

Appendix 10A

RFPG Meeting Minutes

Appendix 10A.1

RFPG General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes
Region 14 Upper Rio Grande Flood Planning Group Meeting
Thursday, November 5, 2020
9:00 AM
GoToWebinar Virtual Meeting

Roll Call:

| <u>Voting Member</u> | <u>Interest Category</u> | <u>Present (x) /Absent () / Alternate Present (*)</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Oscar D. "Jay" Ornelas | <i>Agricultural interests</i> | |
| Gilberto Saldana Jr. | <i>Counties</i> | x |
| Jessica Christianson | <i>Electric generating utilities</i> | x |
| Jeff Bennett | <i>Environmental interests</i> | x |
| Vacant | <i>Flood districts</i> | |
| Sal Masoud | <i>Industries</i> | X (arrived at 9:20am) |
| Javier Acosta | <i>Municipalities</i> | x |
| David "Dave" Hall | <i>Public</i> | x |
| Vacant | <i>River authorities</i> | |
| Rene Rodriguez | <i>Small business</i> | X (arrived at 9:50am) |
| Omar L. Martinez | <i>Water districts</i> | x |
| Vacant | <i>Water utilities</i> | |

| <u>Non-voting Member</u> | <u>Agency</u> | <u>Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)</u> |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| James Weaver | Texas Parks and Wildlife Department | x |
| Tim Frere | Texas Division of Emergency Management | x |
| Larissa Place | Texas Department of Agriculture | x |
| Ben Wilde | Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board | x |
| Sarah Douglas | General Land Office | x |
| Richard Bagans | Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) | x |
| Anita Keese | Texas Commission on Environmental Quality | x |

Quorum:

Quorum: **Yes**

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: **8**

Number required for quorum per current voting positions of 11: **6**

Other Meeting Attendees: **

Matt Nelson, TWDB (Meeting Facilitator)

Kathleen Jackson, TWDB Board Member

Reem Zoun, TWDB

James Bronikowski, TWDB

Morgan White, TWDB

Annette Mass, TWDB

Hayley Gillespie, TWDB

Ron Ellis, TWDB

Jennifer White, TWDB

Chad Ballard

Phil Bullock
Ramesh Chintala
Stephanie Castillo
Gisela Dagnino
Kelly Dillard
Rene Franks
Alem Gebriel
Annette Gutierrez
Scott Hubley

Anita Keese
Amin Kiaghadi
Justin Lennon
Gabby Ramos
Art Reinhardt
Paul Robinson
Gustavo Sosa
Rodrigo Vizcaino
Jeff Henson

**Meeting attendee names were gathered from those who entered information for joining the GoToWebinar meeting.

All meeting materials are available for the public at:
<http://www.twdb.texas.gov/flood/planning/regions/schedule.asp>.

1. AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order

Matt Nelson called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM. A roll call of the planning group members was taken to record attendance and a quorum was established prior to calling the meeting to order.

2. AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Welcome, Meeting Facilitation Information and Instructions

Matt Nelson and Director Kathleen Jackson welcomed members to the meeting. Matt Nelson provided meeting facilitation information and instructions.

3. AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Member Introductions

Each present voting and non-voting member of the Region 14 Upper Rio Grande RFGP introduced themselves.

4. AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Regional Flood Planning Overview Presentation

Matt Nelson and Reem Zoun presented an overview of the regional flood planning process.

5. AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Discussion of group bylaws and consider adopting group bylaws

Matt Nelson presented the model bylaws provided by the TWDB for the RFGP to consider adopting and opened discussion on adopting group bylaws.

The members discussed and made edits to the model bylaws regarding the following topics: replacing “Model RFGP” with “Region 14 Upper Rio Grande RFGP” throughout the document, voting membership attendance, selecting initial officers, the selection of regular officers starting in 2022, regular meeting frequency, and amending the bylaws.

The members discussed total voting membership and forming subcommittees. No changes were made regarding these topics.

A motion was made by Omar Martinez to adopt the bylaws, as amended.

The motion was seconded by Dave Hall.

The vote to adopt the group bylaws passed by a vote of 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.

6. AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Consider nominating and electing regional flood planning group Chair or Interim Chair

Matt Nelson described the Chair/Interim Chair election process and opened the floor to nominations for the Chair or Interim Chair position.

A nomination of Omar Martinez as the Chair was made by Dave Hall.

Omar Martinez discussed his willingness to serve as Chair and familiarity with the flood planning region and other members.

Dave Hall made a motion to select Omar Martinez as the Chair by acclamation.

The motion was seconded by Jessica Christianson.

The nomination of Omar Martinez as the Chair was approved by unanimous consent.

The group then took a 5-minute recess.

7. AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Consider selecting a planning group sponsor to act on behalf of the regional flood planning group

Matt Nelson listed the entities that had expressed interest in serving as the Region 14 Upper Rio Grande RFPG's planning group sponsor. These interested entities included:

Rio Grande Council of Governments (COG)

Matt Nelson opened the floor to public comments. No public comments were given.

Matt Nelson asked if any there was anyone in the audience that represented a political subdivision that was interested in acting as the planning group sponsor. No additional interested entities came forward to express interest.

Omar Martinez opened discussion on selecting a planning group sponsor to act on behalf of the RFPG.

The members discussed selecting Rio Grande COG as the planning group sponsor.

A motion was made by Jeff Bennett to select Rio Grande COG as the designated planning group sponsor for Region 14 Upper Rio Grande RFPG.

Sal Masoud seconded the motion.

The vote to select Rio Grande COG as the planning group sponsor to act on behalf of the RFPG passed by unanimous consent.

8. AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Consider additional, region-specific public notice requirements, if any, that might be necessary to ensure adequate public notice in the region per 31 Texas Administrative Code §361.12(3).

Matt Nelson described existing notice requirements and opened discussion on identifying additional, region-specific public notice requirements.

Matt Nelson opened the floor to public comments. No public comments were given.

No points nor comments/concerns were brought forth during open discussion.

No action was taken. Omar Martinez closed discussion on AGENDA ITEM NO. 8.

9. AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Consider authorizing the RFPG sponsor to apply for grant funds and enter into a contract with the TWDB on behalf of the RFPG

Omar Martinez opened discussion on authorizing the RFPG sponsor to apply for grant funds and to enter into a contract with the TWDB on behalf of the RFPG.

No points nor comments/concerns were brought forth during open discussion.

A motion was made by Dave Hall to authorize the RFPG sponsor to apply for grant funds and enter into a contract with the TWDB on behalf of the RFPG.

The motion was seconded by Gilberto Saldana.

The vote to authorize the RFPG sponsor to apply for grant funds and enter into a contract with the TWDB on behalf of the RFPG passed by unanimous consent.

10. AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Discussion of necessary additional voting and non-voting positions that may be needed to ensure adequate representation from the interest in the region

Matt Nelson opened the floor to public comments.

Rodrigo Vizcaino with HDR questioned if the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) would have membership representation.

Omar Martinez opened discussion additional voting and non-voting positions that may be needed to ensure adequate representation from the interest in the region.

The members discussed IBWC having representation and discussed concerns with adding too many members.

No actions were taken. Omar Martinez closed discussion on AGENDA ITEM NO. 10.

11. AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Consider initiating RFPG solicitation process for individuals to fill vacant required voting member positions

Matt Nelson opened the floor to public comments. No public comments were given.

