

**The Woodlands Township
Drainage Task Force Meeting
Meeting Summary
July 23, 2019**

Purpose of this Document: This document is designed to capture the essence of the discussion, and will serve to summarize the results, actions, and follow-up items agreed to during this meeting.

Call meeting to order / Introductions / Chairman's Report – The Woodlands Township

Task Force members and visitors were welcomed by Task Force Chairman Bruce Rieser – Director, The Woodlands Township. Members in attendance included: Jim Stinson, The Woodlands Joint Powers Agency (WJPA); Laura Norton, Helen Bostock, Roland Johnson, Mark Vonderau, and Bruce Cunningham, Montgomery County MUDs; Emil Jacobs, Harris Montgomery Counties MUD 386; Heather Ramsey Cook, San Jacinto River Authority; Diane Cooper, Montgomery County Engineering Dept.; Alan Black, Harris County Flood Control District; Antonio Paz, The Howard Hughes Company; Greg Sherlock, Alden Bridge Village Association; Kyle Brown, The Woodlands Country Club; Becky Martinez, Bayou Land Conservancy; Heather Washburn, Congressman Kevin Brady's Office; and, Burton Johnson and Don Norrell, The Woodlands Township.

Copies of meeting sign-in sheets for members, visitors and public comments are included in **Attachment 1**.

Chairman Rieser noted interest in a recent study by NASA/SMU on the potential effects of aquifer pumping on fault lines and subsidence in southern Montgomery County. A presentation on this study will be made to the Township in an upcoming Board of Directors meeting; another fault line has been identified in the Cochran's Crossing area. Requests are being made to the Texas Water Development Board to restrict groundwater activities in light of the new data obtained.

Commissioner Noack's office has begun discussing how to incorporate Atlas 14 data into the permitting process; this would involve stricter design criteria along the floodways.

Street flooding seems to be more frequent, and in places not previously prone to flooding. Reasons may include the rainfall duration – concentrated volumes of rain in short time duration, for example 4 inches rain in ½ hour. The strong rain events are testing our drainage systems.

Receive a report from Harris County Flood Control District on the Harris County Bond Projects for Flood Control

Mr. Black reported that the number of projects have generally not changed from those previously reported, of 146 projects currently underway. Efforts are concentrating on funding sources, including, at the federal level, the National Resource Conservation Service. All grants pursued for recovery have been secured and are being executed; the first grant is approaching substantial completion. An additional opportunity has been identified through the National Resource Conservation Service, a pilot program of their EWP program -- a \$28M opportunity for collaborating with local flood control for flood plain restoration. Three areas where HCFC

have been buying out property owners in a voluntary buyout program may be a consideration for the pilot. HUD funding remains in a holding pattern; rules for the mitigation have not yet been published, however, may see some progress in the next month, prior to an annual HUD conference.

At the state level, Senate Bill 7 and Senate Bill 8 were passed, and TWDB has begun meeting with various flood control districts for statewide planning and mitigation efforts. Rules will need to be developed, public meetings will be held – website contains details. Funding opportunities and challenges were also noted.

Locally, the San Jacinto River Watershed Study – effort that HCFCD is collaborating with San Jacinto River Authority, Montgomery County, and City of Houston – establishing existing conditions/model are nearly complete, will begin to prepare minimum alternatives matrix, which shifts efforts into “what if” scenarios. Upcoming workshop of internal stakeholders will identify and evaluate various alternatives to be considered, including one or more historical studies, for current viability. Project study website will be expanded and improved with more robust language.

Initiative is underway to jump start the Spring Creek siting study with local funding, in collaborative efforts with HCFCD, WJPA, and the various MUDs. Interlocal Agreement and a new agreement with Half Associates will be sent to commissioner’s court for review.

Receive an update on the execution of an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the WJPA and HCFCD for the purpose of facilitating the execution of the Spring Creek Feasibility Study

See notes, above. Mr. Stinson clarified that the Interlocal Agreement would be between HCFCD and the affected Montgomery County MUDs (MUD 1, MUD 7, MUD 46, and MUD 60), and Harris-Montgomery Counties MUD 386, rather than with the WJPA.

Suggestion has been made to TWDB, to allow for pre-award eligibility for reimbursement of local advance-funding.

Review the status of the proposed regional flood mitigation study for the San Jacinto basin which includes Spring Creek

Ms. Cooper reported that additional data sets are expected to be included in the study, for example, data from study conducted in 1994.

