

REGION 12 FLOOD PLANNING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Online Public Meeting: Feb. 7, 2022

FAQ QUESTIONS

- 1. Is there a standard approach that will be used by all the Regional Flood Planning Groups (RFPGs) to determine the benefit-cost of each proposed plan element?**
 - Yes, a standard approach was developed by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). The [BCA Input Tool and Instructions can be found as document 10 here.](#)
- 2. Were the need areas scored based on severity? Would proposed mitigation projects be scored? What criteria and weightage will be applied so the best projects float up to the top?**
 - Neither the Region 12 Flood Planning Group nor the technical consultant (HDR) are establishing criteria and weighting for potential projects. For this process, we are not ranking the projects, but instead are identifying the Flood Management Projects, Evaluations and Studies that meet the criteria established by the TWDB.
- 3. What metrics are you proposing to collect specific to Flood Mitigation Projects (FMPs), Flood Management Evaluations (FMEs), and Flood Management Strategies (FMSs) to send to TWDB, which can support better prioritization of projects in Region 12?**
 - The FMPs, FMEs and FMSs identified by the consultant and the RFPG will be entered into a geodatabase with the required fields as designated by the TWDB. The required information for each can be found in the [Technical Guidelines for Regional Flood Planning section 2.4.B linked here.](#)
- 4. What type of comments are needed for the Region 12 flood plan?**
 - Go to [our online comment map](#) to share any flooding concerns or issues you may have, even those that occurred years ago. Please include the flooding frequency to let us know if the flooding occurred once, on a few occasions, or happens frequently within the area.
 - Adding your comments to the online comment map notifies the engineering consultant team about your flooding concerns, which ensures your feedback is considered in the Region 12 flood plan. You can also attend Region 12 Flood Planning Group meetings to elaborate further on flooding concerns.



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5. How will my feedback be used?

- Feedback shared as part of this effort will help the San Antonio Regional Flood Planning Group (SARFPG) identify and evaluate potential floodplain management evaluations, projects, and strategies within the San Antonio Region, including specific short-term (10 year) and long-term (30 year) flood mitigation goals to reduce flood risks to life and property.
- Please note that the SARFPG does not have the authority to regulate or implement projects, but rather are tasked with identifying and evaluating potential flood management strategies as a vision for protecting the basin from impacts of future flooding to ameliorate current and future flood hazards. Future funding eligibility for flood activities through state agencies will be contingent on having a project listed in the Flood Plan.

6. Should comments indicate a flooding concern, or can they include suggested solutions as well?

- The Region 12 flood plan will consider all types of solutions for flooding issues such as studies, evaluations, and projects. Solutions are welcomed, including non-physical solutions such as policy/regulation changes or increased funding for flooding mitigation strategies that are already in place.
- Please feel free to elaborate further and share solutions or recommendations under the “Please describe flooding concern...” question on our [online comment map](#). Comments submitted through Saturday, Feb. 12 will be included in the interim Regional Flood Plan. Comments shared after Feb. 12 will be included in the final Regional Flood Plan in 2023.

7. If my flooding concern is predominately on my private property, should I still add it to the public comment map?

- Yes. The governing flood authority is often unaware of private property flooding. Flooding concerns on your property might be part of a larger flooding issue that affect a wider area.

8. Should I let my governing flood authority know that I have made you aware of my flooding concern?

- The Regional Flood Plan will evaluate flooding concerns shared as part of this effort, but it will not address all submitted comments. It’s important to let your local flood regulatory agency know of any flooding issues you have now or have in the future, regardless of the Regional Flood Plan effort. We are contacting all the regulatory flood agencies in the region to gather information that they have on flooding concerns and ongoing/future projects they have planned.

9. Who is my local governing flood authority, and how do I contact them?

- Most municipalities and counties have a local floodplain administrator (FPA) that you can contact about local flooding concerns. To identify your community FPA, you can contact your local government.

10. What is the difference between the Region 12 Flood Planning Group, the San Antonio River Authority, and the Texas Water Development Board?

- The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) is the state’s lead water planning and infrastructure agency. In the 2019, the Texas Legislature charged TWDB with creating flood planning regions and administering the required work of flood planning.
- Designated by the TWDB, the Region 12 Flood Planning Group is composed of planning group members representing various interest groups in the region. This self-governed group is responsible for developing a regional flood plan by January 2023. The TWDB will provide grant funds to planning group enabling them to hire technical consultants to perform much of the work necessary to develop the regional flood plans.
- The San Antonio River Authority is the local sponsor that will assist the regional planning group to apply for funding and to otherwise support the planning process.

11. What are the next steps for comments shared as part of the Region 12 Flood Planning effort?

- All comments submitted through Saturday, February 12 will be included in the interim Regional Flood Plan. Between February and March, the San Antonio Regional Flood Planning Group and the consultant team will meet to discuss potential Flood Management Strategies, Flood Management Evaluations, and Flood Mitigation Projects identified through this planning effort. After this discussion, a draft list will be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board in March. The final Region 12 Flood Plan will be completed in January 2023.

12. Will the Region 12 Flood Plan consider nature-based flooding solutions?

- We will be considering nature-based solutions and working with other agencies (such as land conservation agencies) to further consider these options. Some of the nature-based solutions we will be reviewing include identifying conservation easements in Region 12 that may be feasible for use in joint flood mitigation programs.

13. Is the project team coordinating with TxDOT on transportation-related flooding concerns, such as flooding on roads or low water crossings?

- TxDOT coordination is underway. They will let us know of proposed and ongoing projects, and we will let them know of any flood prone areas that they might not be aware of.

14. Can we bring up these concerns/comments at the next San Antonio Regional Flood Planning Group meeting?

- Yes, each San Antonio Regional Flood Planning Group meeting includes a public concerns portion at the beginning and end where members of the public can share their comments. Comments can be shared even after the deadline to share comments for the interim Region 12 flood plan on February 12. Visit the [1st Cycle Meeting Materials page](#) on the Region 12 website to learn more about upcoming meetings. The next meeting takes place at 2:00 p.m. on February 24, 2022 and can be joined virtually.