

Meeting Minutes
Region 15 Lower Rio Grande Flood Planning
Group Meeting July 21, 2022
2:00 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>	
David A. Garza	<i>Counties</i>	X
Daniel Lucio, Jr. (Raul Trevino)	<i>Electric generating utilities</i>	X
Hudson DeYoe	<i>Environmental interests</i>	X
David L. Fuentes	<i>Flood Districts</i>	X
Plinio Joey Trevino	<i>Industries</i>	
Rene Estrada	<i>City of Combes</i>	X
Joe A. Califa	<i>Public</i>	X
Jose Luis Caso (Laura Haley)	<i>Small business</i>	X
Sonia Lambert	<i>Water districts</i>	X
Riazul I. Mia	<i>Water utilities</i>	X
Eduardo Gonzalez	<i>Counties</i>	X
Raul Pena Jr (Tony Garcia)	<i>Counties</i>	X
Alan Moore	<i>Flood districts</i>	X
Rene Estrada		X

<u>Non-voting Member</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)</u>
Willy Cupit	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	X
Brian Hurtuk	Texas Division of Emergency Management	
Nelda Barrera	Texas Department of Agriculture	
Adrian Perez	Tx State Soil and Water Conservation Board	
Elijah Casas	General Land Office	X
David Ramirez	Tx Commission on Environmental Quality	X
Megan Ingram	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	X
Rick Herrera	Lower Rio Grande Development Council	
Ramon Macias	USIBWC	
Lupita Trinidad Ramos	South Texas Development Council	
Nick Gallegos	Middle Rio Grande Development Council	
Michelle Garcia	Middle Rio Grande Development Council	

Quorum:

Quorum: **Yes**

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: 13

Number required for quorum per current voting positions of 8: 15

Other Meeting Attendees:

Kristina Leal, Halff & Associates

Jonathan Prukop

Rick Carrera

Juan Alaniz, TDEM

Jaime Salazar, HCDD1

Enriqueta Zambrano, HCDD1

Nora D Cavazos, HCDD1

Mike Kanto, HCDD1

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

David Garza called the meeting to order at 2:01 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 18, 2022

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Discussion and Update from the Texas Water Development Board.

Megan Ingram notified the Board that we do have a signed contract but are pending a supplemental agreement with Halff & Associates that will be presented to our Board of Directors on July 26, 2022

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6. Approval and certification of administrative expenses incurred by the Planning Group Sponsor (HCDD1) for the development of the Regional Flood Plan.

No expenses to present or certify at this time.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Discussion and update by Technical Consultant.

- a. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding recommended Floodplain Management and Land Use Standards (Task 3a), Administrative, Regulatory, and Legislative Recommendations (Task 8), and Flood Infrastructure Financing Analysis (Task 9).
- b. Presentation and discussion of Flood Response Information and Activities (Task 7)
- c. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding recommended Flood Management Evaluations and Strategies and Flood Mitigation Projects (Task 5)
- d. Review of Chapters 1-10.
- e. Presentation, discussion, and possible action to submit the draft report. (Subject to final comments and revisions)

Kristina Leal presented Task 3a, Task 3 and Task 5, Jonathon Prukop presented Task 8, Task 9, and Task 7.

Task 3a, action was taken to Recommend instead of adoption. A motion was made by Sonia Lambert and was seconded by Eduardo Gonzalez. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Task 3, action was taken to add the wording “or Base Level Engineering (BLE) studies. A motion was made by Alan Moore and was seconded by Eduardo Gonzalez. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Task 8, will be looked over and comments will be submitted to Kristina. Action was taken to approve as presented. A motion was made by Riazul Mia and was seconded by Laura Haley. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Task 8, action was taken to approve as presented. A motion was made by Laura Haley and was seconded by Rene Estrada. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Task 9, action was taken to approve as presented. A motion was made by Riazul Mia and was seconded by David Fuentes. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Task 7 and Task 5 were just discussed.

Chairman Garza recommended to set up sub-committee of willing volunteers from our Planning Infrastructure Group to evaluate and process all tasks and recommend to the group. Chairman Garza nominated David Fuentes to lead this group and Augusto Sanchez as his proxy. Sonia Lambert, Alan Moore, Joe Califa and Riazul Mia were also nominated to be on this committee.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Receive general public comment (Public comments will be limited to 3 Minutes per speaker)

No General Public Comments were received.

AGENDA ITEM NO 9. Consider date and agenda items for next meeting.

Chairman Garza will notify at a later date for the next meeting, will be at the end of August.

AGENDA ITEM NO 10. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 P.M. A motion was made by David Fuentes to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Laura Haley. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Approved by the Region 15 Lower Rio Grande RFPG at a meeting held on September 21, 2022.

SONIA LAMBERT, SECRETARY

DAVID A. GARZA, CHAIR