**Meeting Minutes**

**Region 12 San Antonio Regional Flood Planning Group Meeting**

**Tuesday, August 17, 2021**

**9:00 AM**

**San Antonio River Authority**

**Roll Call:**

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| **Voting Member** | **Interest Category** | **Present (x) /Absent ( ) / Alternate Present (\*)** |
| Brian Yanta | *Agricultural interests* |  |
| David Wegmann | *Counties* | X |
| Doris Cooksey | *Electric generating utilities* | X |
| Deborah (Debbie) Reid | *Environmental interests* | X |
| Nefi M. Garza | *Flood districts* | X |
| Cara C. Tackett | *Industries* | X |
| Jeffrey Carroll | *Municipalities* | X |
| John Paul Beasley | *Public* | X |
| Suzanne B. Scott | *River authorities* | X |
| Steve Gonzales | *Small business* | X |
| David Mauk | *Water districts* | X |
| Steve Clouse | *Water utilities* | X |

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| **Non-voting Member** | **Agency** | **Present(x)/Absent( )/ Alternate Present (\*)** |
| Marty Kelly | Texas Parks and Wildlife Department | X |
| Natalie Johnson | Texas Division of Emergency Management | X |
| Jami McCool | Texas Department of Agriculture | X |
| Jarod Bowen | Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board |  |
| Kris Robles | General Land Office | X |
| Anita Machiavello | Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) | X |
| Lynn Bumguardner\* | Texas Commission on Environmental Quality | X |

**Quorum:**

Quorum: **Yes**

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: **11**

Number required for quorum per current voting positions of 12: 7

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**AGENDA ITEM NO.1: ROLL CALL**

Caitlin Heller, San Antonio River Authority, called the role and confirmed a quorum.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.2: PUBLIC COMMENT – LIMIT 3 MINUTES PER PERSON**

Ms. Mary Johnson read a letter on behalf of the Tier 1 Neighborhood Coalition to ask that Nature-Based Solutions be included in the funding recommendations for San Antonio Regional Flood Planning.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.3: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS SAN ANTONIO REGIONAL FLOOD PLANNING GROUP MEETING (REGION 12)**

Ms. Tackett motioned to approve. Ms. Reid seconded the motion, motion passed.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.4: COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD (TWDB)**

Ms. Machiavello provided an update from the TWDB on the current status of contracts with technical consultants and the release of planning data.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.5: CHAIR REPORT**

Chair Garza reviewed his discussions with Chair members across various regions. He indicated his interest in developing committees within the Region 12 membership, particularly focusing on Community Outreach and a Technical Advisory Committee. Other members voiced their support of the creation of committees and Chair Garza asked that action be taken on this at the next planning group meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.6: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING SAN ANTONIO REGIONAL FLOOD PLANNING GROUP MEMBERSHIP**

Chair Garza explained that the Executive Committee had met to discuss the creation of a new position that would allow Ms. Scott to remain on the planning group while also allowing Mr. Boese, the San Antonio River Authority General Manager, to take over the River Authority interest group position.

Chair Garza called for action to be taken to create a Nonprofit interest category position. Ms. Reid moved, Ms. Tackett seconded, and the motion was passed. Chair Garza then called for action to be taken to place Ms. Scott into the new Nonprofit position. Ms. Tackett moved, Mr. Beasley seconded, and the motion passed. Chair Garza then called for action to be taken to place Mr. Boese into the River Authority interest category position. Ms. Tackett moved, Ms. Reid seconded, and the motion passed.

There was then a discussion as to whether Mr. Boese should participate in the Executive Committee as the representative for the group’s political sponsor, the San Antonio River Authority. Ms. Scott proffered her resignation to the Vice-Chair position and Chair Garza called for action to be taken for Mr. Boese to take her place. Mr. Wegmann nominated Mr. Boese for this position, Ms. Scott seconded, and the nomination passed.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.7: DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CONSULTANT’S WORK AND SCHEDULE**

Mr. Branyon, HDR, provided an update on the current efforts of the consulting team, with a focus on Task 10, 1, 2A, and 2B. HDR’s presentation and recording for this meeting can be found on the Region 12 website at [*http://www.region12texas.org.*](https://www.region12texas.org/)

**AGENDA ITEM NO.8: PRESENTATION BY THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY ON ONGOING PROJECTS**

Mr. Nyman, U.S.G.S., presented to Region 12 on streamgage data, flood inundation maps, and the implementation of flood tools. The presentation and recording for this meeting can be found on the Region 12 website at [*http://www.region12texas.org.*](https://www.region12texas.org/)

**AGENDA ITEM NO.9: REGIONAL LIAISON UPDATES**

Ms. Scott, Region 11 liaison, spoke to Region 11’s updates.

Ms. Tackett, Region 10 liaison, spoke to Region 10’s updates.

Mr. Mauk, Region 13 liaison, spoke to Region 13’s updates.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.10: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING REGION 12 MEETING SCHEDULE**

Chair Garza spoke to the Planning Group about the need to move Region 12 meetings to monthly to ensure the completion of the Regional Water Plan on time. Ms. Tackett requested that meetings be hybrid from now on, pending guidance from the TWDB. Chair Garza called for action to be taken to add a meeting on September 21, 2021, at 9:00 am, then for discussion to take place at the next meeting to set a permanent schedule. Ms. Reid motioned, Ms. Cooksey seconded, and the motion passed.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Ms. Johnson again urged the planning group members to include Nature-Based-Solutions into the Regional Flood Plan and thanked the members for their efforts.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: POTENTIAL DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting date is September 21, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.