

REGION 14. UPPER RIO GRANDE FLOOD PLANNING GROUP  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, December 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 of the meeting held on December 6, 2022.  
The Minutes were not presented. Jeff Bennett made a motion to table. Omar Martinez 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. Mr. Bagans congratulated the group on their impending approval and submittal of the plan. Two hard copies will be due by January 10<sup>th</sup> to the TWDB. Newsletters will be going out soon explaining how to continue on with the existing tasks. He noted there is one pending payment to be reviewed by TWDB that has been submitted by RGCOG. He also mentioned there is an upcoming Water For Texas Conference. The date is January 23<sup>rd</sup>-January 25, 2023.
5. Discussion and action to vote for approval of Final RFP Deliverables as presented by AECOM with authorization of Consultant/Political Subdivision to make edits finalizing responses to Draft RFP comments submitted by TWDB and the Public and to submit the Final RFP Deliverables to TWDB  
Omar Martinez made a motion to adopt the final RFP deliverables as presented by AECOM with authorization of Consultant/Political Subdivision to make non-substantial edits finalizing responses to Draft RFP comments and submit the Final RFP Deliverables to TWDB. Levi Bryand seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.
6. Next potential General RFPG meeting date  
The group decided RGCOG will communicate with AECOM to present potential dates for the next meeting.
7. 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 10:31 am.

2/7/23  
Date

  
Javier Acosta, Secretary