Omar Martinez opened the floor to discussion on initiating RFPG solicitation processes for individuals to fill the vacant required voting member position. The current vacant, required voting positions for Region 14 Upper Rio Grande RFPG are:

Currently Vacant: *River authorities, Water utilities*

Members discussed potential IBWC representation within river authorities.

Gilbert Saldana made a motion to initiate the solicitation process for individuals to fill the vacant required voting member position.

The motion was seconded by Jeff Bennett.

The vote to initiate the RFPG solicitation process passed by unanimous consent.

12. AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Receive general public comments (Public comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

Omar Martinez opened the floor to public comments. No public comments were given.

13. AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Consider date and agenda items for next meeting

Omar Martinez opened discussion to consider the date and agenda items for the next meeting.

After discussion, Omar Martinez stated that the next meeting will be the week of December 17, 2020. The group decided to disseminate a survey to establish the best time for scheduling the next meeting. Potential agenda items include selecting remaining officers and members of the executive committee, status update on flood maps available in the region, and speakers engaged with stormwater in the region and the IBWC.

14. Adjourn

Sal Masoud made a motion to adjourn.

The motion was seconded by Jeff Bennett.

The vote to adjourn passed by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 11:36 AM by Omar Martinez.

Approved by the Region 14 Upper Rio Grande RFPG at a meeting held during the week of December 17, 2020 on a date and location to be determined.

FIRST AND LAST NAME, SECRETARY

Omar Martinez, CHAIR

Meeting Minutes
Region 14 Upper Rio Grande Flood Planning Group Meeting
Thursday, January 21, 2021
9:00 AM MST/10:00 CST
GoToWebinar Virtual Meeting

Roll Call:

| <u>Voting Member</u> | <u>Interest Category</u> | <u>Present (x) / Absent () / Alternate Present (*)</u> |
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| Oscar D. "Jay" Ornelas | <i>Agricultural interests</i> | X |
| Gilberto Saldana Jr. | <i>Counties</i> | X |
| Jessica Christianson | <i>Electric generating utilities</i> | |
| Jeff Bennett | <i>Environmental interests</i> | X |
| Vacant | <i>Flood districts</i> | |
| Sal Masoud | <i>Industries</i> | X |
| Javier Acosta | <i>Municipalities</i> | X |
| David "Dave" Hall | <i>Public</i> | X |
| Vacant | <i>River authorities</i> | |
| Rene Rodriguez | <i>Small business</i> | |
| Omar L. Martinez | <i>Water districts</i> | X |
| Vacant | <i>Water utilities</i> | |

| <u>Non-voting Member</u> | <u>Agency</u> | <u>Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)</u> |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| James Weaver | Texas Parks and Wildlife Department | X |
| Tim Frere | Texas Division of Emergency Management | X |
| Larissa Place | Texas Department of Agriculture | |
| Ben Wilde | Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board | X |
| Sarah Douglas | General Land Office | X |
| Richard Bagans | Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) | X |
| Anita Keese | Texas Commission on Environmental Quality | X |

Quorum:

Quorum: Yes

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: 7

Number required for quorum per current voting positions of 11: 6

Other Meeting Attendees: **

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| James Bronikowski (TWDB) | James Weaver |
| Morgan White (TWDB) | Jennifer Herrera |
| Reem Zoun (TWDB) | Justin Lennon |
| Annette Gutierrez (RGCOG) | Kelly Dillard |
| Allison Wood | Michael Ramirez |
| Andrew Smith | Rene Franks |
| Anita Machiavello | Rohit Goswami |
| Art Reinhardt | Sarah Douglas, G |
| Ben Wilde | Sara Eatman |
| G Martinez | Scott Hubley |
| Gisela Dagnino | Stephanie Castillo |
| Guillermo Martinez | Steve Gonzales |
| Gustavo Sosa | Tiffany Cartwright |
| Heather Harris | Tony Smith |
| | Wade Barnes |

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2. AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Recognition of guests and designated alternates

Matt Nelson and Director Kathleen Jackson welcomed members to the meeting. Matt Nelson provided meeting facilitation information and instructions.

3. AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Member Updates

Each present voting and non-voting member of the Region 14 Upper Rio Grande RFPG introduced themselves.

4. AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Review and approve the minutes for the meeting held on November 5, 2020.

Dave Hall made a motion to accept the Minutes from November 5, 2021. Sal Massoud seconded the motion.

5. AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Updates

Matt Nelson presented the model bylaws provided by the TWDB for the RFPG to consider adopting and opened discussion on adopting group bylaws.

6. AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Consider nominating and electing Vice Chair and Secretary

Matt Nelson described the Chair/Interim Chair election process and opened the floor to nominations for the Chair or Interim Chair position.

A nomination of Omar Martinez as the Chair was made by Dave Hall.

Omar Martinez discussed his willingness to serve as Chair and familiarity with the flood planning region and other members.

Dave Hall made a motion and Omar Martinez seconded the motion. Sal Massoud made a motion and Gilbert Saldaña seconded the motion.

7. AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Consider nominating and electing member(s)-at-large to serve on the Executive Committee

Matt Nelson listed the entities that had expressed interest in serving as the Region 14 Upper Rio Grande RFPG's planning group sponsor. These interested entities included:
Rio Grande Council of Governments (COG)

Matt Nelson opened the floor to public comments. No public comments were given.

Matt Nelson asked if any there was anyone in the audience that represented a political subdivision that was interested in acting as the planning group sponsor. No additional interested entities came forward to express interest.

Dave Hall made a motion and Omar Martinez seconded the motion. Sal Massoud made a motion and Gilbert Saldaña seconded the motion.

8. AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Discussion on required member training on the Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act. Matt Nelson described existing notice requirements and opened discussion on

9. AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Update on URGFPG solicitation process for individuals to fill required member positions (River authorities, Water utilities) Omar Martinez opened discussion on authorizing the RFPG sponsor to apply for grant funds and to enter into a contract with the TWDB on behalf of the RFPG.

10. AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Update on the status of Regional Flood Planning Grant contract with TWDB Matt Nelson opened the floor to public comments.

Rodrigo Vizcaino with HDR questioned if the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) would have membership representation.

Omar Martinez opened discussion additional voting and non-voting positions that may be needed to ensure adequate representation from the interest in the region.

The members discussed IBWC having representation and discussed concerns with adding too many members.

No actions were taken. Omar Martinez closed discussion on AGENDA ITEM NO. 10.

- 11. AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Consider a means by which the URGFPG will develop and host a public website (required per §361.21(b))**

Omar Martinez opened the floor to discussion on initiating RFPG solicitation processes for individuals to fill the vacant required voting member position. The current vacant, required voting positions for Region 14 Upper Rio Grande RFPG are:

Currently Vacant: *River authorities, Water utilities*

- 12. AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Discussion and consider taking action on group policies for handling public comments** Omar Martinez opened the floor to public comments. No public comments were given.

- 13. AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Consider a means by which the URGFPG will accept written public comment prior to and after meetings (required per §361.21(c)).**

Omar Martinez opened discussion to consider the date and agenda items for the next meeting.

After discussion, Omar Martinez stated that the next meeting will be the week of December 17, 2020. The group decided to disseminate a survey to establish the best time for scheduling the next meeting. Potential agenda items include selecting remaining officers and members of the executive committee, status update on flood maps available in the region, and speakers engaged with stormwater in the region and the IBWC.

