

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Region 14 URFPG-Subcommittee 2 Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 4, 2021 at 10:00 am**

<u>Subcommittee Member</u>	<u>Interest Category</u>	<u>Present (✓)/Absent (X) / Alternate Present (*)</u>
Omar L. Martinez, Chair	<i>Water districts</i>	✓
Oscar D. "Jay" Ornelas	<i>Agricultural interests</i>	X
Gilberto Saldana Jr.	<i>Counties</i>	✓
Jeff Bennett	<i>Environmental interests</i>	✓
Javier Acosta	<i>Municipalities</i>	✓
David "Dave" Hall	<i>Public</i>	✓
Gisela Dagnino	<i>Water utilities</i>	✓
Levi Bryand	<i>Water Utilities</i>	✓
Carlos Velarde	<i>Public</i>	X
Delbert Humberson	International Boundary Water Commission	✓
Others Present:		
Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG	Chris Wright, AECOM	
Jeff Irvin - AECOM, PIC	Clint Kimball - AECOM	
Bryan Blaisdell, AECOM	Dr. Apurba Borah, IBWC	

1. Subcommittee Chairman Javier Acosta welcomed the group at 10:05 am.
2. RGCOG- Approval of Minutes from October 13, 2021  
 Jeff Bennett made a motion to accept the Minutes from October 13, 2021. Gilbert Saldaña seconded the motion. Subcommittee 2 Chairman Acosta called for a vote and the motion was approved.
3. AECOM- Introductions of Subcommittee Members and their interests in any specific FMPs  
 Chris Wright started the presentation. He asked if anyone from the public could introduce themselves if they hadn't already. Joanna McKenzie, County Administrator for Hudspeth County introduced herself.
4. AECOM- Objective of Subcommittee  
 Chris Wright, AECOM next outlined what items were going to be covered during the meeting. He then turned the presentation over to Jeff Irvin, AECOM. First, Jeff explained to the subcommittee what the proposed process was through a flowchart highlighting where they could obtain potential projects, what entities do they get them from, determine if there is a negative impact, and determine if the project is feasible.

Dave Hall asked if the project is not fully defined, can the group still submit the projects to Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Jeff Irvin stated they can still be submitted but they will not be as competitive as other projects that are complete when TWDB is considering who to fund. Jeff Irvin said

that one way to address this issue is to state that a Flood Management Evaluation (FME) can be requested. Gilbert Saldaña asked if there was funding for that to occur. AECOM stated there may be opportunities to conduct some with the additional funding that is coming to the region.

Jeff Irvin next talked about the process that was used for the City and County of El Paso. From this discussion, AECOM next posed a set of questions to the subcommittee to consider for selecting potentially feasible projects. Gisela Dagnino asked if there may be a consideration to take into account the heavy burden placed on residents during construction. Jeff mentioned this concern would be covered under the permit complexity with street utilities. The subcommittee agreed to go forward with the three questions presented.

Clint Kimball next provided a recap of the County's Storm water Master Plan. Chris Wright then presented potential projects from USIBWC, EPCWID #1, TXDOT and other parts of the region. Jeff Irvin recapped for the subcommittee what conclusions were made for coming to a process. He requested for the subcommittee to consider voting on the process for projects for the City of El Paso's Master Plan, El Paso County's Master Plan and for other projects as presented by the AECOM team. Omar Martinez made a motion to accept the process for all three categories mentioned. Jeff Bennett seconded the motion. Subcommittee 2 Chairman Acosta called for a vote and the motion was approved.

5. Tentative future meeting dates for subcommittee

Dave Hall asked how many of the city and county projects have already been funded through other sources. Gisela Dagnino and Gilbert Saldaña confirmed there were a few that are funded for this fiscal year. Gisela Dagnino asked for all other projects to be left on the list. Dave Hall asked for them to get together with AECOM to confirm which projects to take off the list. The subcommittee confirmed that a date was already set for the next meeting based on previous polling. The meeting will be on November 15, 2021, at 3:00 pm. Jeff Irvin reminded everyone the bulk of the work has already been completed by the subcommittee in terms of developing the process. However, the subcommittee will still need to figure out what scoring system will be implemented for the other projects.

11. Adjourn

Omar Martinez made a motion to adjourn at 11:48 am. Jeff Bennett seconded the motion. Subcommittee 2 Chairman Acosta called for a vote and the motion was approved.

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Date



Subcommittee 2 Chairman, Javier Acosta