

Meeting Minutes
Region 15 Lower Rio Grande Flood Planning
Group Meeting June 30, 2021
3:00 PM
Virtual Meeting

Roll Call:

<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>Interest Category</u>	<u>Present (x) / Absent () / Alternate Present (*)</u>
Jose "Joe" Angel Hinojosa	<i>Agricultural interests</i>	X
David A. Garza	<i>Counties</i>	X
Daniel Lucio, Jr.	<i>Electric generating utilities</i>	
Hudson DeYoe	<i>Environmental interests</i>	
David L. Fuentes	<i>Flood districts</i>	X
Plinio Joey Trevino	<i>Industries</i>	
Vanessa Rosales-Herrera	<i>Municipalities</i>	
Joe A. Califa	<i>Public</i>	X
Jose Luis Caso	<i>Small business</i>	X
Sonia Lambert	<i>Water districts</i>	X
Riazul I. Mia	<i>Water utilities</i>	
Eduardo Gonzalez	<i>Counties</i>	
Raul Pena Jr	<i>Counties</i>	
Alan Moore	<i>Flood districts</i>	X

<u>Non-voting Member</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent () / Alternate Present (*)</u>
Willy Cupit	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	X
Tim Frere	Texas Division of Emergency Management	
Nelda Barrera	Texas Department of Agriculture	
Adrian Perez	Tx State Soil and Water Conservation Board	
Shonda Mace	General Land Office	X
David Ramirez	Tx Commission on Environmental Quality	X
Megan Ingram	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	X
Manny Cruz	Lower Rio Grande Development Council	X
Ramon Macias	USIBWC	X
Lupita Trinidad Ramos	South Texas Development Council	X

Quorum:

Quorum: **Yes**

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: 7

Number required for quorum per current voting positions of 11: 7

Other Meeting Attendees:

James Bronikowski, TWDB
Derek Katznelson
Rick Carrera
Kristina Leal, Halff & Associates
Miles Bullion, Halff & Associates
Robert Saenz, PE, Halff & Associates
Kimberly Miller, Halff & Associates
Brian McNamara, Halff & Associates
Elijah Casas, GLO
Lisa McCracken
Raul Gomez
Saul Garcia,
Jim Carillo
Henry Brewer
Raul Orosco
Roxanne Gonzalez, Hidalgo County Pct. 1
Jesse Ozuna, B2Z Engineering
Reza Badiozzamani, PE, L & G Engineering
Raul E. Sasin, PE, HCDD1
Jaime Salazar, HCDD1
Nora D Cavazos, HCDD1
Enriqueta Zambrano, HCDD1

**Meeting attendee names were gathered from those who entered information for joining the GoToWebinar meeting.

All meeting materials are available for the public at:

<http://www.twdb.texas.gov/flood/planning/regions/schedule.asp>

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order and welcoming remarks

David Garza called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Roll Call and establish quorum:

A roll call of the planning group members was taken to record attendance and a quorum was established prior to calling the meeting to order.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Review of written public comments received:

No written public comments were received.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Discussion and action as appropriate - consider approval of minutes from previous meeting on May 05, 2021

A motion was made by Sonia Lambert to approve minutes The motion was seconded by David Fuentes. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Discussion and presentation as it relates to Regional Flood Plan for Region 15 Lower Rio Grande Contract No. HCDD1-21-003-05-18. Presentation by Halff & Associates, Inc.

Kimberly Miller (Halff Associates) presented on regional flood plan Task 1 Planning Area Description, Task 2A Existing Condition Flood Risk Analyses, and Task 2B Future Condition Flood Risk Analyses.

Kristina Leal (Halff Associates) presented on regional flood plan Task 3A Evaluation and Recommendations on Floodplain Management Practices and Task 3B Flood Mitigation and Floodplain Management Goals.

Brian McNamara (Halff Associates) provided a demonstration of the online survey and web map that will be used to gather input and data from the public. The survey includes instructions and consists of 90 questions that should take approximately 30 minutes. The web map provides the opportunity to draw in features on a map and to describe projects. Members of the public, including entities with flood-related authority and interested stakeholders, should respond to the survey by the deadline of July 30, 2021. The group discussed the importance of reaching a comprehensive cross section of the region and highlighted the fact that some communities will need extra resources.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Discussion as appropriate – non-voting entity members.

Jaime Salazar provided an update informing the group that they are awaiting a finalized response from the Middle Rio Grande Development Council regarding assignment to fill the non-voting position. Chairman Garza requested assistance from Manny Cruz to reach out to Middle Rio Grande Development Council.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Discussion and Update from the Texas Water Development Board.

Megan Ingram reminded the group of the importance of holding Pre-Planning Meetings, as required by regional flood planning rules. Megan also discussed TWDB's finalization of Exhibit C: Technical Guidelines for Regional Flood Planning.

AGENDA ITEM NO 8. Discussion and presentation of Region 15 Website.

Jaime Salazar provided an overview of the draft RFPG website. The group discussed the URL name. The website is planned to go live on July 2, 2021.

AGENDA ITEM NO 9. Receive general public comment (Public comments will be limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

No General Public Comments were received.

AGENDA ITEM NO 10. Consider date and agenda items for next meeting

Megan Ingram reminded the group of the importance of holding Pre-Planning Meetings, as required by regional flood planning rules. August 4, 2021 was considered for the next regular meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO 11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned by David Garza. A motion was made by Joe Califa, second motion was made by Joe Hinojosa. The motion passed by unanimous consent

Approved by the Region 15 Lower Rio Grande RFPG at a meeting held on August 18, 2021.

SONIA LAMBERT, SECRETARY

DAVID A. GARZA, CHAIR