

2:00 to 3:30 pm WHA Office

Attendees on February 11, 2019

Lee Lennard	Alex Kamkar	Alan Bauer
Auggie Campbell	Andrew Paderanga	Maurice Mullaly
Carmen Kumpula	Andres Salazar	Tanya Foster
Scott Saenger	Andy Palermo	

1. **Welcome/Introductions** ..... Lee Lennard

2. **Flood Control Policy Updates** ..... Lee Lennard

- a. Atlas 14—Flood Insurance Rate Maps (Harris County, TXDOT, Etc.)
  - i. *The group discussed the beginning process for the Atlas 14 update. The time frame anticipated is 3 – 4 years. The preliminaries will be released in 2021 and the official mapping in 2022. Some areas are requiring companies to look at their analysis as if they were already under new criteria. This is different than what was done during Hurricane Allison. The development community is working to move forward. Harris county is already requiring the slab to be above the 500-year floodplain.*
  - ii. *The group discussed development getting expensive due to the amount of fill needed. The committee discussed not wanting to model more streams than necessary. Due to Atlas 14 there will be whole neighborhoods moving into the floodplain. Impacts will be seen soon because the maps will likely be used before the final maps are published in 2023. The group discussed if the new modeling will be taking into account the needed storage to mitigate the runoff.*
  - iii. *Campbell reported that the USACE stakeholder meeting didn't have any technical or business groups represented. The committee discussed that representatives will be needed in those groups to advocate for the westside.*
- b. Fort Bend County
  - i. *Fort Bend County is not going to propose a bond until 2020 but are starting to enforce new criteria. The county had 3,000 homes flood due to the Barker Reservoir and 3,000 flooded due to other reasons. One main reason is due to the levy district and pump stations not working. The group discussed not being able to store our way out of this and will need proper conveyance.*

3. **Flood Control Advocacy** ..... Lee Lennard

- a. Harris Plus; Houston Stronger
  - i. *The committee discussed that Houston Stronger is advocating for recovery and mitigation funds totaling \$3B from the state. Senator Perry submitted a bill which includes high hazard dams. Senator Creighton has also filed a bill that is more aligned with the Houston Stronger ask. There are 6 bills that WHA is keeping an eye on relating to flood control. Campbell reported that \$1B is being*

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asked for recovery and \$775M from the supplemental which would bring in \$6B of additional federal funds.

- ii. *Houston Stronger is also asking for \$3B towards mitigation. TWDB has assessed \$30B worth of recommended projects. The \$3B ask can be justified because it is only 10% of the recommended need. Mitigation projects will receive a 75/25 split. Campbell reported that the money will hopefully be able to cover projects that are in WHA's 2060 Plan. Harris Plus Flood Solutions has hired Logan Spence to lobby in Austin on behalf of Houston Stronger.*
- iii. *The group discussed tracking the projects of the harris county bond. Campbell reported that White Oak, Greens, Brays and Huntings projects are all 100% federally funded which will save the county \$100M.*

b. **GHBA: Greater Houston Engagement Tour**

- i. *Kamkar gave an update on the GHBA Engagement Tour. Kamkar reported that the group is hoping to do more advocacy due to development expanding to different areas. The engagement tour aims to know our industry and officials. The 2018 goal included the following cities:*

- 1. *Rosenberg*
- 2. *Richmond*
- 3. *Alvin*
- 4. *Fulshear*
- 5. *Katy*
- 6. *Conroe*

- ii. *The program has had a lot of good reception with the goal of 50 cities by 2021. The group discussed the value in having engineers involved to attend meetings and explain the technical aspects. The targets for 2019 include:*

- 1. *Municipalities*
  - a. *Manvel*
  - b. *Iowa Colony*
  - c. *Magnolia*
  - d. *Tomball*
  - e. *Waller*
  - f. *Baytown*
- 2. *County Judges & Commissioner's*
  - a. *Fort Bend- KP George*
  - b. *Montgomery – Mark Keough*
  - c. *Harris – Lina Hidalgo*
  - d. *Fort Bend – Ken DeMarchart (Pct 4)*
  - e. *Montgomery – James Metts (Pct 4)*
  - f. *Harris – Adrian Garcia (Pct 2)*

c. **ACEC, ASCE, Etc.**

- i. *ACEC is very engaged with the City of Houston on Rebuild Houston. The group wants to make the program realize its potential by finding a better way of doing business.*

4. **2019 Committee Work** ..... Lee Lennard

- a. *Campbell reported that WHA is discussing a joint event with NHA in August on flood control. NHA has already booked Russ Poppe as a speaker. The committee*

*agreed that Poppe should be the only speaker. The committee also discussed giving Poppe some talking points including project prioritization, implementation of restudy development and timeline for projects.*

- b. The committee discussed having Alan Black at the April 8<sup>th</sup> committee meeting to discuss the CIP for the HCFCD.*

## 5. Adjourn

### 2019 WHA DRAINAGE & WETLANDS COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE (PROPOSED)

All Meetings at WHA Offices, 2 pm

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Monday, February 11  
Monday, April 8  
Monday, June 10  
Tuesday, August 12

Monday, October 14  
Monday, December 9

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