- 14. AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: Discussion of the required solicitation for persons or entities who request to be notified of URGFPG activities (required per §361.21(e)).**

- 15. AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: Discussion and consider taking action on allowing the RGCOG to accept annual supplemental funds for the URGFPG from willing local entities.**

- 16. AGENDA ITEM NO. 16: General public comments**

- 17. AGENDA ITEM NO. 17: Consider date and agenda items for next meeting**

- 18. AGENDA ITEM NO. 18: Adjourn**

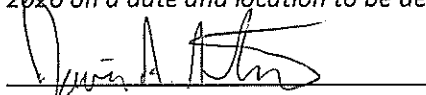
Sal Masoud made a motion to adjourn.

The motion was seconded by Jeff Bennett.

The vote to adjourn passed by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 11:36 AM by Omar Martinez.

Approved by the Region 14 Upper Rio Grande RFPG at a meeting held during the week of December 17, 2020 on a date and location to be determined.



Javier Acosta, Secretary

March 16, 2021

Date

Meeting Minutes

Region 14 Upper Rio Grande Flood Planning Group Meeting

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

10:30 AM

GoToWebinar Virtual Meeting

| <u>Voting Member</u> | <u>Interest Category</u> | <u>Present (x) / Absent () / Alternate Present (*)</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Oscar D. "Jay" Ornelas | <i>Agricultural interests</i> | X |
| Gilberto Saldana Jr. | <i>Counties</i> | X |
| Jessica Christianson | <i>Electric generating utilities</i> | |
| Jeff Bennett | <i>Environmental interests</i> | X |
| Vacant | <i>Flood districts</i> | |
| Sal Masoud | <i>Industries</i> | X |
| Javier Acosta | <i>Municipalities</i> | X |
| David "Dave" Hall | <i>Public</i> | X |
| Vacant | <i>River authorities</i> | |
| Rene Rodriguez | <i>Small business</i> | X |
| Omar L. Martinez | <i>Water districts</i> | X |
| Vacant | <i>Water utilities</i> | |

| <u>Non-voting Member</u> | <u>Agency</u> | <u>Present(x)/Absent(-) / Alternate Present (*)</u> |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| James Weaver | Texas Parks and Wildlife Department | X |
| Tim Frere | Texas Division of Emergency Management | |
| Larissa Place | Texas Department of Agriculture | |
| Ben Wilde | Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board | x |
| Sarah Douglas | General Land Office | X |
| Richard Bagans | Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) | X |
| Anita Keese | Texas Commission on Environmental Quality | X |

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| Others Present: | |
| Annette Gutierrez (RGCOG) | Heather Harris, Carollo Engineers |
| James Bronkowski (TWDB) | Karen Perez - Freese and Nichols |
| Rick Prieto - CONSOR | Kelly Dillard |
| Allison Wood - Huitt-Zollars | Rene Franks/Parkhill |
| Art Reinhardt (WSP) | Rick Prieto - CONSOR |
| Gustavo Sosa - Parkhill | Ross Gordon - CONSOR |

1. Welcome and call to order

Chairman Omar Martinez welcomed the group and confirmed that a quorum was present. The meeting started at 10:33 am.

2. Recognition of guests and designated alternates

Chairman Martinez recognized voting, non-voting members, and guests.

3. Member updates

Chairman Martinez provided an update to the group. He participated in a meeting where all the regions' Chairs' met with Texas Water Development Board's (TWDB) staff. They exchanged information with each other stating where they were in the planning cycle. He said some regions are farther along than others. He also said that no group has chosen a consultant yet as well as getting more representation from rural areas. He concluded by saying that they will be having more Chairs meetings throughout the year and he will update the group.

4. Review and approve the minutes for the meeting held on January 21, 2021.

Jay Ornelas made a motion to accept the Minutes except for revising item 14. The word listserv replaced the previous misspelled word. Secondly, item 15, added an "s" to the word due. Sal Mousad seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously. Dave Hall also noted the Minutes reflect there would be an update on the website but it is not listed on the current agenda.

5. Review and approve recommendations from the Executive Committee members for the required member positions for River Authorities and Water Utilities.

The Executive Committee recommended to the general membership Gisela Dagnino, P.E., to serve as the representative for Water Utilities. Dave Hall made a motion to have Gisela Dagnino, P.E., serve as the representative for Water Utilities. Gilbert Saldaña seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

6. TWDB- Updates and Presentation

Richard Bagans, Planner, TWDB Regional Flood Planning, provided updates to the general membership. Mr. Bagans mentioned TWDB is working with RGCOG in executing their grant agreement. It is in the final stages of edits and is being routed internally. It will then be sent to RGCOG for execution. He also mentioned TWDB's guidance document is forthcoming. This document, which is over 100 pages long, will provide explicit instructions on how each of the ten tasks will be accomplished. It will be available in the next week for public comment. He mentioned the document is technical and is geared more for the Technical Consultant. He also said members who are not as well versed in this arena may look to the Scope of Work to understand.

Richard also discussed how flood planning groups are selecting their liaisons to attend meetings for other regions. He mentioned the Upper Rio Grande Flood Planning Group (URGFPG) will be choosing a liaison for Region 15 and how they have already selected someone to serve as a liaison for the URGFPG. He said a liaison's main purpose is to listen and advocate.

7. Consider designating a Liaison from Region 15 – Lower Rio Grande Regional Flood Planning Group to serve as a non-voting member as required per §361.11(f)(8) of the Texas Administrative Code.

As required, the URGFPG is required to select a member from the group to serve a liaison to Region 15. Sarah Douglas, who is a non-voting member, self-nominated herself as the Liaison to Region 15-

Lower Rio Grande Flood Planning Group. Sal Masoud made a motion to appoint Sarah Douglas to Region 15. Jay Ornelas seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

8. Consideration of appropriate changes to the Region 14 Bylaws.

Dave Hall made a motion to remove the sentence, "no sooner than ten calendar days after the deadline for submitting nominations", from Section 4 Selection of Members, 4.1 Filling Vacancies, second paragraph. The motion was seconded by Sal Masoud. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

9. Update Schedule Pre-Planning Meeting as required by TWDB

Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG, informed the group that a Pre-Planning meeting geared toward the public is required of the TWDB. She mentioned the meeting can take place within a Flood Planning meeting as an agenda item. Richard Bagans has a short presentation available to present to the group. Chairman Martinez said he was fine with the meeting being placed as an agenda item and the rest of the group agreed as well.

10. Update on Request for Qualifications for Technical Consultant

Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG, informed the group that proposals are due March 19th, 2021, at 5:00 pm, Mountain Time. She also explained that the Executive Committee will be scoring the proposals on April 6, 2021, at 9:30 am, Mountain Time. She also mentioned that she would be working with TWDB in determining TWDB's timeline in securing the technical consultant.

11. General public comments

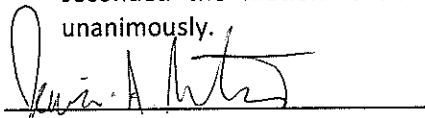
Rick Prieto with Consor Engineering, informed the group they will be submitting a proposal.

