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Appendix 10-A to 10-B

**FINAL**

**REGION 5 NECHES  
2023 REGIONAL FLOOD PLAN**

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REGION 5 NECHES FLOOD PLANNING GROUP

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**APPENDIX 10-A  
COMMENTS RECEIVED ON DRAFT REGIONAL FLOOD PLAN AND RESPONSES**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 14, 2022 10:02 AM  
**To:** NechesRFPG  
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Dear Neches Regional Flood Planning Group,

As a concerned citizen, I would like to see a strong framework and effective flood mitigation projects to reduce the impact of flooding in our communities by using protective nature-based projects in the Neches 2023 Regional Flood Plan. As currently written, our communities could be missing a huge opportunity to do the right thing, right from the start.

We know that healthy watersheds and functioning flood plains and wetlands can absorb and slow down flood waters, and thoughtful nature-based projects to conserve and protect these important lands allow local governments to spend less up front, cost less to maintain, and to do more within the region. Restoring wetlands that provide a natural buffer from increasing storms also create excellent wildlife viewing areas. This in turn provides opportunities for local communities to attract tourism dollars from wildlife and outdoor enthusiasts.

We must understand how the projects that are under consideration will impact our local communities from continual flooding and increasing storms, as well as impact the Big Thicket National Preserve, a national park in our own backyard.

The current plan needs more nature-based solutions to reduce the impacts of flooding, and additional information on how effective projects will be in reducing flooding.

We ask for you to continue strengthening the plan and working with local community leaders to incorporate more nature-based projects in the plan to ensure the natural resiliency and continued protection of the Big Thicket region and our communities.

Regards,  
Phil Shephard

**From:** Moon, Steve [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 8, 2022 12:15 PM  
**To:** Rolando Ayala II [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Comments and Recommendations on DRAFT Regional Flood Plan for Region 5: Neches

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Please see comments and recommendations (below) on the Region 5 Draft Regional Flood Plan for incorporation into the final submission to the TWDB.

Regards,

Steve Moon

CHAPTER	SECTION	PARAGRAPH/ TABLE/ FIGURE	COMMENT
0	ES 3	Table 0-9	Using only the number of critical facilities is a simplistic measure of impact. Life safety, replacement cost, and economic impact should be considered in the overall assessment measures. There is work underway to explore other measures (like improved Vulnerability Indices) which may be more comprehensive in capturing risk and impact. I recommend that consideration be given to future updates with more comparative/comprehensive indices.
0	ES 3	Table 0-9	Goals: Upon reflection, it is worth the TWDB's consideration to set more aggressive goals for the RFPGs to use for flood mitigation. This will certainly challenge the resources required for

			<p>short and long term mitigations, and requires a more aggressive position for flood mitigation and funding. I recommend the TWDB consider the following:</p> <p>1 - 80% reduction for critical facilities</p> <p>2 - Increase funding targets to address flood mitigations projects which have yet to be identified from new flood studies and updates to existing flood studies with Atlas 14 data.</p>
0	ES 4	Table 0-10	<p>This Table does not include cost of industrial facilities' lost production and repairs. FEMA claims do not include estimated costs of industrial facilities' lost production and repairs. This vastly under-records the total dollar value of losses. Recommend including industrial facilities' estimated cost of lost production and repairs in Factors Considered.</p>
0	ES 4	Figure 0-2	<p>Recommend shading be revised so that the flood need score color (red) in Port Arthur, Nederland, and Beaumont is shown rather than the municipality color (gray). Gray color gives the impression flood need is low.</p>
1	1.A.1.a	Figure 1-2	<p>There appears to be two southern boundaries of Region 5 (dark green line.) This is confusing. Recommend revising Figure 1-2 (and subsequent Figures) to show a single southern boundary of Region 5</p>
1	1.B	first paragraph	<p>Add: stormwater pumps to bullet list</p>
1	1.B.2.i	new	<p>Jefferson County Drainage District 7 (DD7) operates and maintains an extensive system of stormwater pump stations. It is not listed in Section 1.B.2; however, this is important information to include in the assessment of protection level in southern Jefferson County.</p>
1	1.B.3.b	first paragraph	<p>Port Arthur Levee/Floodwall system protects a major portion of southern Jefferson County including Cities of Port Arthur, Groves, Neches, Nederland, and Port Neches, and many critical facilities. Recommend an FME be included in this cycle to evaluate the safety of this levee/floodwall system (or confirm this has already been done by USACE or DD7.)</p>
2	2.A.2	Appendix 2-A Map 4 Figure 26 of 29	<p>Appendix 2-A, Map 4, Figure 26 of 29, Existing Condition Flood Hazard, indicates industrial facilities within the DD7 stormwater system are within the existing 0.2% (500 yr.) flood plain. The DD7 stormwater pumps that protect this area are only designed for a 25 yr. (TP 40) event. Recommend the map be revised to show this area as a Flood Prone Area shaded in "pink".</p>

Thank you for your consideration.

