

AMENDED AGENDA
 REGION 14. UPPER RIO GRANDE FLOOD PLANNING GROUP
 GENERAL MEETING
 Tuesday, November 30, 2021
 9:00 A.M. (MDT)
 8037 Lockheed, Suite 100 TX 79925

<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>Interest Category</u>	<u>Present (✓)/Absent (X) / Alternate Present (*)</u>
Omar L. Martinez, Chair	<i>Water districts</i>	✓, present for agenda items 1-7
Oscar D. "Jay" Ornelas	<i>Agricultural interests</i>	X
Gilberto Saldana Jr.	<i>Counties</i>	✓
Jeff Bennett	<i>Environmental interests</i>	✓
Sal Masoud	<i>Industries</i>	✓
Javier Acosta	<i>Municipalities</i>	✓
David "Dave" Hall	<i>Public</i>	✓, physically present-Chair
Rene Rodriguez	<i>Small business</i>	✓
Gisela Dagnino	<i>Water utilities</i>	✓
Vacant	<i>Flood districts</i>	X
Levi Bryand	<i>Water Utilities</i>	✓
Rick Tate	<i>River authorities</i>	X
Carlos Velarde	<i>Public</i>	✓
<u>Non-voting Member</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)</u>
James Weaver	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	X
Sarah Douglas	General Land Office/Region 14 Liaison	X
Richard Bagans	Texas Water Development Board	✓
Anita Keese	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	✓
Vanessa Rosales-Herrera	Region 15 Liaison	X
Delbert Humberson	International Boundary Water Commission	✓
Judy Lucio	Texas Division of Emergency Management	✓
Larissa Place	Texas Department of Agriculture	✓
Ben Wilde	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	X
Others Present:		
Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG	Jeff Irvin - AECOM, PIC	
Morgan White, TWDB	Lily Cartwright - AECOM	
Matt Nelson, TWDB	Alejandra Marcos - AECOM	
James Bronikowski, TWDB	Judy Albus, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation District	
Gilbert Andujo, AECOM	Gonzalo Cedillos	
Bryan Blaisdell, AECOM	Lisa McCracken Mairs -USACE SWG	
Chris Wright, AECOM		

1. Welcome and call to order
Dave Hall chaired the meeting on behalf of Chairman Martinez. He welcomed the group and received confirmation that a quorum was present. The meeting started at 9:04 am.
2. Recognition of guests
Dave Hall asked if there were any guests who would like to be recognized at this time. There were none.
3. Member updates
Dave Hall asked if there were any updates from the members. There were none.
4. Review and approve the minutes for the meeting held on November 2, 2021.
Jeff Bennett made a motion to accept the Minutes from November 2, 2021. Sal Masoud seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.
4. Update from Sarah Douglas, Liaison for Region 15 Upper Rio Grande Regional Flood Planning Group.
Sarah Douglas was not present at the meeting. Therefore, there was no update provided.
5. Flood Planning Members assignment of Proxies
Omar Martinez made a motion for each voting and non-voting member to assign up to two proxies on behalf of themselves and send that information to Annette Gutierrez, Rio Grande Council of Governments (RGCOG). Gisela Dagnino seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.
6. Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) - Update
Richard Bagans provided the group with some updates. He discussed the contract amendments with the group. He said Region 14 was allocated an additional \$660,400 that is to go to additional outreach, data collection, and to perform Flood Mitigation Evaluations. The flood planning group will still be required to submit their regional plan by 2022. However, the group will be able to incorporate an amendment to include the additional tasks. He also reminded the group they will be voting on approving the Tech Memo at the December meeting and if approved it will then be sent on to TWDB by the January 7th deadline.
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."

Jeff Bennett made a motion to authorize the RGCOG 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. Gisela Dagnino seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.
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, AECOM, to incorporate additional funding for the first cycle of regional flood planning, including necessary revisions to the contract scope of work and budget."

Gisela Dagnino made a motion to authorize the RGCOG to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Regional Flood Planning Grant subcontract with the technical consultant, AECOM, to incorporate additional funding for the first cycle of regional flood planning, including necessary revisions to the contract scope of work and budget.” Rene Rodriguez seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.

9. Discussion and potential action regarding administrative expenses to be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for reimbursement.

Gisela Dagnino made a motion to accept the administrative expenses as presented to the Texas Water Development Board. Gilbert Saldana seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.

10. AECOM provided general updates and information related to the Technical Memorandum.
11. Discussion and action to vote for recommendations on floodplain management standards per §361.35

Levi Bryand made a motion to approve to adopt a region-specific minimum standards and recommendations along with a specific list defining standards or recommendations. Sal Masoud seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was not approved.

Levi Bryand then made a motion to approve region-specific recommendations for floodplain management standards. Sal Masoud seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.

12. Discussion and action to vote for adoption of the overarching flood mitigation and floodplain management goals for the Region 14 regional flood plan per §361.36. b

Rene Rodriguez made a motion to adopt the short-term and long-term goals as presented. Gisela Dagnino seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.

13. Discussion and action to vote for approval of the documented process used by the UFGRFPG 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.

Rene Rodriguez made a motion for the approval of process to identify and evaluate potential FMEs, FMSs, and FMPs as described in the 11/16/21 Technical Memorandum. The motion was seconded by Jeff Bennett. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.

14. Adjourn

Jeff Bennett made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Rene Rodriguez. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

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Date


Secretary, Javier Acosta