

REGION 14. UPPER RIO GRANDE FLOOD PLANNING GROUP
 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
 Tuesday, December 6, 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>	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>	✓
Rene Rodriguez	<i>Small Business</i>	X
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	✓
Vanessa Rosales-Herrera	Region 15 Liaison	X
Dr. Apurba Borah	International Boundary Water Commission	✓
Juan Alaniz	Texas Division of Emergency Management	X
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	Jeff Irvin, AECOM	
Alejandra Marco, AECOM	Joanna McKenzie, Hudspeth County	
Bryan Blaidell	Marvin Gomez	

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 9:05 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 of the meeting held on November 15, 2022.

Omar Martinez made a motion to approve the Minutes. Gilbert Saldaña seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.

4. Update from TWDB, Richard Bagans

Richard Bagans updated the group on TWDB activities. He provided confirmation that TWDB will only require two hard copies of the Plan and that Consultants must submit the final Plan by January 10. He also reminded the group that for the December 15th meeting, materials must be posted seven days prior to the meeting. He also said that payment requests submitted by RGCOG has been approved by TWDB staff and all that is left is for the Accounting staff to release the funds. In terms of rolling over excess funds from the current budget, an email will be sent out explaining how to proceed with that moving those funds.

5. General RFP Updates

The AECOM Team provided updates to the group on RFPG activities.

6. Review of TWDB and public comments on Draft RFP AECOM

7. Discussion of coordination with stakeholders for Task 12 (performing FMEs for Amended RFP)

No action was taken on this item.

8. Potential action to vote for approval of changes to Task 12 FMEs to be performed

Gilbert Saldaña made a motion to select El Paso County project VIN1 as modified in this meeting as the project from FME 141000035 to be studied and defined as an FMP per TWDB guidance. Levi Bryand seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.

9. Potential action to vote for approval of responses to TWDB and public comments

Jeff Bennett made a motion to approve the responses to TWDB and public comments with changes discussed during the meeting. Gisela Dagnino seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.

10. Next potential General RFPG meeting date

RGCOG will inform the group of when the next meeting will be after the December 15th meeting.

11. Adjourn

Levi Bryand made a motion to adjourn. Gilbert Saldaña seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:33 am.

2/7/23
Date


Javier Acosta, Secretary