Steve Moon



Volume	PDF Page	Chapter	Section	Comments / ?s
1	15	Exec Sum	LIST OF ACRONYMS AND DEFINITIONS	Include HWM's (high water marks)
1	26	Exec Sum	TABLE 0-3: NON-VOTING MEMBERSHIP OF THE REGION 5 FLOOD PLANNING GROUP	Might want to remove punctuation after Natalie Johnson name
1	28	Exec Sum	ES 2. Flood Risk Analysis	"Flood risks were assessed for the 1 percent annual chance and 0.2 percent annual chance events". May want to additionally specify "according to Atlas 14 and/or best available data". "As a result, most of the flood risk across the region is not well quantified, meaning that people and their property may be unknowingly in harm's way". May want to additionally include...or lack understanding of potential flood depths and frequencies for a particular site'.
1	29	Exec Sum	ES 2. Flood Risk Analysis	
1	32	Exec Sum	TABLE 0-8: RECOMMENDED FLOOD MANAGEMENT STANDARDS	New Development, Habitable Structures... Realistically, should BFE recommendations for new development be higher than that? For example: 'All habitable structures in coastal communities should be designed such that finished floor elevations are (a <b>minimum of</b> ) 3 feet above the BFE including the combined riverine and coastal effects'. Similar comment for non-coastal, and also critical facilities.
1	36	Exec Sum	FIGURE 0-2: FLOOD MITIGATION NEED BY HUC12 WATERSHED	Does the gray "mask" over cities need to be on, or could it be turned off (in order to see flood need for those areas?)
1	39	Exec Sum	TABLE 0-12: RECOMMENDED FMSS BY STRATEGY TYPE	Maybe use an apostrophe for FMS's, FMP's, etc.?
1	41	Exec Sum	ES 8.Legislative Recommendations	"Establish grant programs for the ongoing operations and maintenance (O&M) of existing flood mitigation and other drainage infrastructure." I get it, politically locals don't want to pay for anything...but would a grant program of this type be more work and headache to apply for and administer than what its worth?
1	41	Exec Sum	ES 8 Regulatory and Administrative Recommendations	I realize that it would seem like radical change, but still think River Authorities are the ideal entity for Floodplain Administration (taking over responsibility from the local communities). Doing so would fix a number of problems (political, technical skill gaps, funding, consistency, etc.). I have no stake in this, just an opinion.
1	48	1	1-1 Intro	"Typical annual precipitation ranges from 38 inches per year near the basin headwaters to 60 inches per year at the mouth". Better description might be, "at the basin's sea-level outlet to Sabine Lake/Gulf of Mexico".
1	52	1	1.A.1.b Economic Activity	Pie chart could be improved with labels (example on right, expand to view)
1	67	1	1.A.2. Identification of Flood Prone Areas	"Using these various data sources, it is estimated that approximately 262 square miles, or 2.3% of the watershed, are within potential flood prone areas." Is 2.3% correct? Maybe better to say: "On the Angelina River and tributaries, peak discharges for this flood were approximated to be 110,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) near Diboll, and 130,000 cfs near Lufkin."
1	70-71	1	1.A.3.a Historic Events Prior to Current Level of Regulation	Might be better to say: "The flood of August 1915 primarily originated with rainfall centered near the city of San Augustine on Ayish Bayou; around 19.8 inches of rainfall fell on the city within a four-day period. Further downstream, this flood also produced the second highest known stage of 34.00 ft at Village Creek near the city of Kountze. Along the Neches River near Evadale, this flood had an estimated peak discharge of 102,000 cfs with a flood stage that was estimated to be 1.70 ft lower than the stage recorded during the aforementioned May 1884 flood."
1	71	1	1.A.3.a Historic Events Prior to Current Level of Regulation	Might be good to start with a preface such as: "Compared with historical norms dating back to 1900, the period of 2005 to 2022 seen a pronounced increase in frequency and severity of tropical flooding along the Texas Gulf Coast."
1	71	1	1.A.3.b Historic Tropical Flooding Events	Note 1: Might be good to add totals for dollar flood damages and # of flood claims. Note 2: Might be good to specify 'Flood Insurance Claims' in column header.
1	72	1	1.A.3.d Damages and Flood Claims; Table 1-9	A few things could improve Table 1-17. 1) Column headings could be labeled better. 2) Wording of the row entries is a little obscure/hard to interpret
1	84	1	1.A.7.d Local and Regional Flood Plans; Table 1-17	2nd column of bulleted list vertically offset. Also might be good to create two categories, one for natural features, and a separate one for manmade construction
1	88	1	Chapter 1.B (intro, bulleted list)	Might be good to verify if all these dams have 'flood control' listed as a 'purpose' in their FERC licenses (and specify the ones that do not). For example, Toledo Bend does not list flood control as one of its purposes (water supply, hydroelectric, recreation only, I think).
1	92	1	1.B.2.a Dams, Reservoirs, Levees, and Weirs; Table 1-20	Seems like this map could show the reservoirs better. Maybe by adjusting their labeling, or maybe by showing their tributary/waterway connections to the Neches.
1	93	1	1.B.2.a Dams, Reservoirs, Levees, and Weirs; Figure 1-15	At least 2 notable, recent dam failures: 2016 Lake Amanda; <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake_Amanda">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake_Amanda</a> ; 2022 Wildwood Lake Dam/Village Mills; <a href="https://www.12newsnow.com/article/news/local/hardin-county-dam-expected-to-breach-soon-wildwood-resort-city/502-f31bd8c8-c26-462c-b3eb-f18789ff044">https://www.12newsnow.com/article/news/local/hardin-county-dam-expected-to-breach-soon-wildwood-resort-city/502-f31bd8c8-c26-462c-b3eb-f18789ff044</a>
1	97	1	1.B.3.a Dam Safety Assessment	In Table 1-22, on page 1-54, Row 3 from the top can be removed (remove second entry of Hardin County FMA Acquisition)
1	100	1	Table 1-22: EXISTING FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECTS IN REGION 5 (page 1-54, Row 3)	In Table 1-22, on page 1-54, Row 4 from the top, Description should change to: "Eliminate flood impacts for 4 properties in Hardin County comprising approximately 44 acres. Parcels will be preserved as open space for beneficial floodplain functions."
1	100	1	Table 1-22: EXISTING FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECTS IN REGION 5 (page 1-54, Row 4)	In Table 1-22, on page 1-54, Row 5 from the top, Project Name should change to: "Rose Hill Acres Property Acquisition". Description should change to: "Eliminate flood impacts for 6 properties in Rose Hill Acres comprising approximately 6 acres. Parcels will be preserved as open space for beneficial floodplain functions."
1	106-107	2	2.A.1.a Best Available Data & Figure 2-2	Might want to include mention in narrative (or Figure 2-2) what areas FAFDS and Fathom is available and are a factor. Good comments here, but it seems there is still room for extended discussion of flood forecasting data (existing quality and accuracy in terms of X, Y, Z, T, and P (probability)). But it also understood that is a big subject. IMO, this topic (improved accuracy of flood risk analysis) should be one of the highest FME priorities for the region.
1	109	2	2.A.1.b Gaps in Inundation Boundaries	Nice job on this section (and corresponding analysis)! Good choices and utilization of source data.
1	114	2	2.A.3.a Structures within Flood Hazard Areas	Very good to include industrial sites (refineries, etc.). "Infrastructure" column of Table 2-4 might be more aptly named 'Industrial Sites'??
1	115-116	2	2.A.3.c Critical Facilities and Public Infra. w/in Flood Hazard Areas & Table 2-4	This is potentially very important analysis for Sigbee, Lumberton, Beaumont, Vidor, et al. Sensitive topic however.
1	118	2	2.A.4.e Utilities and Energy Generation	Flooding = loss of stability for electrical power line supports (submerged power poles in mud in strong winds). Also, electric substation inundation potential (elevate?).
1	120-122	2	2.B.1.a. Sea Level Change and Subsidence	Great job on this! 14.55" since 1960, 3 feet (intermediate projection) by 2100 (w/ potential for 6.3 feet!)
1	123-126	2	2.B.1.b. Sedimentation and Major Geomorphic Changes	Great job on this! Land subsidence data is also available. ?
1	127	2	2.B.2. Development of Future Condition Floodplains	This section could maybe benefit from a short narrative explaining why future development could cause flood WSE increase. Two main reasons are A) increased runoff from impervious surfaces; B) increased import/placement of fill for building foundations.
1	133	2	2.B.2.f. Data Gaps and Future Flood Prone Areas	Discussion for this section is good, since it is such a massive topic when considering the multiple future WSE variables. Might be worth stating that every future WSE forecasting variable indicates higher (or increased) future WSEs, despite lack of specific data/models at this time. This also pertains to 2.B.4 (Future Condition Flood Exposure Analysis), which in a nutshell is a 'conservative' analysis for a minimum of increased flood exposure.
1	148	3	FIGURE 3-1: LEVEL OF FLOODPLAIN MGT PRACTICES: LOW OR UNKNOWN	Good map. Remarkable findings (i.e. number of low ratings). Seems accurate though.
1	150	3	FIGURE 3-2: LEVEL OF FLOODPLAIN MGT PRACTICES: MODERATE OR STRONG	GIS/cartography note: Pine Forest purple triangle symbol appears to be Hardin Co. (actually Orange Co.)
1	166-171	4	Chapter 4.A. Flood Mitigation Needs Analysis	Nice job. This is a tough section to make clear based on the subject matter and prescribed method from TWDB. Nice job. Once again this is a tough section to make clear based on the subject matter and prescribed method from TWDB. FME, FMS, FMP, FMX's, all very tough to methodically and accurately categorize. I still think one of the better things for TWDB/RFPGS to consider (if possible) is a reclassification of buyout/acquisition as a FME or FMP...and also keeping FMS limited to institutional or regulatory actions which have no physical substance.
1	172 -	4	Chapter 4.B.	Might it be good to separate the FME, FMS, FMP tables with preamble for each that reiterates the FMX definition. Example: 'The following table includes a list of FME's identified by the RFPG. These include evaluations (studies, research, investigations), for potential activities with a flood mitigation purpose.' Similar preamble could be created for FMS, FMPs. This would create separation of the tables to better show the transitions between each.
1	176-	4	Chapter 4.B. (FMX Tables)	In addition to preamble, might be good to mention FMP is a very strict definition per TWDB (and thus only a short list technically qualified).
1	191	4	Chapter 4.B. (FMP Tables) TABLE 4-12: LIST OF POTENTIALLY FEASIBLE FMPS	Including a specific table of infeasible FMS's/FMPs might be result in a 'grouchy' or testy response by local communities. Therefore, instead of singling out individual and specific actions and communities, could this section be addressed by including narrative for categories of infeasible actions (generators, contact info databases, PPE, etc.). Just trying to avoid sensitivity and keep things diplomatic.
1	192	4	4.B.1.b. Infeasible FMSs and FMPs	While it might not be politically palatable/popular, local taxes should be listed as a funding source. For example, Harris County 2018 \$2.5 billion Bond Program (HCFCF).
1	206	4	4.B.2.g. Funding Sources	
1	215	5	TABLE 5-1: RECOMMENDED FLOOD MANAGEMENT EVALUATION DISTRIBUTION	Good table, good FMEs, reasonable scope, scale, results, and cost.
1	216	5	TABLE 5-2: RECOMMENDED FLOOD MANAGEMENT STRATEGY DISTRIBUTION	"Infrastructure Projects" Description. Might need to explain how this is different than FME (unless majority of \$109M is dedicated to construction). If so, then might change description to 'design and construct future infrastructure improvements'.
1	217	5	TABLE 5-3: RECOMMENDED FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECTS DISTRIBUTION	Since there is only five (5) total FMPs, it might be good to list them individually rather than a summarized group.
1	225	5	5.D.3.e Orange County Coastal Storm Risk Management Project	Might need to explain how this project is relevant to the greater (upper/lower) Neches Watershed. Theoretically (and perhaps probably), the levees and floodwalls could increase flooding in the lower Neches.
1	233	6	6.A.1.b. No Adverse Impact	Might want to soften the preamble language to say 'The recommended FMPs do not appear to negatively affect neighboring areas located within or outside of the flood planning region.' See also 5.D.3.e. comments, etc. It's probably the case that someone has attested to the NAI for FMPs, but keeping arms length from such statements might be appropriate.
1	248	7	7.B.6 Hazard Mitigation Action Plans	I realize this might be a TWDB prescribed section, but including HMP listing here seems off topic with regard to flood response (emergency activities).
1	248	7	7.B.6 Hazard Mitigation Action Plans	Also, this seems like an incomplete list. Also, should probably mention all the official partipating jurisdictions in the HMPs for the region (primarily cities covered in County-Multi-Jurisdictional HMPs).
1	255	8	Chapter 8.A. Legislative Recommendations	My opinion, this would be a good place to make the case for increased higher level (state or river basin) involvement, coordination, and construction of flood mitigation work. Legislature could establish a permanent structure and system for doing so. In other words, move away for hyper-local (and the perennial confusion and inefficiency it creates), and move towards state-level coordination. Not sure where this fits.
1	259-	8	Chapter 8.C. Flood Planning Recommendations	Various comments on these. Generally good or very good.
1	264	9	CHAPTER 9. FLOOD INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING ANALYSIS	Nice job on this Chapter, all very good!
1	272	9	9.B Barriers to Funding	An additional barrier is lack of access to federal databases that contain important flood damage details (HWM's, XYZTS for flood damage). Primarily FEMA, IA, but also PA and SBA-DL.
1	273-274	9	9.C.1. Flood Infrastructure Financing Survey Results	Minor note, major funding for Hardin County FIF application was awarded but not pursued due to the County unwilling to accept 0% loan for construction balance.

