

Meeting Minutes
Region 15 Lower Rio Grande Flood Planning
Group Meeting August 18, 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>	X
Hudson DeYoe	<i>Environmental interests</i>	X
David L. Fuentes	<i>Flood districts</i>	X
Plinio Joey Trevino	<i>Industries</i>	X
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>	X
Eduardo Gonzalez	<i>Counties</i>	
Raul Pena Jr	<i>Counties</i>	X
Alan Moore	<i>Flood districts</i>	

<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	X
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: 11

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

Other Meeting Attendees:

Andy Vigstol, PE
Debbie Morales
Doroteo Garcia
Derek Katznelson
Elijah Casas, GLO
Kristina Leal, Halff & Associates
Lisa McCracken
Sarah Douglas, Sub for Shonda Mace
Kimberly Miller, Halff & Associates
Raul Orosco
Jaime Salazar, HCDD1
Nora D Cavazos, HCDD1
Amanda Saldana
Kimberly Salinas
Evelyn Castillo
Jorge Perez, Perez Consulting Engineers
Town of Bayview
Edward Meza
Celena Gonzalez
Anthony Ureste
Michelle Garcia
Annemarie Whitko
Carlos Sanchez
Sam Edwards
Mayor Ledesma, Primera, Tx
Matt Nelson
Joe Garza
Tom McClemore

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

David Garza called the meeting to order at 3:31 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 June 30, 2021

A motion was made by David Fuentes 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 updated the Board regarding the Technical Memo originally due January 7, 2022 has been extended until March 7, 2022.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Public comments as part of the pre-planning efforts to receive public input on the Region 15 2023 Lower Rio Grande Regional Flood Plan. Please limit public comments to 3 minutes each.

Genera Lewis, Town of Bayview commented that their floodplain maps are incorrect, they have higher risk flood zones and elevated areas.

Edward Meza, Town of Laguna Vista commented that he filled out as much as he could on the survey and did maps and hopes they are included.

Celena Gonzalez, City of Primera commented that she also filled out survey but had problems moving forward and hopes to also be included.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Discussion and update by Technical Consultant on Tasks 1, 2A, 3A and 3B.

Kristina Leal & Raul Orosco (Halff Associates) updated on Regional Flood Plan Task 1 – Data Collection, Population Density, HUC 8 Projections, Median Household Income by Census, Industry Analysis.

Sam Edwards (Halff Associates) updated on Regional Flood Plan Task 2 – Flood Risk Analyses

Kristina Leal and Annemarie Whitko (Halff Associates) updated on Regional Flood Plan Task 3 – Floodplain Management Practices and Flood Protection Goals.

AGENDA ITEM NO 8. Discussion as appropriate – non-voting entity members

Jaime Salazar introduced Nick Gallegos and Michelle Garcia who were assigned as non-voting members for the Middle Rio Grande Development Council.

AGENDA ITEM NO 9: Discussion and update as it relates to Texas Open Meetings Act requirements.

Jaime Salazar notified the Board that the suspension open meeting act requirement is being terminated as of September 1, 2021. Meetings will continue to be conducted via zoom but Chairman Garza would be physically present at the meeting held at the Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1. Public will be allowed to be present and view the meeting. A requirement for Voting Members is that they will have to be visible and camera facing the voting member at all times and actual name will need to be on your Zoom.

AGENDA ITEM NO 10. Receive general public comment (Public comments will be limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

No General Public Comments were received.

AGENDA ITEM NO 11. Consider date and agenda items for next meeting

Chairman Garza will email information for next meeting in approximately 4 weeks.

AGENDA ITEM NO 12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned by David Garza. A motion was made by Jose Hinojosa, second motion was made by Sonia Lambert. 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