

2:00 to 3:30 pm WHA Office

Attendees on March 25, 2019

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| Lee Lennard | Carmen Kumpula | Andres Salazar |
| Al Flores | John Grounds | Katie Miller |
| Auggie Campbell | Alex Kamkar | Maurice Mullaly |
| Tim Buscha | Andrew Paderanga | Alan Bauer |

1. **Welcome/Introductions** Lee Lennard

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

a. Harris County Bond Program

i. *Campbell reported that HCFCD has 134 active projects under the bond program. This leaves 104 projects remaining, 30 of those are partner projects. HCFCD is working to determine how many projects could possible move forward at once. There will be an update after commissioners court regarding the amount to initiate.*

b. Regulation & Policy

i. Mapping Updates

1. *The committee discussed that the final Atlas 14 will likely casue the new 100-year floodplain to be between the current 100-year and current 500-year. Harris county is broken into 3 regions while some of the other counties only have 1 region. The committee discussed that the current criteria does a better job of flood control than the proposed new standards. The new standards will decrease property value and increase flood insurance.*

2. *The committee discussed forming an Atlas 14 work group to get organized and analyze the true impact. Our region needs to invest in more conveyance than storage.*

ii. Joint Development Standard

1. *The committee discussed the Joint Task Force meeting between HCFCD, City of Houston and Harris County that took place on March 4th.*

c. USACE Stakeholders Meeting

QUALITY GROWTH PARTNERS 2018



- i. *Campbell presented slides to the committee from USACE. The presentation included their plans for excavating Addicks & Barker which are:*
 - 1. *Increasing reservoir storage*
 - 2. *Detention*
 - 3. *Modify existing discharge capacity and schedule*
 - 4. *Relocate, improve and extend spillways*
 - 5. *Remove dams*
- ii. *They are also considering improving conveyance by channel, bridge and stream improvements as well as extending spillways. USACE will also be looking at tunneling.*
- iii. *The committee discussed that it is positive that USACE is considering many options that they originally would not have.*

3. Flood Control Advocacy Lee Lennard

- a. **Houston Stronger/Harris Plus**
 - i. *Campbell reported that SB7 passed through the senate and HB13 will go for a vote this week. SB7 is heavily focused on Harvey and long-term resiliency. HB13 is focused on economically distressed areas and not metropolitan areas and contains \$3.2B. Campbell reported that HPFS is hoping to add nonstructural language to HB13. There is currently \$15B in the Rainy Day Fund and it can be taken down to \$7B.*
- b. **WHA Partners**
 - i. *ACEC is working with public works to rebrand Rebuild Housotn and provide recommendations to the Mayor before his address to the city in May. The program is a \$13.5B program and currently have little to show for it. Lennard reported that the ACEC is thinking of changing the name to “Build Houston Forward.” The group discussed working with HPFS to push the rebranding process. The committee discussed looking at more possible friends who can change out outcome concerning city and county criteria.*

4. 2019 Committee Work Lee Lennard

- a. **Technical Forum (back to the drawing board)**
 - i. *The group discussed that NHA’s board decided not to do a joint flood control event with WHA. The committee discussed inviting Matt Zeve (HCFCD) and Andrew Weber (USACE) as guest speakers the first full week of August.*

5. Adjourn

2019 WHA DRAINAGE & WETLANDS COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE (PROPOSED)

All Meetings at WHA Offices, 2 pm

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

Monday, October 14
 Monday, December 9