RFPG Comments Regarding Legislative Recommendations, Regulatory and Administrative Recommendations and State Flood Planning Recommendations		
Name	Flood Plan Recommendations	Comments
Jerry Cotter	<b>Table 8.1 Legislative</b>	
	Non regulatory regional flood control or drainage districts should be established and funded for rapidly growing urban areas such as DFW, Houston, San Antonio, etc. Responsibility would be to provide consistency, technical resources, funding and reviews in support of FME's, FMS's. These organizations would also implement or support implementation of FMP's. These organizations would augment communities and counties that just don't have the resources and expertise to manage flooding.	Rapidly developing areas surrounding larger urban centers are at greater risk of having runoff patterns increasing because of development. These urban areas are comprised of many communities and unincorporated county areas. Many of the smaller communities are not funded or resourced to deal with the complexities of floodplain management and therefore there is a lack of or inconsistencies in floodplain management practices.
	Clarify the early 2000's state legislation that provide counties the authority to regulate floodplains to explicitly allow and encourage activities associated with floodplain management such as development of land use plans, regulatory authorities, e.g. permitting.	Although state legislation was passed in the early 2000's which gave counties the ability to regulate floodplains, interpretation of these regulations varies widely from county to county. The legislative bill lacks implementation guidance in the form of administrative rules. If development is occurring in unincorporated areas, this development can dynamically impact flood risk.
Jerry Cotter	<b>Table 8.2 Regulatory</b>	
	Require the use of n-values and channel conditions which would likely result if the channel or project were not maintained. Exceptions would be golf courses or other areas where an organization exists which would maintain the channel in perpetuity. Disallow maintenance by marginal organizations such as home owners associations to justify acceptance of lower n-values as this is an unrealistic expectation.	When channels are constructed, most often channel bed, banks and overbanks are cleared; however, with many miles of these channels, it is often difficult for communities to maintain those beds, banks and overbanks at their design conditions. Generally, there is a lack of channel maintenance to ensure flood conveyance areas, established as part of a development or improvement projects, to retain their design level n-values. This results in unexpected changes in channel conveyance and increased flooding. Channel maintenance is very expensive activity that can trigger environmental permitting requirements.
	No loss of valley storage to the 500-year level. Communities could allow redistribution of valley storage to allow interactions with natural areas but no loss of storage.	Land development in upstream areas increases runoff in downstream areas. This happens because of increased impervious cover and decreased tree cover, and therefore less ability to absorb rainfall. Additionally, development, in most communities, encroaches into riparian areas and decreases the amount of storage available to accommodate flood waters. Just the main thread of the Trinity River though DFW stores more flood waters during of flood than any three of the USACE reservoirs that provide flood protection for DFW. The many other stream provide even more storage than the main stem. There is limited capacity in rivers and streams to convey floodwaters. This means that all areas above any given conveyance point have to store flood water until sufficient time has lapsed to pass the water away from the impacted area. The streams are where this water is stored and depleting these storage areas will impact DS areas.
	Establish future land use plans for unincorporated areas associated with rapidly growing urban areas.	"
	Use of ultimate development land use conditions in the development of future flows. Require use of future flows for regulation of floodplains and development of FMP's.	"
Jerry Cotter	<b>Table 8.3 State Flood Planning Recommendations</b>	
	None	
	Potential FMS	
	Encourage storm shifting to validate 100-yr estimates and to provide a broader understanding of communities actual flood risk Storms identified and cataloged as part of the GLO funded USACE led Texas Storm Study could be the primary source of storms to be shifted.	Notes: Great deal of uncertainty in 100-yr estimates. Use of observed storms that approximately match depth duration data from NOAA Atlas 14 or other precipitation frequency sources validates 100-yr estimates. Additionally wet, dry and average conditions as well as conditions at the time the storm occurred can be presented. Additionally, communities have and can experience storms that exceed the 100-yr. While not regulatory, this information will provide additional hazard mitigation data so communities can address critical infrastructure impacts and be better prepared.
	Add detail to Watershed Hydrology Assessments (WHA) for communities within basins with completed WHA's. The WHA for the Trinity has been completed.	The WHA's, funded by FEMA, are considered the best available flood flow frequency estimates, e.g. 100-yr. These estimates consider the latest precipitation frequencies, the variations in watershed response and determine critical flood drivers by employing a wide range of sensitivity analysis for each computation point.
	Update WHA's when future precipitation frequency estimates become available. Efforts to develop future precipitation frequency estimates for Texas are starting.	
	Establish regional efforts, for large urban centers to develop future land use data for all developing areas, not just incorporated areas, for use in developing future flood flow frequency estimates and future 100-yr (and other recurrence interval) hazard boundaries.	