12. Consider date and agenda items for next meeting

The group decided to set the next meeting on April 20, 2021, at 10:30 AM, Mountain Time, and an Executive Committee meeting at 9:30 am. The agenda items include the pre-planning meeting, extending the membership, and repost the River Authority vacancy, TWDB Scope of Work presentation, website update, and old business for discussion, and updates from both liaisons. Sarah Douglas also mentioned to the group if they want anything for her to discuss with the other group, please let her know.

13. Adjournment

Sal Masoud made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:46 am, Mountain Time. Jeff Bennet seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.



Javier Acosta, Secretary

April 9, 2021

Date

Meeting Minutes
Region 14 Upper Rio Grande Flood Planning Group Meeting
Thursday, 4.15.2021
9:00 AM
GoToWebinar Virtual Meeting

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| Rene Rodriguez | <i>Small business</i> | X |
| Omar L. Martinez | <i>Water districts</i> | X |
| Gisela Dagnino | <i>Water utilities</i> | X |
| Vacant | <i>Flood districts</i> | |
| Vacant | <i>River authorities</i> | |

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| James Weaver | Texas Parks and Wildlife Department | |
| Tim Frere | Texas Division of Emergency Management | X |
| Larissa Place | Texas Department of Agriculture | |
| Ben Wilde | Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board | X |
| Sarah Douglas | General Land Office/Region 14 Liaison | X |
| Richard Bagans | Texas Water Development Board | X |
| Anita Keese | Texas Commission on Environmental Quality | |
| Vanessa Rosales-Herrera | Region 15 Liaison | X |

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| Others Present: | |
| Annette Gutierrez (RGCOG) | Jeff Irvin |
| Morgan White (TWDB) | Heather Harris (Carollo) |
| Delbert Humberson (IBWC) | Matt Hiland (APPGEO) |
| Levi Bryand | Gilbert Andujo (AECOM) |
| Art Reinhardt (WSP) | Daniel Zell (AECOM) |
| Atri Sen (WSP) | Ross Gordon (CONSOR) |
| Justin Lennon (WSP) | Zina Schwartz (CONSOR) |
| Rohit Goswami (WSP) | Trudi Garrett (CONSOR) |

1. Welcome and call to order

Chairman Omar Martinez welcomed the group and confirmed that a quorum was present. The meeting started at 9:08 am.

2. Recognition of guests and designated alternates

Chairman Martinez recognized voting, non-voting members, and guests.

3. Member updates

There were no member updates provided.

4. Review and approve the minutes for the meeting held on March 16, 2021.

Dave Hall made a motion to accept the Minutes from March 16, 2021, with the request to add the Liasion titles to the individuals who are holding these titles. Jay Ornelas seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved except for Gisela Dagnino who abstained because she was not present at the meeting.

5. Review, discuss and take action on the recommendation from the Executive Committee members for the proposed Technical Consultant finalist.

The Executive Committee recommended to the general membership that AECOM serves as the Technical Consultant to the Flood Planning Group based on the scoring and ranking from Executive Committee. Gisela Dagnino made a motion to accept the recommendation for AECOM. Dave Hall seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

6. Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)- Updates and Presentation

Richard Bagans, Planner, TWDB Regional Flood Planning, provided a presentation about the Regional Flood Planning Group's Responsibilities through the Scope of Work. Mr. Bagans covered Tasks 1 through Task 10. Annette Gutierrez, Rio Grande Council of Governments (RGCOG), informed Mr. Bagans that RGCOG is updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan for five of their six counties. She mentioned the City and County of El Paso are updating their Plan. She asked if he had discussions with the other regions that he covers about how collaboration will be conducted between the two. Mr. Bagans said to be sure there is no duplication of efforts being made and all sources of information are identified to allow the Technical Consultant can work on other items. Chairman Martinez asked to invite every participant possible to our meetings because he explained how difficult it is to tap into FEMA funding if you are not included in the plan. Ms. Gutierrez said she would check with the City/County of El Paso to see where they are in the process of updating their Hazard Mitigation Plan.

7. Pre-Planning Public Input – Public input regarding suggestions and recommendations as to issues, provisions, projects, and strategies that should be considered during the flood planning cycle and/or input on the development of the regional flood plan (as required per Texas Water Code §16.062(d) and 31 Texas Administrative Code §361.12(a)(4))

Richard Bagans covered this item. He informed the group for every cycle moving forward the group will be required to have pre-planning public meetings to allow the public to comment on what items they would like the group to consider moving forward. He provided a general overview of what the flood planning process is about.

Dave Hall asked if the group wants to ensure there is public participation from the entire region, can TWDB make presentations at different locations, such as Alpine? Mr. Bagans said that initiative will be determined by the planning sponsor and the group but TWDB will assist in determining who is the best person to speak on this item. He said it is appropriate and suggested moving the meetings to different locations but it is contingent on what is most feasible. Post pandemic there will be opportunities to have a hybrid meeting allowing for in-person and virtual.

Dave Hall raised concern that the group should do as much as they can to inform the public of this process to ensure they are aware and engaged soon. However, TWDB staff is the best suited to inform these groups because of their expertise. Mr. Bagans reminded the group they will still need to conduct a second pre-planning meeting as requires, so they could look at having the meeting in a different location. Annette was tasked by the group to look at possible locations to include Alpine, Ft. Stockton, or somewhere further east in late May or early June.

Gisela Dagnino asked Annette Gutierrez how soon could the RGCOG secure a contract with AECOM because she is concerned about getting the public on board soon. Annette explained it will be at the May board meeting but the date is not solidified yet. Dave Hall raised concern about the need to secure the contract soon since they are due dates coming up from TWDB based on the conceptual schedule. Richard Bagans mentioned the dates identified are target dates and they are flexible except for the technical memo and the Final Plan. Annette Gutierrez said she would aim for a May 7th board meeting.

Rene Rodriguez mentioned the community of Socorro has had difficulty participating in virtual meetings because of technology. Jay Ornelas suggested the group could utilize Sul Ross University as a possible venue.

8. Consideration of appropriate changes to the Region 14 Bylaws.

Annette Gutierrez asked for the general membership to consider amending the bylaws to 4.1 Filling Vacancies and reduce the deadline for submission of nominations between thirty and forty-five calendar days from the date that public notice was posted to fifteen days. Dave Hall made a motion to reduce the time from thirty and forty-five days to fifteen days. Rene Rodriguez seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

9. Take action to consider adding additional members from interest categories

Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG, informed the group there is an opportunity for them to increase their membership base. She mentioned in the previous meeting the group expressed interest in adding another position for Water Utilities. Rene Rodriguez mentioned his only concern is that the membership does not become lop-sided. Dave Hall made a motion to increase the membership for Water Utilities and the Public. Rene Rodriguez seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

10. Take action to consider adding the International Water Boundary Commission as a non-voting member. Dave Hall made a motion to add the International Water Boundary Commission (IBWC) as a non-voting member as a non-voting member representing the International Water Boundary Commission. Jay Ornelas seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously. Chairman Martinez informed the group that IBWC internally decided to appoint Delbert Humberson as their representative.

11. Consider posting the River Authority vacancy.

Gisela Dagnino made a motion to post the River Authority vacancy. Rene Rodriguez seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

12. Update from Liaisons from both Region 15 – Lower Rio Grande Regional Flood Planning Group, Vanessa Rosales-Herrera, and Region 14-Upper Rio Grande Regional Flood Planning Group, Sarah Douglas. Vanessa Rosales-Herrera, who serves as the Liaison to Region 14 from Region 15, mentioned her region is in the same timeline as ours where they just recently approved their technical consultant. Dave Hall asked if our group should be also coordinating with other surrounding planning besides Region 15. Richard Bagans explained we are only required to liaise with Region 15 since there is an Upper and Lower to the region.

