



## COMMISSIONER'S COASTAL RESILIENCY ADVISORY GROUP

**Overview.** The Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office (GLO), in partnership with the Regional Councils of Government (COGs) located along the Texas Coast, is creating an advisory group that will serve as a forum for community leaders and stakeholders to provide input and recommendations on regional and statewide issues relating to coastal resiliency and recovery.

**Composition.** The Commissioner's Coastal Resiliency Advisory Group will be composed of 15 members. For each of the five coastal regions of COGs 15, 16, 17, 20 and 21 (see map on pg. 2), three members will be selected as follows:

- 1) an elected or government official from a county or municipality.
- 2) a representative from a private coastal conservation or regional planning organization.
- 3) a representative from a regional port or coastal business community.

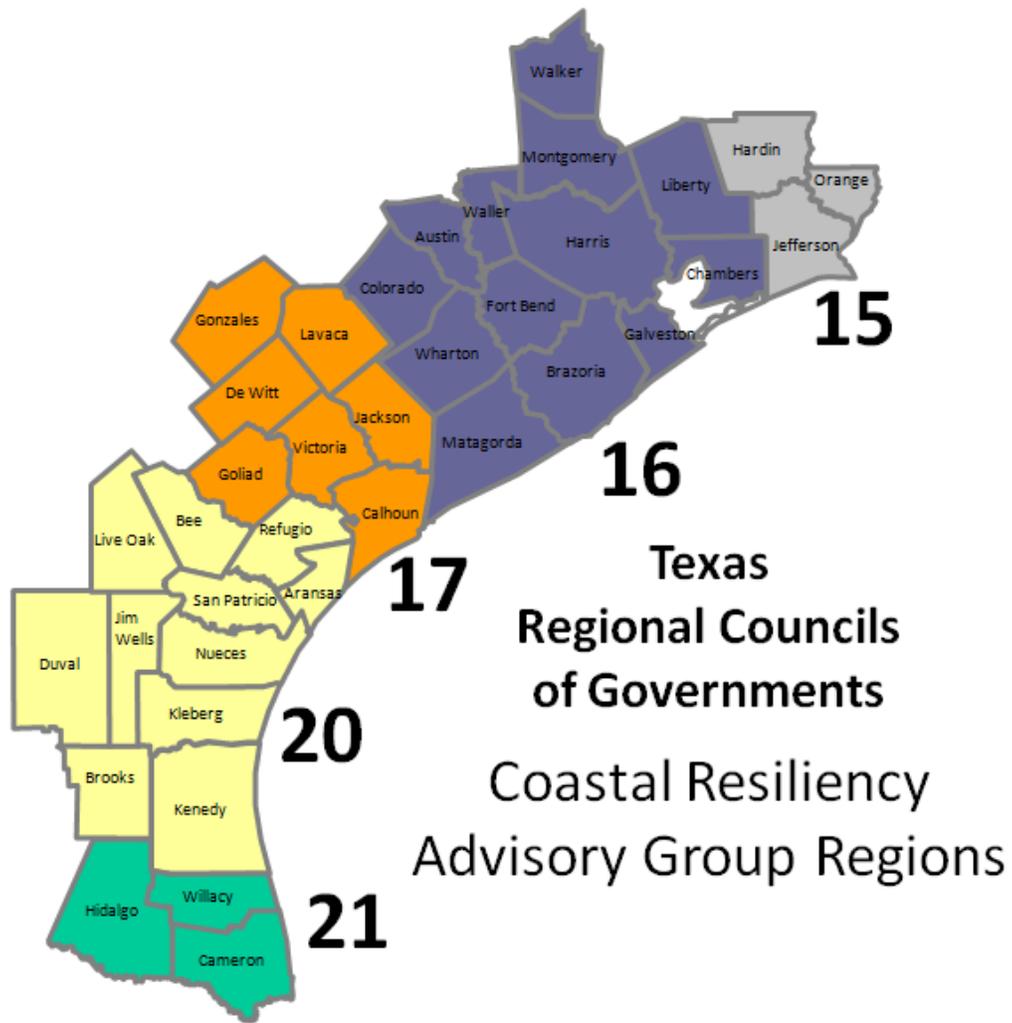
The COGs will recommend one primary and one secondary representative for each of the three members from their respective regions, as well as conduct the application process (see application guidance document).

