

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Region 15 Lower Rio Grande Flood Planning**  
**Group Meeting December 15, 2021**  
**9:30 AM**  
**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>	X
Hudson DeYoe	<i>Environmental interests</i>	X
David L. Fuentes Proxy – Saul Garcia	<i>Flood Districts</i>	X
Plinio Joey Trevino	<i>Industries</i>	X
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>	X
Eduardo Gonzalez	<i>Counties</i>	X
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
Bryan Hertek Proxy: Judy Lucio	Texas Division of Emergency Management	X
Nelda Barrera	Texas Department of Agriculture	X
Adrian Perez	<b>Tx State Soil and Water Conservation Board</b>	
Shonda Mace	General Land Office	X
David Ramirez	Tx Commission on Environmental Quality	X
Megan Ingram	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	X
Manny Cruz	<b>Lower Rio Grande Development Council</b>	
Ramon Macias	<b>USIBWC</b>	
Lupita Trinidad Ramos	<b>South Texas Development Council</b>	
Nick Gallegos	<b>Middle Rio Grande Development Council</b>	
Michelle Garcia	<b>Middle Rio Grande Development Council</b>	

**Quorum:**

Quorum: **Yes**

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: 12

Number required for quorum per current voting positions of 11: 12

**Other Meeting Attendees:**

Elijah Casas, GLO

Kristina Leal, Halff & Associates

Anne Whitko, Halff & Associates

James, Bronikowski, TWDB

Scott Laun, Halff & Associates

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 9:00 AM.

**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 but Hudson Deyoe submitted one through the website and had several suggestions for the website. Site could use a public comments archive, useful links such as TWDB Flood Planning Link, Texas Flood Link & Flood Information Clearinghouse Link. Also, Executive Committee should be listed and who the technical consultant is.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Discussion and action as appropriate - consider approval of minutes from previous meeting on November 17, 2021**

A motion was made by Jose Hinojosa to approve minutes The motion was seconded by Riazul Mia. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

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

Megan Ingram has no general updates for this item.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Discussion and update on Voting Member representing Municipalities.**

Jaime Salazar notified the Board that solicitations were advertised for a voting member twice. One solicitation was received, Rene Estrada. Mr. Estrada is the current Council member for the City of Combs and meets the requirement for the slot.

A motion was made by Saul Garcia to accept. The motion was seconded by Riazul Mia. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: “Discussion and potential action to authorize the Planning Group Sponsor to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Regional Flood Planning Grant contract with the TWDB, to incorporate additional funding for the first cycle of regional flood planning, including necessary revisions to the contract scope of work and budget.”**

A motion was made by Joe Califato approve item as presented. The motion was seconded by Daniel Lucio. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

**AGENDA ITEM NO 8 “Discussion and potential action to authorize the Planning Group Sponsor to prepare and present to the RFPG for approval a draft Request for Proposals for the additional planning scope of work, namely, tasks 11, 12, and 13, and the subtasks that create and deliver a**

**RFPG member development program to include training and educational workshops, and the hosting of the RFPG monthly meetings at various venues within Region 15.”**

A motion was made by Sonio Lambert to Table the item. The motion was seconded by Jose Caso.

**AGENDA ITEM NO 9: “Discussion and potential action to authorize the Planning Group Sponsor to request from the consultant leading the RFPG’s Regional Flood Planning Project, to present to the RFPG a detailed percentage of work completed by task to accompany each invoice submitted for payment. A hardcopy report shall be submitted, and if warranted, an oral presentation may be requested”**

Halff & Associates gave updates on tasks completed

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Discussion and update by Technical Consultant.**

A motion was made by Joe Califa to approve tech memo as presented. The motion was seconded by Daniel Lucio. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Receive general public comment (Public comments will be limited to 3 Minutes per speaker)**

No General Public Comments were received.

**AGENDA ITEM NO 12. Consider date and agenda items for next meeting.**

Chairman Garza proposed next meeting for January 19, 2022. Items to consider for next agenda, 1. Negotiated Amendment 1, 2. SA1 for Agenda Board Meeting

**AGENDA ITEM NO 13. Adjourn**

A motion was made by Chairman Garza to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

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

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**SONIA LAMBERT, SECRETARY**

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**DAVID A. GARZA, CHAIR**