Ms. Sarah Douglas, who serves as the Liaison to Region 15 from Region 14, was unable to attend the most recent meeting but mentioned she will be able to attend future meetings.

13. Update to the Region 14-Upper Rio Grande Flood Planning Group website.

Annette Gutierrez informed the group that she was able to secure a quote from the Rio Grande Council of Governments' web developer. She mentioned the quote is for \$5,500. When including the indirect cost rate the total cost for this effort is \$7,219.90. Ms. Gutierrez explained the contributions that will be made from El Paso County Water Improvement District #1 and El Paso Water Utilities will cover these costs, based on her understanding that the website creation was unallowable. Chairman Martinez reminded the group that contributions like the ones made by these two entities will allow the Rio Grande Council of Governments to administer the program. Gisela asked how often would they make the contributions. Chairman Martinez mentioned if this group is to follow the Water Planning Group, the dues would be yearly. Ms. Dagnino also mentioned that part of AECOM's proposal included public relations activities from Barracuda Public Relations firm. Chairman Martinez agreed they would be doing this function but also mentioned it would be good for the RGCOG to have some of their equipment if needed. Ms. Gutierrez also mentioned to the group she would work with the Chair to see what kind of dues structure can be created for the future. Richard Bagans informed the group that this cost is an allowable expense. Annette Gutierrez then informed the group that she will not be asking El Paso Water Utilities for the previously mentioned funding. Gisela Dagnino asked Annette to still send an invoice to them to assist in starting the fund.

14. Discussion of Old Business

Dave Hall requested that AECOM should be made aware of the suggested dates from TWDB for the tasks mentioned in the Scope of Work. Dave reminded the group Tasks 1-3 should be completed by July of 2021. Gisela Dagnino informed the group that El Paso Water Utilities has worked with AECOM previously and said they always stay on task on finish the work on time.

15. General public comments

There were no public comments.

16. Consider date and agenda items for next meeting

The group decided to set the next meeting on May 20, 2021, at 9:00 AM, Mountain Time, and an Executive Committee meeting on May 18, 2021, at 9:00 am. The agenda items include voting on the

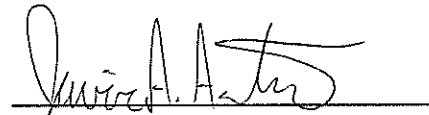
vacancies for the positions mentioned, pre-planning, discuss any old business, receive updates from both liaisons and have AECOM present to the group.

17. Adjourn

Gisela Dagnino made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 am, Mountain Time. Javier Acosta seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

5/20/2021

Date


Javier Acosta, Secretary

Meeting Minutes
Region 14 Upper Rio Grande Flood Planning Group Meeting
Thursday, 5.20.2021
9:03 AM
GoToWebinar Virtual Meeting

| <u>Voting Member</u> | <u>Interest Category</u> | <u>Present (x) /Absent () / Alternate Present (*)</u> |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| Omar L. Martinez, Chair | <i>Water districts</i> | X |
| Oscar D. "Jay" Ornelas | <i>Agricultural interests</i> | X |
| Gilberto Saldana Jr. | <i>Counties</i> | X |
| Jessica Christianson | <i>Electric generating utilities</i> | |
| Jeff Bennett | <i>Environmental interests</i> | X |
| Sal Masoud | <i>Industries</i> | X |
| Javier Acosta | <i>Municipalities</i> | X |
| David "Dave" Hall | <i>Public</i> | X |
| Rene Rodriguez | <i>Small business</i> | |
| Gisela Dagnino | <i>Water utilities</i> | X |
| Vacant | <i>Flood districts</i> | |
| Levi Bryand | <i>Water Utilities</i> | X |
| Rick Tate | <i>River authorities</i> | X |
| Carlos Velarde | <i>Public</i> | X |
| <u>Non-voting Member</u> | <u>Agency</u> | <u>Present(x)/Absent ()/ Alternate Present (*)</u> |
| James Weaver | Texas Parks and Wildlife Department | X |
| Tim Frere | Texas Division of Emergency Management | |
| Larissa Place | Texas Department of Agriculture | |
| Ben Wilde | Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board | X |
| Sarah Douglas | General Land Office/Region 14 Liaison | |
| Richard Bagans | Texas Water Development Board | X |
| Anita Keese | Texas Commission on Environmental Quality | X |
| Vanessa Rosales-Herrera | Region 15 Liaison | X |
| Delbert Humberson | International Boundary Water Commission | X |

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| Others Present: | |
| Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG | Chris Wright, AECOM |
| Matt Nelson, TWDB | Steve Ainsa, AECOM |
| James Bronikowski, TWDB | Jeff Irvin - AECOM, PIC |
| Gilbert Andujo, AECOM | Marina Monsisvais, Barracuda Communications |
| Bryan Blaisdell, AECOM | Martin Bartlett, Barracuda Communications |

1. Welcome and call to order

Chairman Omar Martinez welcomed the group and confirmed that a quorum was present. The meeting started at 9:03 am.

2. Recognition of guests and designated alternates

Chairman Martinez recognized voting, non-voting members, and guests.

3. Member updates

Chairman Omar Martinez started the updates. He first recognized the current flooding the Lower Rio Grande Valley was dealing with and offered any assistance. He also mentioned that on April 22, 2021, the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) approved 3.2 million dollars in funding of which 1.6 million is in grant funds from the state flood infrastructure fund that will be used for design planning, acquisition, design, and construction of a detention ponds and channel improvements projects in El Paso County. He congratulated El Paso County and AECOM for their success in receiving the grant. He also mentioned the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation awarded the Pecos Watershed Conservation Initiative 1.45 million to restore and sustain the Pecos River, its streams and grassland systems that provide important wildlife habitat in the Pecos Watershed and adjacent areas of New Mexico and Texas. He reminded the group part of the Flood Plan is to include environmental concerns in our region and the project mentioned goes to that initiative. Chairman Martinez also informed the group that TWDB is having a webinar from 2:00pm to 3:30pm for the Planning Group Sponsors, Chairs, and technical consultants from the Regional Flood Planning Groups. TWDB will present on the technical guidelines for regional flood planning and regional flood planning data. A significant portion of the webinar will be devoted to questions and answers. Finally, Chairman Martinez mentioned to the group that on June 24, 2021, the International Water Boundary Commission will host the Rio Grande Citizens Forum via webinar. He said these meetings are focused on work related to the Rio Grande River.

4. Review and approve the minutes for the meeting held on April 15, 2021.

Gisela Dagnino made a motion to accept the Minutes from April 15, 2021 with the changes noted. Sal Masoud seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

5. Review and approve recommendations from the Executive Committee members for the member positions for Water Utilities, Public and River Authority.

Jeff Benett made a motion to accept Rick Tate as the representative for Flood River Authority. Gisela Dagnino seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

Gisela Dagnino made a motion to accept Levi Bryand as the representative for Water Utilities. Jay Ornelas seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

Sal Masoud made a motion to accept Carlos Velarde as the representative for the Public. Gisela Dagnino seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

6. Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)- Updates and Presentation

Richard Bagans, Planner, TWDB Regional Flood Planning, provided an update to the group.

