 FMP, into the projects, this is where you can really
13 see the improvements being made. So based on our
14 seven FMPs that we have in the draft flood plan, you
15 can see that we are taking out 392 structures and over
16 4,000 people. We're taking them out of the 100-year
17 floodplain. So this is where you can really see the
18 concrete, the actual, like, impacts of this flood
19 plan, are through these projects. And that is why we
20 intend to include more FMPs in our amended plan.

21 Another part of Chapter Six was to look

1 at the impacts on the state water plan; however, we
2 did not find any impacts. We do not have any actions
3 that impact, positively or negatively, a water supply
4 reservoir, and so therefore we came to the conclusion
5 that there's really no measurable impact on water
6 supply or water availability or any projects that are
7 listed in the state water plan.

8 And then lastly, as part of Chapter
9 Nine, we did a financing analysis, where we sent out a
10 survey to all of our sponsors that we identified, of
11 all of these actions. We had a 14-percent sponsor
12 response rate, which we found to be quite high for
13 this sort of survey to be sent out. And we, based on
14 those results, we were able to kind of do a little
15 projection that the total cost needed for all of these
16 actions to be implemented would be over \$1 billion.
17 And then again, based on those responses from the
18 entities that responded, we were able to project out
19 that the need would be \$961 million.

20 And then I will pass it over to Colby
21 for Chapter Ten.

1 MR. WALTON: Thank you so much.

2 So my name is Colby Walton, with
3 Cooksey Communications, the public participation and
4 public outreach consultant, subconsultant, to the
5 planning group and the consultant team. And here to
6 talk about Chapter Ten, which is the public
7 participation and plan adoption process chapter of the
8 draft Regional Flood Plan. And I think it's important
9 to underscore that public participation and public
10 input have been and will continue to be extremely
11 important and a vital part of the Regional Flood
12 Planning process.

13 So we want to make sure that everyone
14 understands that the planning group developed and
15 implemented a very robust public outreach plan to
16 encourage and solicit input from a wide variety of
17 local and regional entities with flood-related or
18 flood planning authority, as well as from the general
19 public. And our open house informational sessions
20 across the basin last week and this evening's public
21 meeting, like our many other public meetings

1 throughout the planning process over the last two
2 years, are an important part of that public outreach
3 effort.

4 So prior to now, these are just some of
5 the many strategies that we've employed as a team to
6 encourage public participation and to engage regional
7 stakeholders in the planning process, which are laid
8 out in further detail in Chapter Ten of the plan.

9 And, you know, just among a few of the
10 highlights here. We held many public meetings. I
11 believe, with tonight's -- we're up to 15 public
12 meetings and/or open house events today, with more to
13 come this fall. We've done early and broad-based
14 posting of all meeting notices and materials. We've
15 frequently distributed updates to a list comprising
16 more than 1,100 regional stakeholders and interested
17 parties who have signed up to receive e-updates or
18 postcards through our website, through our e-mail
19 address.

20 And we've regularly used our award-
21 winning website, trinityrfpg.org. And I'll reinforce

1 that -- trinityrfpg.org. Please, we encourage you to
2 use it. It's a great resource with a wealth of
3 information, so that's where we post all of our
4 notices, our planning materials, and a variety of
5 helpful background information for the public's
6 reference.

7 In addition to all that, we also have
8 an active presence on social media, so if you're not
9 already, we encourage you to follow us on Twitter.
10 And again, our handle is @trinityrfpg. We have done
11 frequent outreach to media outlets across the entire
12 38-county region, and I can tell you, just in the last
13 few weeks alone, since we posted the draft Regional
14 Flood Plan, we've had coverage in communities large
15 and small, all across the region, including some
16 coverage in the last week from Fort Worth Report and
17 NBC 5 here in North Texas, and then further afield in
18 the mid-basin and lower basin. We had some nice
19 coverage last week from KTRE and KLTV of our mid-basin
20 meeting and coverage in some of the local community
21 papers down in the Lower Basin. So we're very

1 appreciative of the media for helping us to spread the
2 word.

3 And we have a PowerPoint slide
4 presentation that we've developed and used for
5 presentations to regional business and civic groups.
6 And we're always open to speaking to more, so if you
7 know of a group or you have a group you're involved in
8 that would like to hear more about the Regional Flood
9 Planning process and ways to be involved in that and
10 provide comments or to hear an overview of the draft
11 plan, please let us know. We'd like to hear about it.

