



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Texas Colorado River Floodplain Coalition?

The Texas Colorado River Floodplain Coalition is a partnership of cities and counties in the Colorado River basin and surrounding areas seeking better ways to reduce and mitigate flood damage. The Coalition was formed in response to a combination of rapid growth, a greatly expanded number of homes and businesses in the floodplain and devastating floods that have reoccurred in the basin. The Lower Colorado River Authority provides administrative and technical support to the Coalition.

What are some of the goals and objectives of the Coalition?

- Coordinate local participation with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in the Lower Colorado River Basin Study to implement cost-effective flood damage reduction strategies that also provide recreational and environmental benefits.
- Provide updated Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMs) as a cooperating technical partner with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
- Enhance training programs for floodplain administrators and elected officials.
- Offer program coordination, information sharing and technical assistance.
- Seek effective, consistent building requirements to address cumulative impacts.
- Become a one-stop clearinghouse for information and resource material relevant to floodplain management and emergency response measures.

What are some recent activities and accomplishments?

- The Coalition has helped secure \$7.6 million in federal appropriations to the USACE Lower Colorado River Basin Study to date.
- The Coalition has been awarded more than \$700,000 in federal grants for development of updated DFIRMs and hazard mitigation planning.
- FEMA approved the Coalition's hazard mitigation plan, *Creating a Disaster-Resistant Lower Colorado Basin*, the first plan of its kind in FEMA Region VI.
- The Coalition supports FEMA's Map Modernization program in which three Coalition counties have already received modernized flood maps and flood studies while another four have mapping updates ongoing.
- The Coalition actively supported the introduction and passage of SB 936 in the 77th Texas Legislature to enhance floodplain management authority, funding and enforcement for counties and smaller cities.
- More than 500 NOAA weather radios have been placed in TCRFC members to assist in severe weather warning and disaster preparedness.

How can I find out more about the TCRFC?

For more information about the TCRFC, please visit www.tcrfc.org. You can also contact Lochen Wood, CFM, at the LCRA, P.O. Box 220, Austin, TX 78767-0220, or call 1-800-776-5272, Ext. 2869, fax 512-473-3551, or e-mail tcrfc-info@tcrfc.org.