7. Update from Liaisons from both Region 15 – Lower Rio Grande Regional Flood Planning Group, Vanessa Rosales-Herrera, and Region 14-Upper Rio Grande Regional Flood Planning Group, Sarah Douglas.

Vanessa Rosales-Herrera from the Lower Rio Grande Regional Flood Planning Group did not have any updates to provide to the group.

8. Introduction and presentation from AECOM-Technical Consultants to the Region 14-Upper Rio Grande Flood Planning Group

Annette Gutierrez informed the group it was the Rio Grande Council of Governments (RGCOG) intention to present the contract between RGCOG and AECOM at its board of directors' meeting on May 14, 2021. However, based on discussions between TWDB and RGCOG and the need to revise some of the language in the contract, RGCOG will not present the document until its June board meeting.

Members asked if the group will be able to meet the deliverables considering the contract delay. Mr. Bagans informed them all parties are working to get the contract finalized and reminded them all technical work is reimbursable to the contractor prior to signature. Jeff Irvin, AECOM, requested for RGCOG to send an email stating AECOM could commence work on Task 1. Ms. Gutierrez stated that she would do so.

Ms. Gutierrez, next introduced the Project Manager, Gilbert Andujo, PE, CFM, AECOM. Mr. Andujo provided some background on his professional experience and then introduced the team and asked for each of the team members to explain what their experience is and what role they will be playing. The team includes Steve Ainsa, PE, Principal in Charge, Jeff Irvin, PE, Quality Assurance/Quality Control, PE, Chris Wright, Assistant Project Manager, PE, CFM, Bryan Blaisdell, PE, and Baracuda Public Relations, that includes Martin Bartlett and Marina Monsisvais, who will be doing the public outreach. Mr. Andujo also informed the group that AECOM will also be using nine subcontractors for this plan. The Chairman as well as several others complimented AECOM on the team and were in agreement they will be able to get the work done.

Annette Gutierrez asked Richard Bagans if TWDB is going to allow future meeting to be conducted in a hybrid manner where members may be in person or virtual if the suspensions to the Open Meetings Act as is lifted. Mr. Bagans stated the TWDB has not provided any direction as of yet. It would depend on any future legislative action and the RGCOG's Legal Counsel's interpretation.

9. Discussion of Old Business

Chairman Martinez asked Annette Gutierrez if there was any old business to discuss. Ms. Gutierrez mentioned the developers are working on the flood website and she anticipates that it will be ready soon to allow the flood members and the public a place to where they can get their information. Dave Hall mentioned there was a discussion on having the Pre-Planning meeting in the eastern area. He suggested that perhaps Baracuda could assist with this meeting and Ms. Gutierrez stated she would contact them. Gisela Dagnino asked Ms. Gutierrez if there was any activity with the discussion of the group paying dues similar to the water planning group. Ms. Gutierrez mentioned she will not know if funding is needed until she submits the first request for payment to TWDB. She said will keep the group informed. Mr. Hall also asked if the Bylaws were signed and Mr. Gutierrez said they were.

10. General public comments

There were no comments made.

11. Consider date and agenda items for next meeting

Chairman Martinez asked when do we have to have the next meeting. Ms. Gutierrez mentioned the Pre-Planning meeting can be next for the group and that it can be in the Tri-County area since it will

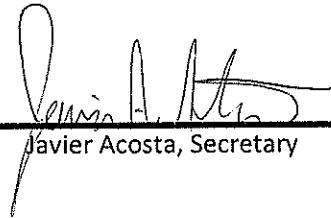
need to be a hybrid. She told the group she did not want to commit to a date until she has more information on the location. In terms of having a flood planning group meeting, she asked the group if she can coordinate with AECOM to determine the next meeting date. However, Richard Bagans did confirm there is no deadline to have the Pre-Planning meeting but it should be early in the cycle. He also reminded the group it requires a fourteen-day notice. She mentioned she will look at the June 25th week to schedule the meeting in Alpine.

12. Adjourn

Dave Hall made a motion to adjourn. Jay Ornelas seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

9/7/2021

Date



Javier Acosta, Secretary

Meeting Minutes
Region 14 Upper Rio Grande Flood Planning Group Meeting
Thursday, 8.05.2021
9:04 AM
GoToWebinar Virtual Meeting

| <u>Voting Member</u> | <u>Interest Category</u> | <u>Present (x) /Absent () / Alternate Present (*)</u> |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| Omar L. Martinez, Chair | <i>Water districts</i> | X |
| Oscar D. "Jay" Ornelas | <i>Agricultural interests</i> | |
| Gilberto Saldana Jr. | <i>Counties</i> | X |
| Jeff Bennett | <i>Environmental interests</i> | X |
| Sal Masoud | <i>Industries</i> | X |
| Javier Acosta | <i>Municipalities</i> | X |
| David "Dave" Hall | <i>Public</i> | X |
| Rene Rodriguez | <i>Small business</i> | |
| Gisela Dagnino | <i>Water utilities</i> | X |
| Vacant | <i>Flood districts</i> | |
| Levi Bryand | <i>Water Utilities</i> | X |
| Rick Tate | <i>River authorities</i> | |
| Carlos Velarde | <i>Public</i> | X |
| <u>Non-voting Member</u> | <u>Agency</u> | <u>Present(x)/Absent()/ Alternate Present (*)</u> |
| James Weaver | Texas Parks and Wildlife Department | |
| Tim Frere | Texas Division of Emergency Management | |
| Larissa Place | Texas Department of Agriculture | |
| Ben Wilde | Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board | |
| Sarah Douglas | General Land Office/Region 14 Liaison | X |
| Richard Bagans | Texas Water Development Board | X |
| Anita Keese | Texas Commission on Environmental Quality | X |
| Vanessa Rosales-Herrera | Region 15 Liaison | X |
| Delbert Humberson | International Boundary Water Commission | |

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| Others Present: | |
| Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG | Chris Wright, AECOM |
| Matt Nelson, TWDB | Jeff Irvin - AECOM, PIC |
| James Bronikowski, TWDB | Marina Monsisvais, Barracuda Communications |
| Gilbert Andujo, AECOM | Martin Bartlett, Barracuda Communications |
| Bryan Blaisdell, AECOM | |

1. Welcome and call to order

Chairman Omar Martinez welcomed the group and confirmed that a quorum was present. The meeting started at 9:04 am.

2. Recognition of guests and designated alternates

Chairman Martinez recognized voting and non-voting members.

3. Member updates

Chairman Omar Martinez asked the members if there were any updates to make. Dave Hall mentioned to the flood group that the Pre-Planning meeting was held in Marfa, Texas on July 15, 2021. He said the public mentioned flood maps were out of date and there was a discussion of LIDAR data. He also said the local community wanted opportunities to provide input to update these maps. Chairman Martinez also said the communities are hard pressed to get the data they need to get the funding for flood mitigation projects. He also mentioned in Marfa there was a loss of life due to a recent flooding that swept away a man in his vehicle while crossing a low road. Annette Gutierrez mentioned she would be composing Minutes from the meeting.

