Region 9 Upper Colorado Regional Flood Planning Group

Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2026

1. Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum

The September 9, 2026 meeting of the Region 9 Upper Colorado Regional Flood Planning Group (RFPG) was called to order by the Chair at 10:01am. Notice of the meeting was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. A quorum of voting members was established.

Roll Call / Attendance

Voting Members Present:

- Kenneth Dierschke
- Rick Bacon
- Shannon McMillan
- Scott McWilliams
- Allison Strube
- Morse Haynes

Non-Voting Members Present:

- John McEachern, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- Belle Gonzalez, Texas Water Development Board
- Shania Tinney, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board

Others Present:

- Jake Burton, City of San Angelo
- JW Balch, FNI Consultant
- Paula Jo Lemonds, HDR Consultant
- Lexi Blackwood, Upper Colorado River Authority
- Mio Matsumura, HDR Consultant (virtual)
- Diane Howe, HDR Consultant
- Kevin Wessels, TWDB (virtual)
- Ollie Trager, FNI Consultant (virtual)
- Claire Barber, FNI Consultant
- Aaron O'Neal, FNI Consultant
- Andrew Howe, Halff Consultant (virtual)
- Susan Roth, Consultant (virtual)
- Scott Rushing, Halff Consultant (virtual)

2. Welcome

The Chair welcomed RFPG members, representatives from the Texas Water Development Board, the sponsoring agency, technical consultants, and members of the public.

3. Public Comment

The Chair opened the floor for public comment. No public comments were received.

4. Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting

A motion to approve was made by Morse Haynes and seconded by Rick Bacon. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Texas Water Development Board Update & Proposition 4 Update

Belle Gonzalez gave an update to Region 9 on the topic of TWDB clarification of tasks 4C, 5B, and 5A FMEs and their classifications.

6. Sponsoring Agency Update – City of San Angelo

Jake Burton with the City of San Angelo, as sponsoring agency, stated no updates from the City.

7. Small Communities FMEs Update

Diane Howe with HDR and Claire Barber with FNI gave a presentation and update for the approach of small communities; Gaines County, Seminole, and Seagraves. JW Balch explained the gathering of data, scoring and ranking of flood areas.

Andrew Howe and Scott Rushing of Halff Construction gave an update for Howard County flood mapping and an update on coordination with the City of Big Spring and Coahoma.

Diane Howe gave an update for the City of Snyder and its flood map's ranking.

8. Updates, Discussion and Action on Approving the FMEs to be Performed by the RFPG for Task 4C

Diane Howe and Allison Strube clarified that no vote was needed for Item 8.

9. Technical Consultant Presentation on Task 7 Approach

Claire Barber gave an overview of Task 7 Flood Response Information and Activities and summarized methods of documentation and surveys of existing flood response and activities in the region. RFPG discussion was had about getting more participation from smaller areas and potential outreach through COGs.

Susan Roth gave an update about planned changes to the website as well as the potential creation of a database and the routing of questions submitted through the website. The RFPG discussed the implementation of BLE flood mapping in smaller communities FEMA, and regulatory authority of counties.

10. Technical Consultant Update for Second Cycle

Diane Howe and Mio Matsumura from HDR gave an update and provided an overview of anticipated activities for the second planning cycle and the addition of new FMXs. Discussion was had about a schedule for meetings, discussion, and approval of draft plan.

11. Public Comment

The Chair opened the floor for public comment. No public comments were received.

12. Next Meeting

The Chair expressed that Item 12, the discussion about the next meeting date, was covered in discussion of Item 10.

13. Adjourn

There being no further business. Scott McWilliams made a motion to adjourn. Rick Bacon made the second. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.

APPROVED BY:

Chair, Region 9 UCRFPG

Secretary, Region 9 UCRFPG