

REGION 14. UPPER RIO GRANDE FLOOD PLANNING GROUP
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 15, 2022
9:00 AM (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>	✓
Javier Acosta	<i>Municipalities</i>	✓
David "Dave" Hall	<i>Public</i>	✓
Rene Rodriguez	<i>Small Business</i>	X
Marvin Gomez for 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>	✓
<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	X
Vanessa Rosales-Herrera	Region 15 Liaison	X
Dr. Apurba Borah	International Boundary Water Commission	✓
Juan Alaniz	Texas Division of Emergency Management	✓
JD Lawrence	Texas Department of Agriculture	✓
Judy Albus	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	✓
Others Present:		
Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG	Chris Wright, AECOM	
David Cantu, City of San Elizario	Lisa McCracken	
Alejandra Marco, AECOM	Jeff Irvin, AECOM	
John Gwynne	Joanna McKenzie, Hudspeth County	
Clinton Kimball, AECOM		

1. Welcome and call to order
Dave Hall served as Chairman for the meeting on behalf of Omar Martinez. He received confirmation that a quorum was present. The meeting started at 9:04 MST.
2. Public Comments
Dave Hall asked if there were any public comments from the public. There were none.
3. Review and approve the minutes for the meeting held September 14, 2022.
Dr. Sheng made a motion to approve the Minutes. Levi Bryand seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.
4. Discussion and potential action regarding administrative expenses to be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for reimbursement
Sal Massoud made a motion to approve the administrative expenses as presented, to the Texas Water Development Board. Gilbert Saldaña seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.
5. Update from TWDB, Richard Bagans
Richard Bagans updated the group on TWDB activities.
6. General RFP Updates
The AECOM Team provided updates to the group on RFPG activities.
7. Discussion of TWDB and public comments on Draft RFP
AECOM presented all of the comments received by RGCOG on the Draft Plan.
8. Discussion of coordination with cities for Task 12 (performing FMEs for Amended RFP)
AECOM informed the group of what cities were identified for Task 12.
9. Potential action to vote for approval of changes to Task 12 FMEs to be performed (pending discussion)
Dr. Sheng made a motion to approve the changes to Task 12 FMEs to be performed as presented. Levi Bryand seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved. The changes are as follows:

Potential action to vote on changes to Task 12 FMEs

- **AECOM will perform partial FME Study for City of El Paso/EPWater FME ID: 41000034**

- An FME for City SWMP Project, "CE4B" (Gateway Ponds Dewatering Pump Station) will be developed into an FMP with \$25,000 of RFP funding

FME ID	FME Name	Allocated Cost for Amendment Phase
141000034	Develop FMPs for additional projects in City of El Paso/El Paso Water Stormwater Master Plan	\$ 25,000
141000035	Develop FMPs for additional projects from the El Paso County Stormwater Master Plan	\$ 25,000
141000010	Develop city-wide drainage study and stormwater master plan for Pecos	\$ 30,000
141000023	Develop city-wide drainage study and stormwater master plan for Alpine	\$ 35,000
141000021	Develop city-wide drainage study and stormwater master plan for the City of Kermit.	\$ 30,000
141000002	Develop H&H Models for Cibolo Creek and arroyos through the City of Presidio, and develop an FMP for flood reduction of buildings and emergency access roadways.	\$ 30,000

10. Next potential General RFPG meeting date

The group decided to meet at the first part of December and then once again prior to submission

11. Adjourn

Levi Bryand made a motion to adjourn. Sal Massoud seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:04 am.

If you wish to provide written comments prior to or after the meeting, please email your comments to annetteg@riocog.org and include "Region 14 Upper Rio Grande Flood Planning Group Meeting" in the subject line of the email.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For Additional information or to be notified of future Planning Group meetings, please contact: Region 14 Planning Group Sponsor, at: 915-533-4688, Annette Gutierrez, annetteg@riocog.org, or Rio Grande Council of Governments: Upper Rio Grande Regional Flood Planning Group Sponsor, 8037 Lockheed, Suite 100, El Paso, Texas, 79925.

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Date



Javier Acosta, Secretary