4. Review and approve the minutes for the meeting held on May 20, 2021.

Dave Hall made a motion to accept the Minutes from May 20, 2021. Gisela Dagnino seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

5. Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)- Updates and Presentation

Richard Bagans, Planner, TWDB Regional Flood Planning, provided an update to the group. He informed the group the Legislature appropriated an additional 10 million dollars to the flood planning effort that may become available after September 1, 2021. TWDB sent a survey to all the regions asking their thoughts about the additional funding and have received them back and now are in the process of determining how to allocate the funds to the regions. Contract amendments will be issued once they are available. He also mentioned there were errors in TWDB's building datasets that were identified by Bryan Blaisdell from AECOM, which are now being corrected and there is another dataset based on LIDAR that is set to come out soon, so please be on the lookout for it in Mid-August. Gisela Dagnino asked about the additional funding if it is to go towards the current tasks or if new contracts will need to be issued. Richard said the additional funds will go to Rio Grande Council of Governments (RGCOG) through an amendment but was not sure if the funds will be utilized by AECOM or if another contractor will be utilized. Dave Hall also asked how much funding was available to AECOM currently because he was trying to determine what tasks they should be working on. Annette Gutierrez told the group she would send out AECOM's Task Budget for everyone to review. Richard Bagans also mentioned to the group the funding may go towards additional flood management evaluations.

6. Update from Liaisons from both Region 15 – Lower Rio Grande Regional Flood Planning Group, Vanessa Rosales-Herrera, and Region 14-Upper Rio Grande Regional Flood Planning Group, Sarah Douglas.

Sarah Douglas summarized Region 15's meeting to the group. She mentioned Commissioner David Garza asked how all we would reach communities that are not involved in order to include their input. Kristina from HALFF explained that they would share their contact list to find those not included. Commissioner Garza stressed a strong emphasis on outreach. They also discussed between the Flood Planning Group and the GLO's flood studies, which covers their area.

There was no report from Vanessa Rosales-Herrera from the Lower Rio Grande Regional Flood Planning Group because she was not on the call. Annette Gutierrez mentioned she is not with the City of Eagle Pass anymore and it now with Texas Department of Transportation. Ms. Rosales-Herrera did inform Annette that she wanted to continue serving on the flood planning group.

7. AECOM-Progress to Task 1 – Planning Area Description & 8. AECOM-Progress to Task 10 – Public Participation as it relates to Task 1 of the Region 14 URGRFPG Regional Flood Plan

Gilbert Andujo led the discussion. He discussed both agenda items seven and eight. He introduced the AECOM team. He then turned the presentation over to Chris Wright, Deputy Project Manager. Chris Wright outlined the presentation. He covered the following:

- General Overview of the AECOM Team
- Tasks as they relate to the Scope of Work
- Maps with relevant data that they will be using in the study
- Deeper Dive with Tasks 1 & 2
- Stakeholder community survey, which will be going out in the next couple of weeks
- General Schedule
- Wrap up with meetings they will be having to include setting up subcommittees

8. Discussion of Old Business

Chairman Martinez asked Annette Gutierrez if there was any old business to discuss. Ms. Gutierrez informed the group the flood planning website will be going live on August 6, 2021. She also stated she would be sending an email to inform them of the web address.

9. General public comments

There were no comments made.

10. Consider date and agenda items for next meeting

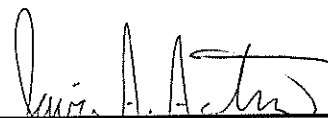
The group decided Annette Gutierrez would take a doodle poll to determine when the next meeting will be.

11. Adjourn

Sal Masoud made a motion to adjourn. Dave Hall seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

9/7/2021

Date



Javier Acosta, Secretary

Meeting Minutes
Region 14 Upper Rio Grande Flood Planning Group Meeting
Thursday, 9.7.2021

| <u>Voting Member</u> | <u>Interest Category</u> | <u>Present (x) / Absent () / Alternate Present (*)</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Omar L. Martinez, Chair | <i>Water districts</i> | ✓ |
| Oscar D. "Jay" Ornelas | <i>Agricultural interests</i> | ✓ |
| Gilberto Saldana 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 | ✓ |
| Sarah Douglas | 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 | ✓ |
| Delbert Humberson | International Boundary Water Commission | ✓ |
| Tim Frere | Texas Division of Emergency Management | |
| Larissa Place | Texas Department of Agriculture | |
| Ben Wilde | Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board | |

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| Others Present: | |
| Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG | Gilbert Andujo, AECOM |
| Matt Nelson, TWDB | Bryan Blaisdell, AECOM |
| Reem Zoun, TWDB | Chris Wright, AECOM |
| Morgan White, TWDB | Jeff Irvin - AECOM, PIC |
| Ty Edwards, MPGCD | Alejandra Marco - AECOM |
| Ashlyn Bain | Lily Cartwright - AECOM |
| | Martin Bartlett, Barracuda Communications |

1. Welcome and call to order

Chairman Omar Martinez welcomed the group and confirmed that a quorum was present. The meeting started at 9:09 am.

2. Recognition of guests

Chairman Martinez recognized voting, non-voting members, AECOM members and the public.

3. Member updates

Chairman Omar Martinez mentioned El Paso County experienced severe rain and flooding recently and also said that El Paso Water Utilities experienced a sewer line beak and the sewage is being diverted into the American Canal. Jeff Bennett asked how soon it should be resolved. Chairman Martinez did not have an estimated timeline for completion.

4. Review and approve the minutes for the meeting held on August 5, 2021.

Sal Masoud made a motion to accept the Minutes from August 5, 2021. Rene Rodriguez seconded he motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

5. Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)- Updates and Presentation

Richard Bagans informed the group that the Governor's emergency declaration expired and the Texas Open Meetings Act is in effect. He explained the requirements. The flood planning groups met virtually to discuss what options were available to them. He also mentioned the state legislature appropriated additional funding to this initiative. TWDB sent a survey in July to determine how the allocation should be distributed. They have reviewed and compiled the requests and are taking these items to the board in late September. More news will be shared around that time. He also said Task 2 is being extended to allow the data collection modeling future conditions request from all regions a longer time period needed to run the model only once. All other deliverables are due January 7th. Last, later this month there will be a payment request webinar for the flood planning groups. Dave Hall asked if the extension for all three deliverables received a two-month extension. Richard Bagans mentioned all others are due January 7th; including the Tech Memo.

6. Update from Liaisons from both Region 15 – Lower Rio Grande Regional Flood Planning Group, Vanessa Rosales-Herrera, and Region 14-Upper Rio Grande Regional Flood Planning Group, Sarah Douglas.

Sarah Douglas reported the group received a presentation from Half Associates and discussed flood plain maps.