RFPG #5 Comments on the Neches Draft Regional Flood Plan		
Reviewer Name	Draft Flood Plan Reference	Comments
Helena Mosser, USACE	Table 0-8 RECOMMENDED FLOOD MANAGEMENT STANDARDS	Table 0-8 outlines the recommended flood management standards for "all communities." Since much of the Neches flood risk area lies in unincorporated county areas, recommend clarifying in the report which standards are recommended to be applied by Counties versus Cities & Municipalities.
Helena Mosser, USACE	Table 0-8 RECOMMENDED FLOOD MANAGEMENT STANDARDS: Critical Facilities	In Table 0-8, why are critical facilities in non-coastal communities given the same criteria (2-feet above the 100-yr WSE) as other habitable structures? For Critical Facilities, at least 2-feet above the 500-yr WSE is normally recommended.
Helena Mosser, USACE	ES 8. Administrative, Regulatory, and Legislative Recommendations	In Section ES 8, under Legislative Recommendations, although state legislation was passed in the early 2000's which gave counties the ability to regulate floodplains, interpretation of these regulations varies widely from county to county. The previous legislation lacked implementation guidance in the form of administrative rules. Recommend a legislative action that includes specific implementation guidance from the State on how counties can regulate their floodplains.
Helena Mosser, USACE	ES 8. Administrative, Regulatory, and Legislative Recommendations	In Section ES 8, suggest adding a recommendation that non-regulatory regional flood districts (or regional drainage districts) should be established and funded by state legislature. Responsibility of these regional flood districts would be to provide regional consistency, technical resources, funding and reviews in support of FME's, FMS's. These organizations would also implement or support implementation of FMP's. These organizations would augment communities and counties that do not have adequate staff, resources and/or expertise to devote to the complexities of floodplain management.
Helena Mosser, USACE	ES 8. Administrative, Regulatory, and Legislative Recommendations	In Section ES 8 under Regulatory and Administrative Recommendations, suggest adding a recommendation that communities and counties regulate to a criteria of no loss of valley storage to the 500-year level for non-coastal areas. Communities could allow redistribution of valley storage to allow interactions with natural areas, but no loss of storage. Preserving the natural valley storage of the existing floodplain prevents a large portion of the cumulative adverse impacts from future development.
Helena Mosser, USACE	2.8.2.a Future Conditions for Large Rivers and Figure 2.14	In Figure 2-14, the "NECHES RIVER SEGMENT WITH MAINTAINED EXISTING CONDITIONS" is shown to extend from B.A. Steinhagen Lake to near Beaumont, TX. This assumption overestimates the impacts of Sam Rayburn Reservoir. Sam Rayburn Reservoir only regulates 45% of the drainage area above B.A. Steinhagen Lake, so large increases in future floods could still result from the uncontrolled drainage area. A more appropriate assumption would be that there is no change to existing conditions for the short reach of the Angelina River below Sam Rayburn Reservoir, but that the mainstem Neches River below B.A. Steinhagen Lake would face a similar increase in future flood risk as the rest of the watershed.
Helena Mosser, USACE	CHAPTER 7 – FLOOD RESPONSE INFORMATION AND ACTIVITIES	In addition to the tools and resources listed in Chapter 7, the InFRM Flood Decision Support Toolbox (FDST) is another publicly available tool that can be used for emergency preparedness and emergency response ( <a href="https://webapps.usgs.gov/infrm/fdst/">https://webapps.usgs.gov/infrm/fdst/</a> ). The FDST contains interactive flood inundation mapping libraries for 13 gage locations in the Neches Basin. The FDST maps automatically update to show the map for the current NWS flood forecast for emergency response, but can also be used to map "what if" scenarios for emergency preparedness. As the number of gages in the Neches basin increases according to the RFP goals, the mapping locations in the FDST can also be expanded.
Helena Mosser, USACE	Table 9-1 in Chapter 9	In Table 9-1, under Partnerships with USACE, recommend adding USACE's Floodplain Management Services Program (FPMS), which can provide up to 100% in federal funds for floodplain mapping and flood planning related activities. A bit more detail on the FPMS program and Planning Assistance to States (PAS) programs could also be added under section 9.A.3.c.

