

Meeting Minutes
Region 15 Lower Rio Grande Flood Planning
Group Meeting November 17, 2021
9:30 AM
Virtual Meeting

Roll Call:

Voting Member	Interest Category	Present (x) /Absent () / Alternate Present (*)
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	<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

Non-voting Member	Agency	Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)
Willy Cupit	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	
Bryan Hertek	Texas Division of Emergency Management	
Nelda Barrera	Texas Department of Agriculture	X
Adrian Perez	Tx State Soil and Water Conservation Board	
Shonda Mace	General Land Office	
David Ramirez	Tx Commission on Environmental Quality	
Megan Ingram	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	X
Manny Cruz	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: 11

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

Other Meeting Attendees:

Kristina Leal, Halff & Associates

Anne Whitko, Halff & Associates

Scott Laun, Halff & Associates

Jaime Salazar, HCDD1

Enriqueta Zambrano

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

David Garza called the meeting to order at 9:30 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.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Discussion and action as appropriate - consider approval of minutes from previous meeting on October 13, 2021

A motion was made by David Fuentes to approve minutes The motion was seconded by Sonia Lambert. With a correction that Mr. Joe Hinojosa was present at the meeting of October 13, 2021. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

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

Megan Ingram updated the Board regarding the Technical Memorandum due January 7, 2022. Technical Consultant will want the technical memorandum to be reviewed and approved in a meeting by the deadline.

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 and no responses were received. Solicitations went out again to replace Vanessa Rosales Herrera.

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."

Chairman Garza stated he wanted all members to review the contract before voting.

Chairman Garza recommended to table the item to give all members an opportunity to review the contract. A motion was made by Joe Hinojosa to Table the item. The motion was seconded by Riazul Mia. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEM NO 8 "Discussion and potential action to authorize the Planning Group Sponsor to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Regional Flood Planning Grant subcontract with the technical consultant, Halff Associates, to incorporate additional funding for the first cycle of regional flood planning, including necessary revisions to the contract scope of work and budget."

Chairman Garza recommended to table the item to give all members an opportunity to review the contract. A motion was made by Riazul Mia to table the item. The motion was seconded by Alan Moore.

AGENDA ITEM NO 9: Discussion and update by Technical Consultant.

Kristina Leal and Anne Whitko, Halff & Associates presented to the Board.

- a. Discussion and potential adoption of the overarching flood mitigation and floodplain management goals for the Region 15 regional flood plan per §361.36.
- b. Discussion and potential approval of the documented process used by the RFPG to identify and evaluate potential Flood Management Evaluation (FME)s, and potentially feasible Flood Mitigation Project (FMP)s and Flood Management Strategy (FMS)s per §361.38.
- c. Presentation and discussion of potential floodplain management standards.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Discussion and Action: Amendment to Article XIV of the By Laws in accordance with Article XV of the By Laws to have the Region 15 Lower Rio Grande RFPG voting membership serve as an evaluation committee for certain contract proposals.

A motion was made by Joe Hinojosa. The motion was seconded by David Fuentes. 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.

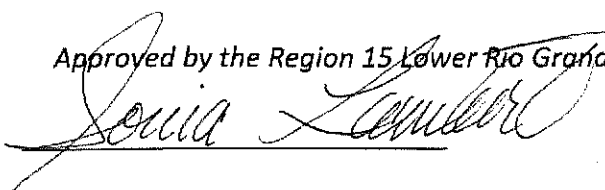
AGENDA ITEM NO 12. Consider date and agenda items for next meeting.

Chairman Garza proposed next meeting for December 15, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

AGENDA ITEM NO 13. Adjourn

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

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



SONIA LAMBERT, SECRETARY

DAVID A. GARZA, CHAIR