

REGION 14. UPPER RIO GRANDE FLOOD PLANNING GROUP
 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
 Wednesday, September 14, 2022
 1:00 PM (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>	✓
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>	
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	
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	
Dr. Apurba Borah	International Boundary Water Commission	
Judy Lucio	Texas Division of Emergency Management	✓
JD Lawrence	Texas Department of Agriculture	
Judy Albus for Ben Wilde	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	✓
Others Present:		
Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG	Jeff Irvin	
Patricia Garcia	Bryan Blaisdell	
Gilbert Andujo	Chris Wright	

1. Welcome and call to order

Chairman Omar Martinez received confirmation that a quorum was present. The meeting started at 1:06 pm MDT.

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 July 20, 26, 28, 2022.

The Minutes will be tabled and will be presented at the next meeting. Dave Hall made a motion to approve all of the Minutes. Jeff Bennett seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez 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

No action was taken on this item.

5. Update from TWDB, Richard Bagans

Richard provided reminders of what is happening at the TWDB currently. He said all plans are at the TWDB right now for review. He stated they will provide level 1 comments, which are remarks that require the contractor to revise and level 2, which are suggestions to the contractor. The comments will be provided at the end of October. He also informed the group that TWDB has received received the contract amendment between RGCOG and AECOM and is under TWDB review right now. He also reminded the group to look out for their newsletters to keep up to date on what is happening.

Dave Hall asked Richard Bagans if level 1 comments are submitted as soon as they are recognized to the contractors or are they being submitted at the end of October. Richard said they anticipate submitting their comments that are level 1 in the next few weeks and all other comments by the end of October.

6. General RFP Updates

AECOM provided general updates to the group.

7. Review of RFPG-approved transfer of RFP Contract Amendment funding from Task 12 to Task 11 for additional data collection (in support of Tasks 1-9) based on previous discussions to include highest priority FMPs in the August 2021 Draft RFP.

AECOM provided recap of how the additional \$666,400 has been reallocated per task.

8. Discussion and possible action to approve Task 12: Perform Identified FMEs, Evaluate and Recommend Additional FMPs and vote to select which FMEs to perform. Dave Hall made a motion to accept the recommendations from AECOM as presented (see slide 26) and Levi Bryand seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

9. Next Potential General RFPG Meeting Date

AECOM suggested the group may be able to meet in early November (October 31st – November 4th) for the next general meeting and December 5-9 to adopt the Regional Flood Plan. Annette will send out poll.

10. Adjourn

Gisela Dagnino 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 2:20 pm.

12/9/22

Date


Javier Acosta, Secretary