October 21, 2022

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RE: Texas Water Development Board Comments on Region 05 Neches RFPG's Draft Regional Flood Plan Contract No. 210792490.

Dear Mr. Hall:

Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) staff has performed a review of the draft regional flood plan submitted by August 1, 2022, on behalf of the Region 05 Neches Regional Flood Planning Group (RFPG). The attached comments will follow this format:

- **LEVEL 1:** Comments and questions that must be satisfactorily addressed to meet specific statute, rule, or contract requirements; and,
- **LEVEL 2:** Comments and suggestions for consideration that may improve the readability and/or overall understanding of the regional flood plan

Please note that while Level 2 comments are provided for the planning group's consideration, Level 1 comments must be addressed prior to the submission of final Regional Flood Plans by the January 10, 2023, deadline.

It is expected that the data contained in all written report sections, tables, excel spreadsheets, and the geodatabase will be consistent throughout. In cases where there are any discrepancies in data, the geodatabase dataset will supersede other data and the TWDB will utilize the geodatabase dataset when developing the state flood plan.

TWDB review of the draft regional flood plans is comprised of many spot checks of data across several deliverables and is not an all-encompassing data review. Please note that TWDB's review does not imply accuracy of the draft regional flood plan. Each RFPG is responsible for ensuring the completeness and accuracy of the plan and all associated data.

To facilitate efficient and timely completion, and Board approval, of your final regional flood plan, please provide your TWDB Regional Flood Planner with a draft of your response to these comments (e.g., informally via email) on the draft RFP as soon as possible. This will allow TWDB staff to provide preliminary feedback on proposed RFPG responses to assist you in meeting your RFPG's timeline for approval and submission to TWDB of the final plan by the deadline. It will also help to minimize the need for subsequent follow-ups after final regional flood plan submission to TWDB.

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Title 31 TAC §361.50(c) requires the regional flood planning group to consider any written or oral Comment received from the public on the draft regional flood plan (RFP); and the EA’s written comment on the draft RFP prior to adopting a final RFP. Section 361.50(d) requires the final adopted plan include summaries of all timely written and oral comments received, along with a response, for each, explaining any resulting revisions or why changes are not warranted. Copies of TWDB’s Level 1 and 2 written comments and the RFPG’s responses must be included in the final, adopted RFP. While the comments included in this letter represent TWDB’s review to date, please anticipate the need to respond to additional comments or questions, as necessary, regarding data integrity related to the Board’s State Flood Plan Database (that is built from the 15 regional databases), even after submission of the final plan to TWDB.

Standard to all RFPGs is the need to include certain content in the final RFPs that was not yet available at the time that drafts were prepared and submitted. In your final RFP, please be sure to incorporate in the final submitted plan, documentation, for example, that a public meeting to receive comments was held as required and that comments received on the draft RFP were considered in the development of the final plan [31 TAC §361.50(d)].

If you have any questions regarding these comments or would like to discuss your approach to addressing any of these comments, please do not hesitate to contact Richard Bagans at 512-936-0129 or via email at [richard.bagans@twdb.texas.gov](mailto:richard.bagans@twdb.texas.gov). TWDB staff are available to assist you in any way possible to ensure successful completion of your final regional flood plan.

Lastly, on behalf of TWDB, I would like to thank you, the sponsor, the RFPG members and the technical consultants for accomplishing this major milestone of a herculean effort and advancing the flood risk reduction mission in our state.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: TWDB Comments

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October 21, 2022

## **TWDB Comments on Region 05 Neches Regional Flood Planning Group's Draft Regional Flood Plan**

**Level 1: Comments and questions must be satisfactorily addressed to meet statutory, agency rule, and/or contract requirements.**

### General Comments

1. Please ensure that all "Submittal requirements" identified in each of the Exhibit C Guidance document sections are submitted in the final flood plan.
2. For all mapbooks with inset maps, please also include a region-wide map displaying the data (e.g., Maps 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, and 12) [Exhibit C 3.10].

### SOW Task 1

3. Planning Area Description, Text:
  - a. Section 1.A.4. states that there are 79 cities within the region, however, Section 1.A.1. states that there are 33 incorporated cities. Please review and reconcile as necessary.
  - b. Section 1.A.4. states that 66 municipalities participate in the NFIP, however, Section 1.A.7.a. states that 35 cities and counties utilize ordinances. If a city or county participates in the NFIP, then it must have appropriate ordinances in place. Please review and reconcile as necessary [31 TAC §361.30 (1-7)].
4. Entities GIS Feature Class, *Entities*: It appears that some entities crossing regional boundaries do not start with "00" as required. For entities crossing region boundaries, this is expected to start with "00" and 'RFPG\_NAME' should be left NULL. For additional entities crossing region boundaries, an ID should be requested from TWDB. ENTITY\_IDS should match those provided by TWDB. Regions may create their own IDs for additional entities entirely within the region. Please refer to the [Summary of Updates to Exhibit D](#) document available on the TWDB website.
5. Existing Projects, Text: Table 1-22 does not appear to include the expected year of completion. Please include the estimated year of completion for existing projects listed in Table 1-22, or include an appropriate table reference in the text of Chapter 1 to where this information is located in Exhibit C Table 2 [31 TAC §361.32].
6. Existing Projects GIS Feature Class, *ExFldProjs*:
  - a. It appears that some fields contain invalid entries, including 'COST' and 'COMP\_YR'. Please confirm that all NULL values utilized represent either "not applicable" or "unknown". Please ensure all required fields are populated with valid entries per Exhibit D Table 8 .
  - b. Please refrain from using numeric placeholders (such as '999999') in numeric fields such as 'COST', 'COMP\_YR', and 'EXHAZ\_ID' as this causes errors in calculations. Please leave NULL when the field is not applicable or unknown. Please reconcile [31 TAC §361.32].

