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Flood mitigation measures discussed at the groundwater district

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“Sometimes flooding isn’t on everyone’s radar, but when kids can’t get to school...we need to talk about what we can do,” HDR Water Resources Leader Ron Branyon said. “There is climate change. More storm events are coming. There will be flash floods. We need to prepare for 10 years into the future. It’s not just how do we fix the problem, it’s how do we prevent the problem.”

The San Antonio Regional Flood Planning Group met Dec. 9, at the Bandera County River Authority & Groundwater (BCRAGD) district office to discuss flood mitigation, planning and prevention. BCRAGD also presented its Flood Inundation Model, an interactive map showing the different levels of flooding for the Upper Medina River, which is part of the Upper Medina Flood Early Warning System.

“This is a feast or famine region, as far as rain is concerned,” environmental and water resources protection advocate Troy Dorman said, who advised community leaders to put together and present projects that identify flood-prone areas, as well as short- and long-term management goals. “Not every project will be funded, but we want to get as many projects as possible into the plan...if there’s a \$2 billion project, put it on the list. Then the legislature can see what needs to be funded.”

The San Antonio Regional Flood Planning Group is responsible for updating the Region 12 Flood Plan. Region 12 includes parts of Aransas, Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Caldwell, Calhoun, Comal, Dewitt, Goliad, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Medina, Refugio, Victoria and Wilson counties.

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