12 And then, you know, the list goes on of
13 things that we've done to reach out to the public and
14 inform and engage the public in this process, but
15 we've developed a wide range of materials. We've done
16 multiple postcard mailers because we recognize that
17 not everyone's on e-mail, and sometimes e-mails end up
18 in spam folders and otherwise don't make it through,
19 so using snail mail as another way to reach the public
20 and our regional stakeholders. We've made follow-up
21 phone calls to virtually every single stakeholder on

1 that list of more than 1,200 individuals and entities
2 to make sure that we are getting the word out, that we
3 want to collect your data, we want to know what you're
4 planning to do, what your needs are, where you see
5 risks, where you have proposed solutions so that we
6 can evaluate those and consider them for incorporation
7 into the plan.

8 And, of course, we're also hosting
9 special events now and over the coming months to
10 encourage, collect, and consider public comments on
11 the draft plan before it gets finalized later this
12 year. But we know we can always do more, and we hope
13 to hear from the public on the draft plan during the
14 public comment process that's going on right now, so
15 we can incorporate your feedback both now and in the
16 near future.

17 So let's look just real briefly at the
18 plan adoption timeline, and Stephanie alluded to some
19 of this earlier, but tonight, of course, we have the
20 hybrid public meeting to take comments officially on
21 the draft plan. And we're looking forward to hearing

1 those. The public comment period, though, remains
2 open through October 10th, as was mentioned earlier,
3 so if you haven't had a chance to formulate your
4 comments yet, there's still time, so please get those
5 in.

6 And then after that, the planning group
7 will meet to consider the feedback and necessary
8 revisions before approving the final Regional Flood
9 Plan late this year and submitting it to the water
10 development board in January. And additionally, as
11 Stephanie mentioned earlier, due to the compressed
12 schedule for this initial flood planning round, the
13 water development board has given the planning groups
14 the ability to amend their plans early next year and
15 resubmit them by July, at which point the regional
16 plans will be rolled up into the statewide flood plan
17 by September of 2024.

18 And finally, I should stress that it's
19 important to know that, like the regional water
20 planning process, again, this is a recurring,
21 iterative process, so this plan isn't the end-all,

1 be-all. It's going to be a living, breathing
2 document. We recognize that needs and conditions and
3 potential solutions change over time, so as new
4 information becomes available, we will be continuing
5 to look at it and review it and improve it over time.

6 So how you can provide comments on the
7 draft plan. Beyond commenting tonight, either
8 verbally or via a written comment card, there are
9 three ways you can submit public comments on the draft
10 plan. So again, I'll refer you back to our website,
11 trinityrfpg.org. If you want to see the draft plan in
12 all its glory, you can go to the planning documents
13 page, and if you use the sort tool near the top of the
14 page, you can use the 2022 draft plan option in the
15 dropdown menu, and it will just sort the draft plan
16 contents. And you'll see very quickly at the top of
17 that list the executive summary, which is a 17-page
18 condensed version of the entire plan and probably an
19 easier way to see the key findings and
20 recommendations. And then you can submit comments
21 using the form on the public comment page of the site.

1 The second option for submitting public
2 comments is through our e-mail address, which is
3 info -- I-N-F-O -- @trinityrfpg.org. Easy enough.
4 And the third option, if you prefer to mail us your
5 letters, materials, comments, you can do so to Halff
6 Associates, attention: Stephanie Griffin, at the
7 address listed on the screen, which is also on our
8 website.

9 So with that, I'll turn it back over to
10 Stephanie to tell you a little bit more about some of
11 the additional resources available in the room
12 tonight. And then we will take public comments.

13 MS. GRIFFIN: All right. Thank you,
14 Colby. Okay. So we do have some additional resources
15 here with us. I failed to introduce the team when I
16 got up here and got started. We did this open house
17 roadshow last week, and we all got very comfortable
18 with each other, and we kind of forgot that -- or at
19 least I forgot that, oh, yes, not everybody was with
20 us on our roadshow.

21 So Colby's got Allison, who's here at

1 the front table, and then Owen is on the other side
2 greeting everyone, making sure they sign in. They're
3 with Cooksey Communications. I'm Stephanie Griffin;
4 I'm with Halff Associates. And I've got Sam Atta
5 who's with me, and then Audrey Giesler -- she's back
6 there with the paper plan. And then Freese and
7 Nichols, Caroline -- you met her just a few minutes
8 ago -- and then David is also with us, and so they've
9 been working tirelessly on this. And then we also
10 have Nick Fang with UTA. And then we have Laura -- I
11 don't pronounce her last name correctly -- Haverlah --
12 close -- with H2O Consultants.