SOW Task 2A

7. Existing Condition Flood Exposure (Exhibit C Table 3): The day and night populations in Table 3 do not appear to match those in the *ExFldExpAll* feature class. Please ensure the population count in Table 3 is the maximum of day and night population. "Population (daytime)" and "Population (nighttime)" columns may be added to the left of "Population" in Table 3 to facilitate this check. Please review and reconcile [31 TAC §361.33 & Exhibit C 2.2.A.3].
8. Model Coverage, Text: Existing model coverage within the Flood Planning Region is only discussed relative to models used in FMPs. If more than 3 models exist within the Flood Planning Region, please include a specific, albeit brief, summary in Chapter 2 which summarizes H&H model availability across the region (not only those used in FMPs) [31 TAC §361.33(b)(2)].

SOW Task 3A

9. Existing Floodplain Management Practices (Exhibit C Table 6): The count of entities in Table 3-1 is 107, however, Table 6 appears to list 103 entities. Please ensure entries in Table 6 match chapter summary tables and the *ExFpMp* table [31 TAC §361.35 & Exhibit C 2.3.A].
10. Existing Floodplain Management Practices GIS Feature Class, *ExFpMp*:
  - a. Please review and confirm entities listed as having flood-related authority. It is not clear that all entities listed have flood-related authority.
  - b. It appears that some fields contain invalid entries, including 'LEV\_ENFRC'. Please ensure all required fields are populated with valid entries per Exhibit D Table 20 [31 TAC §361.35 & Exhibit D 3.7].

SOW Task 4B

11. Flood Management Evaluations (FME) Map (Exhibit C Map 16): Please indicate on the map whether the identified FME area is associated with a previously studied area that requires an update or if the identified study area does not have any existing or anticipated flood mapping, models, etc., and therefore requires an initial study [31 TAC §361.38(m) & Exhibit C 2.4.B].
12. Flood Mitigation Projects (FMP) (Text, Exhibit C Tables 13 & 16, *FMP*, *FMP\_Details*, *FMP\_HazPost*): It appears that there are inconsistencies in the cost listed in the Chapter 5 Table 5-2, Exhibit C tables, and the geodatabase. For example, FMP\_ID 053000003 in Chapter 5 Table 5-2, Exhibit C Tables 13, 16, and the Project Details excel files all list a project cost of \$39,570,866 while the *FMP* feature class and *FMP\_Details* table list the project cost as \$39,570,860. Please review and ensure data consistency across the plan [31 TAC §361.38(c-e)].

SOW Task 5

13. Flood Management Evaluation (FME) Recommendations Map (Exhibit C Map 19): Please indicate on the map whether the identified FME area is associated with a previously studied area that requires an update or if the identified study area does not have any existing or anticipated flood mapping, models, etc., and therefore requires an initial study [31 TAC §361.39 & Exhibit D 3.10].
14. Flood Mitigation Project (FMP) Recommendations: Each recommended FMP must be accompanied with an associated model or supporting documentation to show no negative

impact. Please confirm that this was done and provide reference to supporting materials. As per the draft report (page 4-36), “For structural FMPs and FMSs, signed and sealed reports were checked for certified statements that the associated project or strategy would not cause negative impacts upstream, downstream, or within the project area in events up to and including the 1% ACE flood event. For FMPs and FMSs that certified statements could not be located for, existing H&H models were reviewed to confirm the absence of negative impacts as defined above.” For each recommended FMP, please identify in the plan how no negative impact was determined as required by the Exhibit C Section 3.6.A (page 108), either via a model or a study, and submit the associated model or include the study name in tabular format.

15. Flood Mitigation Project (FMP) Recommendations GIS Feature Class, *FMP\_Details*: Please refrain from using numeric placeholders (such as “999999”) in numeric fields such as ‘REMSTRUC500’ as this causes errors in calculations. Please leave NULL when the field is not applicable or unknown. Please ensure valid entries for all required fields per Exhibit D Table 24 [31 TAC §361.38(c-e)].

**Level 2: Comments and suggestions for consideration that may improve the readability and overall understanding of the regional flood plan.**

General Comments

16. To better align with our agency’s preferred nomenclature, please consider using the name, “Cursory Floodplain Data” instead of “Fathom” or Cursory Fathom Data” throughout the regional flood plan.

SOW Task 1

17. Planning Area Description, Text:
  - a. Please consider providing a description of how Low Water Crossings were identified within the text of Chapter 1.
  - b. Please consider including the full list of entities with flood related authority as an appendix.
  - c. Please consider adding more detailed region-specific analysis regarding farming, ranching, and natural resources most impacted by flooding under Section 1.A.6.
18. Entities GIS Feature Class, *Entities*: Please consider including the FEMA-assigned community number (6-digit with the first two being “48” for Texas) or CID for entities.
19. Watersheds GIS Feature Class, *Watersheds*: Please consider linking this feature class to any relevant FME, FMS, or FMP when appropriate by populating the associated ID fields.
20. Previous Studies, Text: Chambers County Master Drainage Plan (Volume I) appears to be listed twice in Table 1-18. Please review.
21. Existing Projects Map (Exhibit C Map 2): Please consider revising the map to more easily differentiate the locations and extents of proposed or ongoing projects.

SOW Task 2A

22. Existing Condition Flood Hazard Analysis, Text: Please include total land areas (square miles) of each flood risk by flood risk type, county, region, and frequency as per guidance document (Exhibit C page 24): Submittal requirement number 2.



23. Existing Condition Flood Exposure GIS Feature Class, *ExFldExpAll*: If the 'CRITICAL' field contains a 'No' entry, then please leave 'CRIT\_TYPE' as NULL.
24. Existing Condition Flood Exposure Map (Exhibit C Map 6): Please consider modifying the map to improve legibility.
25. Model Coverage (GIS Feature Class *ModelCoverage*, Exhibit C Map 22): Please consider including all models generated or modified to support the development of this regional flood plan.

