

REGION 14. UPPER RIO GRANDE FLOOD PLANNING GROUP  
 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
 Thursday, April 21, 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>	✓
Gilberto Saldaña Jr.	<i>Counties</i>	✓
Jeff Bennett	<i>Environmental interests</i>	X
Sal Masoud	<i>Industries</i>	X
Javier Acosta	<i>Municipalities</i>	✓
David "Dave" Hall	<i>Public</i>	✓
Rene Rodriguez	<i>Small business</i>	X
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
Elijah Casas	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	X
Judy Lucio	Texas Division of Emergency Management	✓
Larissa Place	Texas Department of Agriculture	X
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	Alderman David Cantu	
Dr. Apura Borah	Marvin Gomez	
John Gwynn, Doña Ana County		

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. Recognition of guests

Chairman Martinez recognized Alderman David Cantu from San Elizario and John Gwynn from Dona Ana County.

3. Public Comments

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

4. Member updates

Chairman Martinez announced that the AECOM team, along with RGCOG, and himself, assisted Hudspeth County in submitting an appropriations request to Congressman Tony Gonzales's office to establish floodplain management controls in several colonias in Hudspeth County. He encouraged other small communities to seek the Flood Planning Group's assistance in the future.

Tressa Olsen from Texas Water Development Board provided an update. She said that TWDB staff provided informal comments on the January Tech Memo deliverables last week and also mentioned the informal comments for the March 7 deliverables will be provided in May. She reminded the group to submit their executed amended subcontract to your Planner as soon as possible. She also stated there would be a Technical Consultants Call on May 24th and a Chairs Conference Call on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Finally, she mentioned that TWDB sent out a newsletter providing more information on the 60-day public comment requirement and on FMX voting.

5. Review and approve the minutes for the meeting held on March 15, 2022.

Dave Hall made a motion to accept the Minutes from the Upper Rio Grande Flood Planning Group meeting held on March 15, 2022, except for correcting Dr. Zhuping Sheng's attendance. The Minutes stated he was absent when he was present. Jeff Bennett seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

6. General RFP Updates & 7 through 12 Agenda Items

Gilbert Andujo from AECOM welcomed the flood planning group. He introduced the AECOM team and asked Bryan Blaisdell to provide the updates. He mentioned they would cover the following topics.

- Upcoming Draft RFP Chapter Target Dates (Submittal to the RFPG)
- Chapter 1 (Task 1 – Planning Area Description): April 2022
- Chapter 3 (Task 3 – Floodplain Management Practices/Goals): May 2022
- Chapter 4 (Task 4 and 5 – FMEs/FMSs/FMPs): June 2022
- Chapter 5-9 (Task 6 through 10 – all remaining chapters): July 1, 2022
- El Paso Wrap-Up Public Meeting: June 2022 - Barracuda has tentatively set the meeting for June 8<sup>th</sup> at the El Paso Independent School District, Central Office
- Draft RFP due to TWDB by August 1, 2022

- El Paso Public Hearing to Obtain Public Feedback on Draft RFP: September 2022
- Incorporate TWDB & Public Input and Adopt Final RFP by January 2023

13. Action to Vote for Recommended FMEs, FMSs, and FMPs

Zhuping Sheng made a motion to approve the 5 FMPs proposed. Gisela seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

FMP Name	Description	Project Type	Estimated Project Cost (\$)
HAC3	Sediment/Retention Basin	Sediment/Retention Basin	\$3,000,000
SOC4	Sediment/Detention Basin at "Mankato Arroyo"	Sediment/Retention Basin	\$1,660,000
FAB1	Sediment/Retention Basin	Sediment/Retention Basin	\$3,660,000
MON3	Sediment/Retention Basin	Sediment/Retention Basin	\$29,750,000
SSA4	Detention Basin SSA4	Detention Basin	\$13,900,000
CAN1	Reconstruction of the channel with concrete lining	Channel Improvement	\$1,960,000
EA 10	Detention Basin	Detention/Sediment Basin	\$6,100,000


Jeff Bennett made a motion to accept all the changes presented by AECOM during the presentation ([Click here to see revised information](#)). The motion was seconded by Dave Hall. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

14. Next Potential General RFPG Meeting Date May 25<sup>th</sup> will be the next meeting.

15. Adjourn

Jeff Bennett made a motion to adjourn. Dave Hall seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 11:07.

5/27/22  
Date

  
Secretary, Javier Acosta