New flood program – Texas Water Development Board – FAQs and outreach information

Mr. Stinson encouraged everyone to sign up for updates, as suggested on the TWDB website and FAQs, to stay informed.

A copy of the informational email handout is included in **Attachment 2**.

Receive reports from Task Force agencies

Woodlands Joint Powers Agency (WJPA) – Montgomery County MUD’s – Mr. Stinson provided an update on the Bear Branch/Panther Branch improvement, near The Woodlands High School, Capstone neighborhood and keeping Research Forest Dr. passable for emergency traffic and public traffic during a 100-year event: USACE has given their approval of the modified improvement plan.

Other item is Research Forest Dr. being inundated near the Sundance Park area: consultant has received requested input from the Montgomery County Engineer's office; final conclusion and recommendation is currently pending.

Harris - Montgomery Counties MUD 386 – none.

San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) – Ms. Cook, Communications Director, reported initial preliminary meetings with USACE and others, involving sediment removal, sometimes referred to as “sand trap projects” along the river and tributaries.

The SJRA website and Facebook page are the primary communication tools for updates on the San Jacinto Watershed Study.

Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) – none.

Updates from Task Force Members

Ms. Cooper offered insight on qualifying for certain HUD money, which includes an LMI (Low/Moderate Income) element. Census block LMI may create a challenge for Montgomery County, due to demographics, pockets of prosperous areas surrounding an LMI census block; additional discussion to consider service area definitions, for example, watersheds and sub-watersheds.

Public comment

None.

Confirm date and time for the next meeting

The next meeting will be held in September on the 4th Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. – September 24, 2019. There will not be a meeting in August.

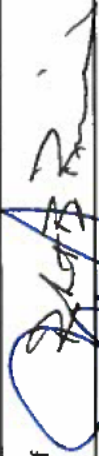





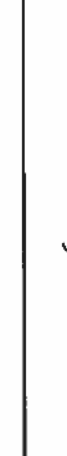
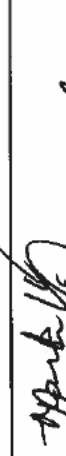










Adjourn meeting

The meeting was adjourned.

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TASK FORCE MEMBERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Please sign in</u>
Bruce Rieser, Chairman	Director	The Woodlands Township Board of Directors	
Jim Stinson	General Manager	The Woodlands Water Agency (WJPA)	
Helen Bostock	MUD Board Director	Montgomery County MUDs	
Albert Tomchesson	Alternate for Helen Bostock	Montgomery County MUDs	
Laura Norton	MUD Board Director	Montgomery County MUDs	
Roland Johnson	Alternate for Laura Norton	Montgomery County MUDs	
VACANT	MUD Board Director	Montgomery County MUDs	
Rhenelea Beck	Alternate for Vacant MUD Representative	Montgomery County MUDs	
Bob Leilich	Alternate at Large	Montgomery County MUDs	
Mark Vonderau	Alternate at Large	Montgomery County MUDs	
Bruce Cunningham	Alternate at Large	Montgomery County MUDs	
Jackie Chance, Sr.	General Manager	WCID #1	
Emil Jacobs	MUD Board Director	Harris-Montgomery Counties MUD 386	
Chuck Gilman	Director of Flood Management	San Jacinto River Authority	
Heather Ramsey Cook	Director of Communications & Public Affairs	San Jacinto River Authority	
Bret Raley	Lake Conroe Division Manager - Alternate	San Jacinto River Authority	
Matt Barrett	Division Engineer - Alternate	San Jacinto River Authority	
Shane Porter	Division Engineer - Alternate	San Jacinto River Authority	
Briana Gallagher	Flood Management Specialist - Alternate	San Jacinto River Authority	