#### SOW Task 2B

26. Future Condition Flood Hazard Analysis, Text: Please include total land areas (square miles) of each flood risk by flood risk type, county, region, and frequency as per guidance document (Exhibit C page 33): Submittal requirement number 3.
27. Future Condition Hazard Map (Exhibit C Map 8): Please consider reviewing certain map elements to avoid obscuring data. For example, the legend appears to cover a portion of the Future Condition Flood Hazard extent on Figure 17 of 29 (Sabine County).
28. Future Condition Flood Exposure GIS Feature Class, *FutFldExpAll*: If the 'CRITICAL' field contains a "No" entry, then please leave 'CRIT\_TYPE' as NULL.
29. Future Condition Flood Exposure Map (Exhibit C Map 11): Please consider modifying the map to improve legibility.

#### SOW Task 3A

30. Existing Floodplain Management Practices, Text: Section 3.A.1. states "cities, counties, and flood districts" have flood-related authority, but the associated Tables 1-12 and 3-1 include water supply and utility districts, and drainage districts, respectively, as having flood-related authority. Please consider reviewing and reconciling as necessary.
31. Existing Floodplain Management Practices (Exhibit C Table 6): It appears that some entities listed, including Moore Station, New Chapel Hill, and Browndell, may not be active NFIP participants. Please consider reviewing list of NFIP participants to confirm status.

#### SOW Task 3B

32. Goals, Text: Please consider including region-specific detail on "Transformed and Residual Risk" in addition to defining these terms.
33. Goals Table (Exhibit C Table 11): Please consider reviewing Table 11 as some goals state "Long Term (50 years)", whereas the stated target year is "2053". For example, Goal IDs 05000023 and 05000025.

#### SOW Task 4B

34. Streams GIS Feature Class, *Streams*: Please consider linking this feature class to any relevant FME, FMS, or FMP when appropriate by populating the associated ID fields.
35. Flood Management Evaluation (FME), Text:
  - a. FME\_ID 051000156 description states "Installation of New Culverts." FMEs should generally focus on planning and feasibility study efforts rather than construction. Please consider verifying that all entries should be classified as FMEs and not as FMPs or FMSs.

- b. For some county-wide FMEs it appears that a majority of the county falls outside of the RFPG boundary, for example FME\_IDs 051000019 and 051000022. Please consider including justification on how the FME benefits the region and please coordinate with other RFPGs to make sure the efforts are not duplicated.
  - c. There are several FMEs that appear to overlap with a TWDB-funded, FIF Category 1 study, but the TWDB-funded, FIF Category 1 study does not appear to be listed. For example, FME\_ID 05100091 should utilize FIF\_ID 40034. FME\_ID 05100050 may be a duplication of FIF\_ID 40022. Please consider verifying that FMEs do not duplicate efforts of any TWDB-funded, FIF Category 1 study.
  - d. For areas in RFPG with existing FIF, BLE, GLO, or other models and/or ongoing studies, please consider stating how the FME will improve upon the preexisting model/study.
  - e. Please consider adding identifiers to all models in the “Model Description” column, for example FIF\_ID 40022.
36. Flood Management Evaluation (FME) GIS Feature Class, *FME*: It appears that some fields may be missing, including 'ASSOCIATED'. Please consider completing all fields with valid entries per Exhibit D Table 23.
37. Flood Mitigation Project (FMP), Text: Please consider including a written list of FMPs that were identified but determined by the RFPG to be infeasible, including the primary reasons for them being infeasible.
38. Flood Management Strategy (FMS), Text: Please consider including a written list of FMSs that were identified but determined by the RFPG to be infeasible, including the primary reasons for them being infeasible.

#### SOW Task 5

39. Flood Management Evaluation (FME) Recommendations, Text:
- a. FME\_ID 051000156 description states “Installation of New Culverts.” FMEs should generally focus on planning and study efforts rather than construction. Please verify that all entries should be classified as FMEs and not as FMPs or FMSs.
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  - e. Please consider adding identifiers to all models in the ‘Model Description’ column, for example FIF\_ID 40022.
40. Flood Management Evaluation (FME) Recommendations GIS Feature Class, *FME*:

- a. It appears that the field 'ASSOCIATED' is missing from the FME feature class. Please consider adding and populating this field with valid entries per the TWDB broadcast email sent on June 3, 2022.
- b. Please consider populating 'MODEL\_DESC' field for clarity on existing studies to be used. Please make sure to document existing or ongoing BLE and TWDB-funded FIF Category 1 studies.

SOW Task 6B

41. Contributions and Impacts to Water Supply, Text: The plan includes a statement that "no anticipated measurable impacts" would occur. Please consider clarifying whether this includes potential measurable impacts (negative or positive) to water availability and/or supply.

SOW Task 7

42. Flood Response Information and Activities, Text: Please consider renaming the header "Hazard Mitigation Action Plans", if appropriate, to the more common term 'Hazard Mitigation Action Plans'.

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**APPENDIX 10-B  
RESPONSE TO COMMENTS RECEIVED ON DRAFT PLAN**



November 18, 2022

Cary Dupuy  
Regional Director, Texas and Oklahoma  
National Parks Conservation Association

**Re: Comments on Draft Region 5 Neches 2023 Regional Flood Plan**

Dear Ms. Dupuy,

The Neches Regional Flood Planning Group (NRFPG) has received and reviewed your comments on the Draft Region 5 Neches 2023 Regional Flood Plan (RFP). The NRFPG appreciates your input in the public process associated with development of the 2023 RFP.

The recommended standard in Table 0-8 which previously stated that "All municipalities should adopt minimum requirements outlined by FEMA for NFIP participation" will be revised to instead read that " All municipalities should adopt minimum requirements outlined by FEMA for NFIP participation. Where appropriate, consider adopting higher standards to provide higher levels of protection against loss of life and property due to flooding."

Comments regarding the incorporation of nature-based solutions have been noted. TWDB is initiating a project to develop a guidance manual on nature-based solutions (NBSs) focused on flood mitigation in different regions of Texas. The goal of this project is to synthesize available guidance on the use of nature-based flood mitigation solutions into a single, statewide manual for Texas communities. The intent is to help address flood risk, water quality, groundwater recharge, habitat improvement, and community enhancement needs with either independent NBSs or in combination with traditional flood mitigation infrastructure. This guidance will be referenced in the development of future regional flood plans.

Comments regarding RFPG goal of incorporating nature-based practices and floodplain preservation have been noted. The goals presented in the RFP were adopted based on discussion held at several Regional Flood Planning Group meetings. These goals were defined to be specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time-bound.

