

Regional Flood Planning Group sets open house public meeting in Pecos on February 9

Public meeting comes after successful meeting in El Paso in September; 3rd meeting planned for Presidio

EL PASO, Texas — People in the Pecos area can provide feedback on flooding they have experienced at their home or business to the [Upper Rio Grande Regional Flood Planning Group](#) (URGRFPG) at an open house-style public meeting in February.

Participating in the planning process helps ensure flood mitigation projects, strategies and priorities are represented in the Upper Rio Grande Regional Flood Plan and, ultimately, the 2023 State Flood Plan. Going forward, only the projects listed in the 2023 State Flood Plan are eligible for funding support through the Texas Water Development Board's (TWDB) Flood Infrastructure Fund.

OPEN HOUSE-STYLE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

From 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. CST

Odessa College - Pecos Center

1000 S. Eddy Street

Pecos, Texas 79772

An additional open house-style public meeting will be held in Presidio on February 10, 2022. That meeting is posted [here](#).

No formal presentation will be given at these open house-style meetings. They are opportunities for the public to review exhibits and provide their feedback to planners, engineers and others. Written comments may be left at the Pecos meeting or submitted by mail to: Barracuda Public Relations, Attn: Region 14 Flood Planning, 2531½ East Yandell Drive, El Paso, TX 79903. **Mailed comments must be received between January 26, 2022, and February 25, 2022.**

Other ways to share your feedback include:

- Attending Regional Flood Planning Group meetings and subcommittee meetings in person or online. Click [here](#) for information on meetings.
- Completing [this online survey](#) to provide feedback for your community or to report flooding impacts on your home or business. The survey is also available in Spanish by clicking [here](#).

- Reviewing the [online data collector](#) and submitting observations for flood-prone areas in your community and other information.

As part of the TWDB's [statewide flood planning process](#), the Rio Grande Council of Governments has sponsored the URGRFPG to ensure West Texans from across the 23-county area have a voice in helping the state prioritize flood control projects. The ongoing Upper Rio Grande (Region 14) Flood Planning Group is identifying and evaluating projects to mitigate flooding for people, property, and businesses across the region.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Annette Gutierrez, Executive Director, Rio Grande Council of Governments, 8037 Lockheed Drive, El Paso, TX 79925, (915) 533-0998 or annetteg@riocog.org.

ABOUT THE UPPER RIO GRANDE FLOOD PLANNING GROUP

The Upper Rio Grande Regional Flood Planning Group (RFPG) was established by the Texas Water Development Board on October 1, 2020, through the designation of initial flood planning group members. The Upper Rio Grande RFPG consists of the Counties of Brewster, Crane, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Loving, Pecos, Presidio, Reeves, Terrell, and Ward, and portions of Andrews, Crockett, Ector, Edwards, Midland, Reagan, Schleicher, Sutton, Upton, Val Verde, and Winkler. The Draft Upper Rio Grande Regional Flood Plan will be available for public review and comment by Fall 2022. For more information, visit URGFPG.org.