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Diane Cooper	Floodplain Administrator	Montgomery County Engineering Dept.	<i>Diane Cooper</i>
Mark Mooney	County Engineer MC Engineering Alternate	Montgomery County Engineering Dept.	
Charlie Riley	Montgomery County Commissioner Pct. 2	Montgomery County Precinct 2	
James Noack	Montgomery County Commissioner Pct. 3	Montgomery County Precinct 3	
Andy DuBois	MC PCT 3 Alternate	Montgomery County Precinct 3	
R. Jack Cagle	Harris County Commissioner Pct. 4	Harris County Precinct 4	
	Assistant Director Community Outreach		
Landon Reed	HC PCT 4 Alternate	Harris County Precinct 4	
Alan Black	HCFCF Director Engineering Division	Harris County Flood Control District	<i>Alan Black</i>
Russ Poppe	HCFCF Executive Director HCFCF Alternate	Harris County Flood Control District	
John Blount	Harris County Engineer	Harris County Engineering Dept.	
	Chief Administrative Office Harris County		
Joshua Stuckey	Alternate	Harris County Engineering Dept.	
Yancy Scott	County Engineer	Waller County	
David Brown	Chief Hydrologist, Gulf Coast Program Office Chief	USGS - Gulf Coast Program Office	
Edmund Russo	Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management	US Army Corp of Engineers	
Mayor Ritch Wheeler	Mayor	City of Shenandoah	
Kathie Reyer	City Administrator - Alternate for Mayor	City of Shenandoah	
Alex Sutton	Co-President	Howard Hughes Corporation	
Antonio Paz Sr.	Project Manager - HHC Alternate	Howard Hughes Corporation	<i>Antonio Paz Sr.</i>

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Dan Kolkhorst	VP Land Development -- HHC Alternate	Howard Hughes Corporation	
Kelly Dietrich	Sr. Parks & Recreation Projects Manager - HHC Alternate	Howard Hughes Corporation	
Greg Sherlock	Representative	Alden Bridge Village Association	<i>GS</i>
Steve Perry	Interim President	Cochran's Crossing Village Association	
Nancy Becker	President	Creekside Park Village Association	
Marie Brannen	President	Grogan's Mill Village Association	
Everett Isson	President	Panther Creek Village Association	
Kyle Brown	Representative	The Woodlands Country Club	<i>KB</i>
Jill Bouillion	Conservation Executive Director	Bayou Land Conservancy	<i>Jill Bouillion</i>
Don Norrell	President/General Manager	The Woodlands Township	
Burton Johnson	Consulting Engineer	Moffatt & Nichol/The Woodlands Township	<i>Burton Johnson</i>
Heather Washburn	District Director	Congressman Kevin Brady's Office	<i>HW</i>
Representative Steve Toth	State Representative	State of Texas House of Representatives District 15	
Representative Valoree Swanson	State Representative	State of Texas House of Representatives District 150	
Daniel Akeroyd	Legislative Aide - Representative Swanson Alternate	Representative Swanson's Office	

Public Comment Roster
Drainage Task Force
The Woodlands Township
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	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE / EMAIL	REPRESENTING	HAND OUT YES NO
1	<i>Mary Toto</i>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	✓
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Guidelines for Participating:

- Each person wishing to address the committee must first sign the Public Comment Roster.
- Individuals will have an opportunity to address the committee under the "public comment" agenda item.
- Speakers will be taken in the order in which they sign up.
- Individuals will be limited to three (3) minutes; total time for public comment will be limited to 30 minutes.

Janice Phillips

From: Jim Stinson <jstinson@wjpa.org>
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2019 9:31 AM
To: Bruce Rieser
Cc: Janice Phillips
Subject: [EXTERNAL]FW: New flood program FAQs and outreach information

Bruce...just noticed this email from Texas Water Dev. Board. We could share with the Drainage Task Force members.

Jim

James M. Stinson, PE
General Manager, The Woodlands Joint Powers Agency
832 813 6900

From: Jeff Walker <exec.jeffwalker@twdb.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 08, 2019 3:05 PM
To: Jim Stinson <jstinson@wjpa.org>
Subject: New flood program FAQs and outreach information

Please contact flood@twdb.texas.gov or 512-463-8725



Dear friends,

As you may already know, Governor Abbott recently signed legislation creating new flood financing programs and a state flood planning process to be administered by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). These programs will greatly expand the State's efforts to plan for and mitigate flood as well as provide funding for drainage and flood projects.

For more information on the programs, please view our newly released [frequently asked questions](#).

To ensure we create programs that meet the needs of our diverse state, we will be asking for comments from the public and as many stakeholders as possible. Later this summer we will be holding meetings around the state and will have a process in place to receive comments as we develop our administrative rules for the programs.

To receive all our information on that process, please sign up for our [email updates](#). The link will take you to a sign-up page that allows you to choose various topics for which you would like to receive our emails. **Be sure to check the box for TWDB Flood Information.**

For more information, please email flood@twdb.texas.gov or call 512-463-8725.

We hope you will join us in this critical effort.

Sincerely,

Jeff Walker
Executive Administrator
Texas Water Development Board

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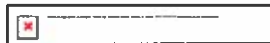


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