Comments regarding the discussion of evaluating FME/FMS/FMPs have been noted. Quantifiable flood risk reduction is a TWDB required evaluation for these RFPs. This is attributed to Texas Water Code Section 16.061, which states that the state (regional) flood plan must protect against the loss of life and property. Additionally, quantifiable flood risk reduction is one of 16 different criteria that will be evaluated by TWDB when ranking FMPs in the state flood plan. Other criteria include the percentage of the project based on NBSs by project cost and environmental benefits. The RFPG does not rank projects in their respective plans but recommends them for inclusion in the

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overall state flood plan. The NRFPG agrees that floodplain preservation and nature-based approaches are important elements and have been incorporated as goals, recommended standards, and additional regional flood planning recommendations.

Comments regarding the disconnect between legislative recommendations and action included in the plan have been noted. FMEs, FMSSs, and FMPs evaluated were identified from a variety of sources including but not limited to federal funding applications, hazard mitigation plans, past flood studies, drainage master plans, capital improvement programs, and other contributions from stakeholders/sponsors. The NRFPG welcomes additional evaluations, strategies, and projects for potential inclusion in the RFP from any potential sponsors.

Thank you again for providing your comments on the Draft RFP.

Sincerely,

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November 18, 2022

Marty Kelly

**Re: Comments on Draft Region 5 Neches 2023 Regional Flood Plan**

Dear Mr. Kelly,

The Neches Regional Flood Planning Group (NRFPG) has received and reviewed your comments on the Region 5 Neches 2023 Regional Flood Plan (RFP). The NRFPG appreciates your input in the public process associated with development of the 2023 RFP.

Comments regarding the inclusion of nature-based solutions in the identified FMSs and FMPs in the region have been noted. FMEs, FMSs, and FMPs evaluated in the plan were identified from a variety of sources including but not limited to federal funding applications, hazard mitigation action plans, past flood studies, drainage master plans, capital improvement programs, and other contributions from stakeholders/sponsors. The NRFPG welcomes additional evaluations, strategies, and projects for potential inclusion in the RFP from any potential sponsors. Additionally, TWDB is initiating a project to develop a guidance manual on nature-based solutions (NBS) focused on flood mitigation in different regions of Texas. The goal of this project is to synthesize available guidance on the use of nature-based flood mitigation solutions into a single statewide manual for Texas communities. This can be used to help sponsors in the development of FMEs, FMSs, and FMPs for inclusion in the plan.

Comments regarding future coordination between TPWD and the NRFPG have been noted. The NRFPG welcomes coordination with TPWD to ensure that conservation goals for species native to the region are met while working to reduce the negative impact of flooding to life and property.

Thank you again for providing your comments on the Draft RFP.

Sincerely,

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November 30, 2022

Mary Bernard  
 Big Thicket Biosphere Reserve  
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**Re: Comments on Draft Region 5 Neches 2023 Regional Flood Plan**

Dear Ms. Bernard,

The Neches Regional Flood Planning Group (NRFPG) has received and reviewed your comments on the Draft Region 5 Neches 2023 Regional Flood Plan (RFP). The NRFPG appreciates your input in the public process associated with development of the 2023 Regional Flood Plan.

Comments regarding the incorporation of nature-based applications have been noted. The NRFPG agrees that nature-based applications important to consider when evaluating flood mitigation and management measures. The promotion of nature-based projects is covered in various sections of the Neches RFP. Some of these examples include:

- The incorporation of nature-based practices and floodplain preservation as one of the Flood Mitigation and Floodplain Management Goals covered in Chapter 3.
- A recommendation to promote nature-based projects for new development, included in Chapter 8.
- The recommendation of several FMEs, listed in Appendix 5-B, that include the evaluation of nature-based solutions as conceptual alternatives.

Additionally, TWDB is initiating a project to develop a guidance manual on nature-based solutions (NBS) focused on flood mitigation in different regions of Texas. The goal of this project is to synthesize available guidance on the use of nature-based flood mitigation solutions into a single, statewide manual for Texas communities. The intent is to help address flood risk, water quality, groundwater recharge, habitat improvement, and community enhancement needs with either independent NBSs or in combination with traditional flood mitigation infrastructure. This guidance will be referenced in the development of future regional flood plans.

Thank you again for providing your comments on the Draft RFP.

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**Re: Comments on Draft Region 5 Neches 2023 Regional Flood Plan**

Dear Ms. Ramos,

The Neches Regional Flood Planning Group (NRFPG) has received and reviewed your comments on the Draft Region 5 Neches 2023 Regional Flood Plan (RFP). The NRFPG appreciates your input in the public process associated with development of the 2023 RFP.

Comments regarding the incorporation of nature-based projects have been noted. The promotion of nature-based projects is covered in various sections of the Neches RFP. Some of these examples include:

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November 30, 2022

Desiree Lege

**Re: Comments on Draft Region 5 Neches 2023 Regional Flood Plan**

Dear Ms. Lege,

The Neches Regional Flood Planning Group (NRFPG) has received and reviewed your comments on the Draft Region 5 Neches 2023 Regional Flood Plan (RFP). The NRFPG appreciates your input in the public process associated with development of the 2023 RFP.

Comments regarding the RFPG goal of using larger storm events as the basis of design for flood infrastructure projects have been noted. The goals presented in the RFP were adopted based on discussion held at several NRFPG meetings. These goals were defined to be specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time-bound.

Thank you again for providing your comments on the Draft RFP.

Sincerely,

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Alice Russell  
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**Re: Comments on Draft Region 5 Neches 2023 Regional Flood Plan**

Dear Ms. Russell,

The Neches Regional Flood Planning Group (NRFPG) has received and reviewed your comments on the Draft Region 5 Neches 2023 Regional Flood Plan (RFP). The NRFPG appreciates your input in the public process associated with development of the 2023 RFP.

The NRFPG agrees that nature-based solutions (NBSs) are important to consider when evaluating flood mitigation and management measures. The promotion of nature-based projects is covered in various sections of the Draft RFP. Some of these examples include:

- Incorporation of nature-based practices and floodplain preservation as a stated goal.
- Recommendation to promote nature-based projects for new development.
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Additionally, TWDB is initiating a project to develop a guidance manual on NBSs focused on flood mitigation in different regions of Texas. The goal of this project is to synthesize available guidance on the use of nature-based flood mitigation solutions into a single, statewide manual for Texas communities. The intent is to help address flood risk, water quality, groundwater recharge, habitat improvement, and community enhancement goals with either independent NBSs or in combination with traditional flood mitigation infrastructure. This guidance will be referenced in the development of future RFPs.

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 6391 Hilldale Ct  
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Deborah Dewey  
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Deborah Zarett  
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Elizabeth Waddill  
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Ellen Isaly  
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 Houston, TX 77007

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Laura L. Vera  
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**Re: Comments on Draft Region 5 Neches 2023 Regional Flood Plan**

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Thank you again for providing your comments on the Draft RFP.

Sincerely,

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