

REGION 14. UPPER RIO GRANDE FLOOD PLANNING GROUP
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 7, 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
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	X
Georgina Gonzalez	Texas Division of Emergency Management	✓
JD Lawrence	Texas Department of Agriculture	X
Judy Albus	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	✓
Others Present:		
Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG	Gilbert Andujo, AECOM	
David Cantu, City of San Elizario	Joanna McKenzie, Hudspeth County	
Alejandra Marco, AECOM	Alderman David Cantu, City of San Elizario	
Clinton Kimball, AECOM	Shawna Payan, TDEM	
Jeff Irvin, AECOM	Al Talavera, TDEM	

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 9:10 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 Decemb15, 2022, and December 15,2022.

Jeff Bennett made a motion to approve Minutes from December 6, 2022. Omar Martinez seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.

Omar Martinez made a motion to approve Minutes from December 15, 2022. Jeff Bennett seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.

4. Discuss and approve Officers for the URGRFPG, (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary)

Dave Hall made a motion to allow the current members to continue to serve in the same positions for Calendar Year 2023. Omar Martinez seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved. The Chair will be Omar Martinez, Vice-Chair Dave Hall and the Secretary will be Javier Acosta.

5. 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 10th 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 23rd-January 25, 2023.

6. Gilbert Andujo from AECOM, provided general updates to the group.

7. Jeff Irvin from AECOM, provided a presentation on Task 12.

8. 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.

4/10/23
Date


Javier Acosta, Secretary