**Terms & Duties.** Members of the Commissioner's Coastal Resiliency Advisory Group will serve two year terms. To fulfill the purpose of the advisory group, the members shall:

- (1) make recommendations to the Commissioner on issues relating to coastal resiliency and recovery;
  - (2) provide input on regional and statewide policies and programs relating to coastal resiliency and recovery;
  - (3) make recommendations to the Commissioner relating to the use of funds available for coastal resiliency and recovery, including:
    - (A) the identification of regional and statewide priorities for the use of funds;
    - (B) the manner and form of applications for financial assistance; and
    - (C) criteria to be evaluated in establishing priorities for financial assistance;
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- (4) make recommendations to the Commissioner relating to projects and special studies that would further the effectiveness of coastal resiliency and recovery.

Any recommendations made by the Commissioner's Coastal Resiliency Advisory Group will not be binding in any form on the COGs or the Commissioner. The advisory group will have no authority, delegated or otherwise, to direct, control, or supervise public business or policy. Advisory group members will not receive any compensation or reimbursement for expenses.

**Meetings.** Meetings of the Commissioner's Coastal Resiliency Advisory Group will be held quarterly at a location in one of the five coastal regions on a rotating basis.



- Region 15:** Hardin, Jefferson and Orange County
- Region 16:** Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, Wharton
- Region 17:** Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Lavaca, Victoria
- Region 20:** Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleburg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio
- Region 21:** Cameron, Hidalgo, Willacy

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):**

*How long is the application process open for this Advisory Group?*

The application process opened on March 14<sup>th</sup>, and the last day to turn in applications is April 11<sup>th</sup>.

*Where do I turn in my application?*

Applications can be emailed, mailed or submitted in person to your Regional Council's office. All contact information is listed on the last page of the application.

*How long are the terms?*

These positions will expire and be filled every two years. These shorter terms will allow for new members and new ideas to be brought forward as the GLO continues to move forward with coastal planning efforts and funding mechanisms.

*What kinds of meetings will the Advisory Group be participating in?*

The Advisory Group will be allowed to conduct meetings in a variety of different ways, including conference calls, closed meetings as well as public meetings depending on the business before the group.

*When will the meetings be held?*

Meetings will be scheduled in coordination with the Advisory Group's members and will be held quarterly.



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## APPLICATION GUIDANCE

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*This document is intended to provide guidance to the Regional Councils on the application process for the Commissioner's Coastal Resiliency Advisory Group.*

### **Application Process**

- Applications will be accepted by the Regional Council from March 14 to April 11, 2016.
- Application forms will be available on the Regional Council's website and the General Land Office's website or upon request.
- Applications should be submitted to the Regional Council's office or sent by email to the Regional Council's executive director or his/her designee.
- Once the application period closes, the Regional Council Board of Directors will evaluate the applications and recommend a primary and a secondary member for each of the three categories of representatives composing the Commissioner's Coastal Resiliency Advisory Group.
- Recommendations should be submitted to the Commissioner no later than May 27, 2016.

### **Applicant Qualifications**

- The Regional Council may take into consideration the length of service and/or experience held by applicants when making recommendations to the Commissioner.
- The Regional Council may take into consideration the character of the applicant when making recommendations to the Commissioner.
- The Regional Council may designate one individual from the Board of Directors or Regional Council to make recommendations on behalf of the Council to the Commissioner.
- The Regional Council may take into consideration the city or county of residence of the applicant when making recommendations to the Commissioner.
- The Regional Council may take into consideration the criminal history of the applicant when making recommendations to the Commissioner.
- The Regional Council may conduct interviews as part of the application process if deemed necessary.
- All recommendations are subject to final approval by the commissioner.