

**The Woodlands Township
Drainage Task Force Meeting
Meeting Summary
September 24, 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, and Mark Vonderau, Montgomery County MUDs; Emil Jacobs, Harris Montgomery Counties MUD 386; Matt Barrett, San Jacinto River Authority; Diane Cooper, Montgomery County Engineering Dept.; Alan Black, Harris County Flood Control District; Antonio Paz, The Howard Hughes Company; Kyle Brown, The Woodlands Country Club; Becky Martinez, Bayou Land Conservancy; Heather Washburn, Congressman Kevin Brady's Office; Trent Williams, Representative Steve Toth's Office; Daniel Akeroyd, Representative Valoree Swanson'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 is preparing a letter of support for potential projects – no projects ready; Mr. Stinson attended recent community association meeting for partners and one-on-one contact with Bear Branch and Panther Creek communities.

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

Mr. Black reported that the project study website is up and running for the San Jacinto River Watershed Study. This is the effort that HCFCD is collaborating with San Jacinto River Authority, Montgomery County, and City of Houston – existing conditions/model are nearly complete, will begin to prepare minimum alternatives matrix, which shifts efforts into “what if” scenarios. 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 Agreements with the MUDs and HCFCD are on the agenda topics for discussion today by the Harris County Commissioner's Court.

Additional potential sources of grant funding have been identified through the NCRS, for example, a pilot program for flood plain restoration and repair, and the WFPO (Watershed Flood Protection Operation.)

Harris County Flood Control Draft Equity Guidelines

Future discussion of this topic will be addressed within other agenda items, as projects previously approved are not affected.

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

The official website for the study has been launched (sanjacstudy.org) and all were invited to view the website for the San Jacinto Regional Watershed Master Drainage Plan. The website is the information source for the study, including project background and goals, fact sheet, and map of the study area.

The scope has been amended to include the Spring Creek siting study. Upon approval of the ILA, a project kick-off will be requested. **HCFCF Project Manager Jing Chen will update the Task Force at a future meeting.**

A copy of the sanjacstudy.org website's home page 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.

Harris - Montgomery Counties MUD 386 – Dr. Jacobs requested that MUD 386 be kept closely apprised of the siting study and allowed input and comment throughout the project .

San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) – Mr. Barrett reported on efforts to remove silt and sediment, providing an update on the Lake Houston Dredging Program Study.

Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCF) – see notes above.

Updates from Task Force Members

Helen Bostock, distributed a one-page Research and Statement paper regarding the Township's powers of a flood control district. Ms. Bostock requested that the Township seek legal counsel regarding potential authorities provided by its enabling legislation to engage in flood control and mitigation and to create a flood control district paper.

A copy of the document is included in **Attachment 3**.

Public comment

Mr. Hickey offered public comment on various topics related to the meeting agenda.

Confirm date and time for the next meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 4th Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. – October 22, 2019.

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 HEB	
Albert Tomchesson	Alternate for Helen Bostock	Montgomery County MUDs Albert Tomchesson	
Laura Norton	MUD Board Director	Montgomery County MUDs Laura Norton ✓	
VACANT	Alternate for Laura Norton	Montgomery County MUDs	
	MUD Board Director	Montgomery County MUDs	
Rhenelea Beck	Alternate for Vacant MUD Representative	Montgomery County MUDs	
Bob Leilich	Alternate at Large	Montgomery County MUDs RAL ✓	
Mark Vonderau	Alternate at Large	Montgomery County MUDs Mark Vonderau ✓	
Bruce Cunningham	Alternate at Large	Montgomery County MUDs	
Jackie Chance, Sr.	General Manager	WCID #1 Jessica Chance, Sr. ✓	
Emil Jacobs	MUD Board Director	Harris-Montgomery Counties MUD 386 Emil Jacobs ✓	
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 Technical Admin Specialist - Alternate	San Jacinto River Authority	

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Diane Cooper	Floodplain Administrator	Montgomery County Engineering Dept.	<i>Diane F. 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 <i>of Operations</i> Engineering Division	Harris County Flood Control District	<i>ALB</i>
Russ Poppe	HCFCF Executive Director HCFCF Alternate	Harris County Flood Control District	
John Blount	Harris County Engineer	Harris County Engineering Dept.	
Joshua Stuckey	Chief Administrative Office Harris County 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>AP</i>

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

Public Comment Roster
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	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE / EMAIL	REPRESENTING	HAND OUT YES NO
1	<i>Don Hickey</i>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<i>Flood Victims</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
2					
3					
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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.



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REGIONAL WATERSHED MASTER DRAINAGE PLAN



About The Study

The San Jacinto Regional Watershed Master Drainage Plan (SJMDP) is a comprehensive regional Plan led by local partners including the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD), the San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA), Montgomery County, and the City of Houston. The SJMDP is funded jointly with 75 percent from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Planning Program, conveyed through the Texas Department of Emergency Management and 25 percent from the **four local partners**.



Information to be developed includes non-regulatory inundation maps (not intended to replace current effective maps) for the studied streams that show the extent and depth of riverine flooding of the larger rivers within the watershed for an array of simulated storm events. Additionally, information will be gathered about the number of structures, acres of land, properties, and miles of roadway that are located within the modeled floodplains. Plan results will be used to inform and update Hazard Mitigation Plans for each of the participating partners and to provide guidance on regulations for future growth within the study area.

This watershed-wide effort, kicked off in April 2019, will identify future flood mitigation projects that can be implemented in the near- and long-term to reduce flood risks to people and property throughout the San Jacinto River regional watershed.