

AMENDED AGENDA  
 REGION 14. UPPER RIO GRANDE FLOOD PLANNING GROUP  
 GENERAL MEETING  
 Thursday, December 16, 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>	✓, physically present-Chair
Vacant	<i>Agricultural interests</i>	X
Gilberto Saldaña 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
Rene Rodriguez	<i>Small business</i>	X
Marvin Gomez for 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	✓
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	X
Judy Albus for Ben Wilde	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	✓
Others Present:		
Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG	Jeff Irvin - AECOM, PIC	
Gilbert Andujo, AECOM	Patricia Garcia-Barracuda PR	
Bryan Blaisdell, AECOM	Alejandra Marco - AECOM	
Chris Wright, AECOM		

1. Welcome and call to order

Chairman Omar Martinez welcomed the group and received confirmation that a quorum was present. The meeting started at 9:05 am.

2. Recognition of guests

Chairman Martinez asked if there were any guests who would like to be recognized at this time. There were none.

3. Member updates

Chairman Martinez asked if there were any updates from the members. There were none.

4. Public Comments

Chairman Martinez asked if there were any public comments from the public. There were none.

5. Review and approve the minutes for the meeting held on November 30, 2021.

Sal Masoud made a motion to accept the Minutes from November 30, 2021. Jeff Bennett seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

6. Update from Sarah Douglas, Liaison for Region 15 Upper Rio Grande Regional Flood Planning Group.

Sarah Douglas informed the group she was not able to attend Region 15's meeting but requested a summary of the meeting. She stated she would pass along the information as soon as it is available.

7. Update

Annette Gutierrez, Rio Grande Council of Governments (RGCOG) asked for Richard Bagans, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), to provide an update on behalf of the agency. He mentioned the contract amendment for additional funds is being processed by the Board. Also reminded the group the Tech Memo is due January 7, 2022 and the group will need to vote on their approval today. He also said there will be an email to be distributed by the Board providing the Technical Consultants how to submit the Tech Memo and how to access their OneDrive. There were also two conference calls held recently, one for Technical Consultants and one for Chairs. The Board covered technical guidelines and clarifications for Technical Consultants and the presentation can be found on their website. The Chairs Call covered what is going on across the State. Both calls are being held quarterly. He mentioned many regions are having meetings this week as well. Finally, he reminded the group, as stated by their bylaws, at their next meeting, they will need to vote on officers for the new year.

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

Annette Gutierrez requested to table the agenda item because there were no reimbursement requests at this time.

9. AECOM General RFP Updates

Gilbert Andujo, introduced the AECOM and Barracuda Public Relations to the group. Patricia Garcia informed the group of the status of their Open House meetings in Pecos and Presidio on February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Gilbert next asked Chris Wright to present on the final

recommendations from the previous meeting of Subcommittee 2. Sal Masoud made a motion to submit the recommendations from Subcommittee 2 as follows:

- 1) Approval of refinement of screening process for selection of potentially feasible regional FMPs for Projects not included in the City of El Paso/El Paso Water Stormwater Master Plan, or the El Paso County Stormwater Master Plan, including all process refinements discussed during the subcommittee meeting held 12/14/21. AECOM will have the opportunity to review approximately how many of the 9 currently identified projects, plus other additional projects yet to be considered, can be evaluated based on time/budget to reduce the number of projects further.
- 2) Approval of selection of 25 potentially feasible FMPs from the 2021 City of El Paso/El Paso Water SWMP, including all refinements to the screening process discussed during the subcommittee meeting held 12/14/21. EPWater will have the opportunity to submit a revised list before the next Subcommittee 2 meeting. AECOM will have the opportunity to review approximately how many of the 25 projects can be evaluated based on time/budget to reduce the number of projects further.
- 3) Approval of selection of 19 potentially feasible FMPs from the 2021 El Paso County SWMP, including all refinements to the screening process discussed during the subcommittee meeting held 12/14/21. El Paso County will have the opportunity to submit a revised list before the next Subcommittee 2 meeting. AECOM will have the opportunity to review approximately how many of the 19 projects can be evaluated based on time/budget to reduce the number of projects further.

The motion was seconded by Dave Hall. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

10. AECOM Discussion and adoption of the Technical Memo as presented by AECOM with authorization of Consultant/Political Subdivision to make non-substantial edits and submittal of the final Tech Memo to the TWDB.

Jeff Bennett made a motion to approve the Technical Memo as presented by AECOM with authorization of Consultant/Political Subdivision to make non-substantial edits and submittal of the final Tech Memo to the TWDB. Gilbert Saldaña seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

11. AECOM Discussion of TWDB responses to AECOM questions regarding levees  
Chris Wright provided the update to the group.

12. Chair Set next meeting date

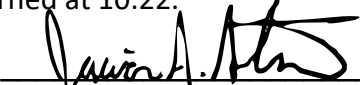
As recommended by AECOM, the group will be meeting sometime between January 24 thru 27. Annette Gutierrez stated she would also send out a doodle poll to determined meetings for subcommittee 2 and 3.

13. Chair Adjourn

Jeff Bennett made a motion second by Dave Hall adjourned at 10:22.

2/28/22

Date

  
Secretary, Javier Acosta