



**Meeting Summary**  
**H-GAC REGIONAL FLOOD MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**  
**July 20, 2011**

MEMBERS PRESENT are shown in bold, Members Absent are shown in italics:

<b>Randy Acreman (phone)</b>	<i>George Dixon</i>	<i>Mark Jordan</i>	<b>Larry Mayberry</b>
<i>Louis Bergman</i>	<i>Cathy Dominguez</i>	<b>Spencer Karr</b>	<b>Craig Meyers*</b>
<b>John Blount</b>	<i>Scott Hall</i>	<i>Lisa Krobot</i>	<i>Frank Rodriguez</i>
<b>Kevin Byal</b>	<b>Kelly Hamby</b>	<b>Shashi Kumar</b>	<b>Yancy Scott</b>
<b>Jing Chen</b>	<i>Andrew Isbell</i>	<i>Sidney Lewis</i>	<b>Mark Vogler</b>
<i>David Collins</i>	<b>Phil Jones (phone)</b>	<b>Narciso Lira (phone)</b>	
<b>Daya Dayananda*</b>	<b>Dan Johnson</b>	<b>Monica Martin</b>	

\*Craig Meyers was represented by alternate Anne Tran

\*Daya Dayananda was represented by alternate Ynhi Tran

**VACANCIES:**

City of Houston will contact H-GAC administration about appointing Jamilla Johnson as the new representative.

**H-GAC STAFF PRESENT:**

Kelly Porter

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Larry Boles (City of Nassau Bay); Lee Cabello (City of Bellaire); Debbie Cahoon (TWDB); Ken Fontain (Examiner Newspaper); Mark Gehringer (HR Green, Inc) Darla Helm (Brazoria County); Kathy Hopkins (TWDB); Jamila Johnson (City of Houston); Craig Kalkoney (Jones & Carter, Inc); Sean Landis (City of Seabrook); Aundrea Lindsey (Montgomery County); Sirish Madkhetti (individual); David Overstreet (Klotz Associates); Stephen Reiter (Half Associates); Adam Rodriguez (R.G. Miller Engineers); Scott Saengor (Jones & Carter); Zachary Toups (Michael Baker Corp); Gilbert Ward (TWDB);

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Shashi Kumar welcomed everyone and initiated self introductions.

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MEETING REPORT**

A quorum of 16 was present and approved the report from the previous meeting.

## **REPORT BY H-GAC STAFF**

### **Membership**

At this meeting, the council moved to agree with the board appointments of Kevin Byal of Dickinson, Larry Mayberry of Sealy, and Aundrea Lindsey as Phil Jones's alternate to the council

### **State Grant Opportunities by Kathy Hopkins, TWDB**

Kathy Hopkins's presentation offered a general overview of the State's objectives in reducing repetitive loss structures in Texas utilizing different pre-disaster funding opportunities available through the TWDB. The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) is the State agency responsible for administering FEMA's Flood Mitigation Assistance and Severe Repetitive Loss grant programs for the State of Texas. The TWDB also administers the Flood Protection Planning grant program, which is a State of Texas funded grant program. Often, communities do not know where to begin when it comes to identifying cost effective flood mitigation projects, or how to implement and/or fund the projects once they are developed.

**To see the presentation in its entirety please visit the RFMC webpage at:**

<http://www.h-gac.com/community/water/rfmc/default.aspx>

### **Report by H-GAC Staff**

Meredith Dang gave a presentation to the council about the Regional Plan for Sustainable Development and how RFMC members can be involved. For more information about the plan please view the plan's webpage at: [www.gosustainablenow.org](http://www.gosustainablenow.org)

## **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION BY MEMBERS**

- Shashi asked for future presentation topics.
  - Benchmarks
  - Regulating industrial land uses in floodplains
  - National Flood Insurance Program
- Wednesday, July 27, FEMA FIRM Map Workshop at the Harris County Flood Control District Office
- Debbie Cahoon will still be coordinating the FAST meetings. She also announced that she is coordinating a Hazard Mitigation Workshop with H-GAC on Thursday, August 18 from 1:30 – 4:30pm, in H-GAC Conference Room A.

**The next Flood Awareness Success in Texas meeting will be August 4 at 1:30 PM here at H-GAC.**

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the RFMC will be on Wednesday, October 19, 2011, 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM.

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:15PM.