

Meeting Minutes
Region 15 Lower Rio Grande Flood Planning
Group Meeting May 18, 2022
2:30 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>	
Rene Estrada	<i>City of Combes</i>	X
Joe A. Califa/Laura Haley	<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
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	X
Adrian Perez	Tx State Soil and Water Conservation Board	
Elijah Casas	General Land Office	X
David Ramirez	Tx Commission on Environmental Quality	
Megan Ingram	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	X
Rick Herrera	Lower Rio Grande Development Council	X
Ramon Macias	USIBWC	
Lupita Trinidad Ramos	South Texas Development Council	X
Nick Gallegos	Middle Rio Grande Development Council	
Michelle Garcia	Middle Rio Grande Development Council	X

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

Lisa McCracken Mairs – USACE

Jonathan Prukop

Alexis Rodriguez

Yvette Barrera, PE, HCDD1

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 2:30 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 April 12, 2022

A motion was made by Eddie Gonzalez to approve minutes. The motion was seconded by Sonia Lambert. 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 the TWDB Informal Comments have been sent out. No other updates at this time.

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. **Task 3a -Evaluation and Recommendations on Floodplain Management Practices**
- b. **Task 7 -Flood Response Information and Activities**
- c. **Task 8 -Administrative, Regulatory, and Legislative Recommendations**
- d. **Task 9 -Flood Infrastructure Financing Analysis**
- e. **Recommendation of FME's**

Kristina Leal presented Task 7A Floodplain Management Standards for the Board's consideration. The Board adopted Items 1 & 5. The Board also recommended on Items 2, 3 & 4 (See Attachment). Task 7B, 7C, 7D & 7E will be presented at the next meeting. A motion was made by Rene Estrada . The motion was seconded by Jose Hinojosa. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEM NO 8: Discussion as it relates to Region 15 Lower Rio Grande Flood Planning Committee in person meeting.

Texas Water Development Board would like an in-person meeting. Chairman Garza would still want the in-person meeting to be in hybrid form for those who cannot attend the in-person meeting.

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 11. Consider date and agenda items for next meeting.

Chairman Garza will notify at a later date for the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO 12. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 4:38 P.M. A motion was made by Laura Haley to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Riazul Mia. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

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

SONIA LAMBERT, SECRETARY

DAVID A. GARZA, CHAIR