

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Region 15 Lower Rio Grande Flood Planning**  
**Group Meeting March 19, 2025**  
**3:00 PM**  
**Virtual Meeting**

**Roll Call:**

<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>Interest Category</u>	<u>Present (x) / Absent ( ) / Alternate Present (*)</u>
David A. Garza	<i>Counties</i>	X
Daniel Lucio, Jr.	<i>Electric generating utilities</i>	
Hudson DeYoe	<i>Environmental interests</i>	X
David L. Fuentes/Saul Garcia	<i>Flood Districts</i>	X
Plinio Joey Trevino	<i>Industries</i>	X
Joe A. Califa	<i>Public</i>	X
Laura Haley/Jose Caso	<i>Small business</i>	X
Raul Pena Jr (M. Adame)	<i>Counties</i>	
Ernie Garcia	<i>Counties</i>	
Rene Estrada	<i>City of Combes</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
Judy Lucio	Texas Division of Emergency Management	X
Adrian Perez	<i>Tx State Soil and Water Conservation Board</i>	
Shonda Mace	General Land Office	X
David Ramirez	Tx Commission on Environmental Quality	X
Nicholas Collins	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	X
Kara Smith		X
Jami McCool		
Ramon Macias	USIBWC	
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:7

Number required for quorum per current voting positions of 7:9

**Other Meeting Attendees:**

Kristina Leal, Halff & Associates	Elmer Hinojosa	Jaime Salazar, HCDD1
Anne Whitko, Halff & Associates	Rene Perez, TCEQ	Nora D Cavazos, HCDD1
Elijah Casas	Jack Cano, LRGDC	Jonathan Rocha, HCDD1
Kevin Wessels	Raul Gomez	
Melodie Meidel	David Ramirez	
August Sanchez	Omar Anzaldua, HCDD1	

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

Chairman David Garza called the meeting to order at approximately 3:09 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 Comments were received.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Discussion and action as appropriate - consider approval of minutes from previous meeting on February 19, 2025.**

A motion was made by Rene Estrada to approve minutes. The motion was seconded by Jose Caso. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

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

Nicholas Collins updated the Board about the newsletter TWDB sent out on February 21, 2025 regarding staff updates. On February 28, 2025, they sent out communication via email regarding 2 key resources. Mr. Collins encouraged members to review resources.

**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 items to report at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Review and discussion of public comments received on the Draft 2023 Lower Rio Grand Regional Flood Plan Amendment.**

No Comments were received.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Presentation on Draft 2023 Lower Rio Grande Regional Flood Plan Amendment.**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Requesting approval to adopt the Draft 2023 Lower Rio Grande Regional Flood Plan Amendment and approval for Region 15 Consultant to respond accordingly to all subsequent requests.**

A motion was made by Jose Califa to adopt the Draft 2023 Flood Plan Amendment. The motion was seconded by Saul Garcia. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

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

No Comments were received.

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

Meeting will scheduled at a later date and will notify members via email.

**AGENDA ITEM NO 12. Adjourn**

Chairman Garza adjourned the meeting at 3:35 PM. A motion was made by Saul Garcia to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by David Garza. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

*Approved by the Region 15 Lower Rio Grande RFGP at a meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_.*

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**DAVID A. GARZA, CHAIR**

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**SECRETARY**