

REGION 14. UPPER RIO GRANDE FLOOD PLANNING GROUP
 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
 Tuesday, March 15, 2022
 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>	✓
Zhuping Sheng	<i>Agricultural interests</i>	X
Gilberto Saldaña Jr.	<i>Counties</i>	✓
Jeff Bennett	<i>Environmental interests</i>	X
Sal Masoud	<i>Industries</i>	✓
Javier Acosta	<i>Municipalities</i>	✓
David "Dave" Hall	<i>Public</i>	✓
Rene Rodriguez	<i>Small business</i>	
Gisela Dagnino	<i>Water utilities</i>	✓
Vacant	<i>Flood districts</i>	
Levi Bryand	<i>Water Utilities</i>	✓
Rick Tate	<i>River authorities</i>	X
Carlos Velarde	<i>Public</i>	X
<u>Non-voting Member</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)</u>
James Weaver	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	X
Vacant	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	Joanna McKenzie	
Dr. Apura Borah	Marvin Gomez	
Alderman David Cantu		

1. Welcome and call to order

Chairman Omar Martinez welcomed the group and received confirmation that a quorum was present. The meeting started at 9:03.

2. Public Comments

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

3. Review and approve the minutes for the meeting held on February 28, 2022.

Zhuping Sheng made a motion to accept the Minutes from Upper Rio Grande Flood Planning Group meeting held on February 28, 2022. Gisela Dagnino seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

4. Selection of two members-at-large for the Executive Committee.

Zhuping Sheng made a motion to appoint Gisela Dagnino, Gilbert Saldana, and David Hall as the At-Large members. Gilbert Saldana seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

5. Update from Richard Bagans.

Annette Gutierrez, Rio Grande Council of Governments (RGCOG) asked for Richard Bagans, Senior Regional Flood Planner, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), to provide an update on behalf of the agency.

Richard Bagans informed the group that AECOM submitted the required March 7th deliverables to TWDB. They are currently being reviewed for administrative completeness. He also mentioned TWDB is still reviewing the January 7th Tech Memo and their comments should be released around mid-April. He also mentioned there was a chairs conference call as well as one for the technical consultants where they discussed in more detail the FMEs and FMPs. The Director of Flood Planning for TWDB, Reem Zoun, presented at the Texas Floodplain Management Association in Houston recently, where she displayed Region 14's public outreach materials. He also mentioned TWDB is still behind in reimbursing payment requests but they continue to work with AECOM and RGCOG. Finally, he informed the group the contract amendment has been executed to allow for the group to get started for the additional tasks.

6. General RFP Updates/Draft Technical Memorandum through agenda item 13.

Gilbert Andujo led the discussion on behalf of AECOM. He along with Bryan Blaisdell and Chris Wright presented these items.

14. Discussion and Action to Vote for Approval of Additional Potentially Feasible FMPs.

Dave Hall made a motion to approve the potentially feasible FMPs presented. The motion was seconded by Zhuping Sheng. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

15. Set next meeting date

Annette Gutierrez informed the group the next meeting will be between April 19 at 9:00 am or week of 18-22, 2022, based on the group's availability.

16. Chairman Omar Martinez Adjourn

Dave Hall made a motion to adjourn. Sal Massoud seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved at 11:58.

4/25/22
Date


Secretary, Javier Acosta