13 And so anyway, that makes up our
14 complete team. But we will have some stations set up
15 after the public comment portion of the meeting, at
16 which time you're welcome to ask questions of the
17 consultant team. That portion will not be part of the
18 official public comment; that is meant to just answer
19 your own questions you might have about the plan
20 itself. So we'll have a station back along the
21 backside of the wall over there, where y'all came in,

1 where Caroline and David will be, and they have the
2 list of projects, they have maps showing where the
3 recommended solutions are, and they can help you find
4 whatever solutions you're wanting to check to see if
5 they made it into the plan.

6 And then Sam will be at a computer
7 station that's at the back of the room, and he will
8 help you work with an interactive map where you can
9 drop a little pin and let us know where you've seen
10 flooding in the past. And we will capture that and
11 add that to our GIS layer.

12 Oh, and then we've got Allison here at
13 the front, who will get you signed up for our e-mail,
14 newsletter, information, all of the e-mail blasts that
15 Cooksey sends out, on behalf of the planning group, to
16 let you know about meetings and upcoming opportunities
17 for participation.

18 All right. So I think that covers all
19 of the elements of what will happen. We do have some
20 public comment cards that are here with us this
21 evening, so if you choose not to make verbal comments

1 in a few minutes, but you would like to provide
2 comments, then you can go ahead and fill that out and
3 leave those here with us this evening. And Colby and
4 his team will make sure that we get them incorporated
5 in the draft plan.

6 All right. So at this point, Glenn,
7 I'm going to hand it back to you for public comments.

8 MR. CLINGENPEEL: Thank you, Stephanie.

9 I think you guys have covered just
10 about everything, and we're almost ready to open it
11 for public comment. That is the primary reason for
12 convening this evening, is to receive oral public
13 comment, but we are making additional resources
14 available. So when you are making public comments,
15 keep in mind it is a comment. This isn't necessarily
16 a Q&A session. You'll be able to interact with all of
17 the consultants and the planning group members as well
18 at the conclusion of receiving the comments, and at
19 that point, we'll be able to answer any questions that
20 you might have.

21 Before I open it up for public

1 comments, we do have a number of planning group
2 members here. And I'll open the floor to any of the
3 planning group members if they have anything that they
4 would like to add.

5 Heather, any of the planning group
6 members online indicating they'd like to say a word?

7 MS. FIRN: Not at this time.

8 MR. CLINGENPEEL: Thank you, Heather.

9 Lissa, did you have something you want
10 to say?

11 MS. SHEPARD: I'm just -- I'm grateful.

12 MR. CLINGENPEEL: The speaker.

13 MS. SHEPARD: Oh. It's good to be to
14 this point, where we're accepting public comments. I
15 know we started the process about two years ago, and
16 so it's just good to finally be here. And thank you
17 for participating.

18 MR. CLINGENPEEL: All right. Very
19 good.

20 And, Heather, do we have anybody online
21 who's indicated that they would like to make comments?

1 And you can do that, by the way, by
2 raising your hand in that Zoom meeting.

3 MS. FIRN: We do not have anyone
4 raising their hand.

5 MR. CLINGENPEEL: Okay. Very good.
6 And we'll circle back to that in just a second.

7 Any members of the public here tonight
8 wishing to make any public comments?

9 Okay. No members of the public present
10 here in person indicated that they would like to make
11 comments.

12 Heather, is anybody dial-in indicating
13 that they would like to make comments? They can do
14 that by hitting star-three.

15 MS. FIRN: There is no one that has
16 dialed in that --

17 MR. CLINGENPEEL: Okay. All right.
18 One last call for anyone, virtual or in-person, who
19 would like to make comments on the draft region three
20 flood plan.

21 Hearing that no members of the public

1 wish to make comments at this time, we will close the
2 public comment section. And unless there is anything
3 else in this, more or less, official portion of the
4 meeting, there is any other business, otherwise we
5 will stand adjourned. All right. Thank you.

6 UNKNOWN SPEAKER 3: Thank you all.

7 UNKNOWN SPEAKER 4: Thank you.

8 MR. CLINGENPEEL: Okay.

9 (Whereupon, the meeting concluded at
10 6:47 p.m.)

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