7. AECOM General RFP Updates

AECOM presented the following items:

Task 1 (Planning Area Description)

- Overview of recent El Paso flooding
 - Local floodplain regulation and development codes
 - Agricultural and natural resources
 - Socioeconomic characteristics
 - Previously identified flood mitigation projects (existing local/regional flood plans)

–Task 2

- Evaluating best available floodplain data
 - Exposure/vulnerability analysis

–Subcommittee Meetings

–Road Show Meetings

–Public Outreach Survey & Stakeholder Coordination

8. AECOM Road Show Planning

Jeff Bennett made a motion to have the El Paso Roadshow in October and in February have the others in Pecos and Presidio. Martin Bartlett mentioned the El Paso meeting will more than likely be the week of October 18th or the 25th. Dave Hall seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

9. AECOM Subcommittee Meeting Planning Subcommittee 1-Tasks 3A/3B

Dave Hall made a motion to appoint the members below to Subcommittee 1. Gilbert Saldana seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

- Omar Martinez-Voting Member
- Javier Acosta-Voting Member
- Gilbert Saldana-Voting Member
- Carlos Velarde-Voting Member
- Dave Hall-Voting Member
- Levi Bryand-Voting Member
- Gisela Dagnino-Voting Member
- Rick Tate-Voting Member

Subcommittee 2-Tasks 4B (c)

Sal Masoud made a motion to appoint the members below to Subcommittee 2. Gisela Dagnino seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

- Omar Martinez-Voting Member
- Javier Acosta-Voting Member
- Jeff Bennett-Voting Member
- Gilbert Saldana-Voting Member

- Carlos Velarde-Voting Member
- Dave Hall-Voting Member
- Levi Bryand-Voting Member
- Gisela Dagnino-Voting Member
- Jay Ornelas-Voting Member

Sal Masoud made a motion to rescind the group approved by the group. Dave Hall seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

Sal Masoud made a motion to appoint the members below to Subcommittee 2. Dave Hall seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

- Omar Martinez-Voting Member
- Javier Acosta-Voting Member
- Jeff Bennett-Voting Member
- Gilbert Saldana-Voting Member
- Carlos Velarde-Voting Member
- Dave Hall-Voting Member
- Levi Bryand-Voting Member
- Gisela Dagnino-Voting Member
- Jay Ornelas-Voting Member
- Delbert Humberson-Non-Voting

Subcommittee 3-Task 4B (a-b)

Gisela Dagnino made a motion to appoint the members below to Subcommittee 3. Jay Ornelas seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

- Delbert Humberson-Non-Voting Member
- Omar Martinez-Voting Member
- Sal Masoud-Voting Member
- Jeff Bennett-Voting Member
- Levi Bryand-Voting Member
- Gisela Dagnino-Voting Member

Subcommittee 4-Task 8

Gilbert Saldana made a motion to appoint the members below to Subcommittee 4. Jeff Bennett seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

- Gilbert Saldana-Voting Member
- Anita Keese-Non-Voting Member
- Omar Martinez-Voting Member
- Sal Masoud-Voting Member
- Levi Bryand-Voting Member
- Gisela Dagnino-Voting Member
- Delbert Humberson-Non-Voting Member

10. AECOM Survey & Stakeholder Coordination

AECOM covered the coordination information in the general updates.

11. Discussion of Old Business

Chairman Martinez asked Annette Gutierrez to review the website with the group. She presented where the members can access the information.

12. General public comments

There were no public comments from the general public.

13. Consider date and agenda items for next meeting

October 5th will be the next meeting date and if any member wants to attend physically, they may do so at the El Paso County Water Improvement District; if not they can attend virtually. The Fathom dataset was asked aqua strategies is preparing it. A draft memo will be available to the group for review. It will be included in Chapter 1. Adding subcommittee section.

14. Chair Adjourn

Jeff Bennett made a motion to adjourn at 11:09 am. Gilbert Saldana seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

1/31/22

Date

Javier Acosta

Javier Acosta
Secretary

Meeting Minutes
Region 14 Upper Rio Grande Flood Planning Group Meeting
Friday, October 15.2021

| <u>Voting Member</u> | <u>Interest Category</u> | <u>Present (✓)/Absent (X) / Alternate Present (*)</u> |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| Omar L. Martinez, Chair | <i>Water districts</i> | X |
| Oscar D. "Jay" Ornelas | <i>Agricultural interests</i> | ✓ |
| Gilberto Saldana 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 |
| Sarah Douglas | General Land Office/Region 14 Liaison | X |
| Richard Bagans | Texas Water Development Board | ✓ |
| Anita Keese | Texas Commission on Environmental Quality | ✓ |
| Vanessa Rosales-Herrera | Region 15 Liaison | X |
| Delbert Humberson | International Boundary Water Commission | ✓ |
| Tim Frere | Texas Division of Emergency Management | X |
| Larissa Place | Texas Department of Agriculture | X |
| Ben Wilde | Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board | X |
| Others Present: | | |
| Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG | Gilbert Andujo, AECOM | |
| Matt Nelson, TWDB | Bryan Blaisdell, AECOM | |
| Reem Zoun, TWDB | Chris Wright, AECOM | |
| Morgan White, TWDB | Jeff Irvin - AECOM, PIC | |
| Ty Edwards, MPGCD | Alejandra Marco - AECOM | |
| Ashlyn Bain | Lily Cartwright - AECOM | |
| | Martin Bartlett, Barracuda Communications | |

1. Welcome and call to order

Dave Hall chaired the meeting on behalf of Chairman Martinez who could not attend. He welcomed the group and received confirmation that a quorum was present. The meeting started at 12:06 am.

2. Recognition of guests

Dave Hall asked if there were any guests who would like to be recognized at this time. Gisela Dagnino informed the group that Enrique Ochoa will be serving as her proxy for these meetings if she cannot attend. Annette Gutierrez, Rio Grande Council of Governments (RGCOG) informed Gisela that an agenda item that will request for proxies will be forthcoming in a future meeting.

3. Member updates

Dave Hall asked if there were any updates from the members. There were no updates from the group and Mr. Hall moved onto the next agenda item.

4. Review and approve the minutes for the meeting held on September 7 2021.

Sal Masoud made a motion to accept the Minutes from September 7, 2021. Gisela Dagnino seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.

5. Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)- Updates and Presentation

Richard Bagans provided the group with some updates. He mentioned the additional funding that was allocated by TWDB, is in draft contract form and will be available to the sponsors next week for their review. He also mentioned the Tech Memo's will still be due January with the exception of the geodatabase files that have been extended. Therefore, the group still has an opportunity to approve the Tech Memo deliverables at a late November meeting or early December, to allow the Consultants enough time to submit. Richard also reminded the group if they are going to vote on determining flood mitigation and floodplain management goals or to approve a process for identifying potential FMEs and potentially feasible FMSs and FMPs, it will require a fourteen-day notice. Therefore, he recommended the group table agenda items eleven and twelve. He recommended discussion can still happen, but no vote. The group discussed the possibility of having their next meeting on November 2nd and still being able to post with to meet the fourteen-day requirement. Finally, Richard also informed the group that TWDB can now approve the AECOM contract once the group votes on agenda item #7.

6. Update from Sarah Douglas, Liaison for Region 15 Upper Rio Grande Regional Flood Planning Group.

There was no report from Sarah Douglas.

7. Discussion and potential action regarding the updated task budget and expense budget to submitted to the Texas Water Development Board in a budget memo

Annette Gutierrez presented the group with the budget memo that was submitted to the TWDB. The purpose of the memo was to request permission to revise the allocations per task as requested by AECOM to Rio Grande Council of Governments. Gisela Dagnino made a motion to accept the updated

task budget and expense budget that was submitted to TWDB in a budget memo. Jeff Bennett seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.

8. Discussion and potential action regarding administrative expenses to be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for reimbursement

Annette Gutierrez requested to table this agenda item because RGCOG was not prepared to submit the documentation.

9. AECOM GENERAL UPDATES

AECOM provided updates on the Stakeholder Survey Outreach, Task 1, 2, 3, and 4. They also provided a summary on some of the "Threatened and Endangered Species".

10. Consider, discuss and take action for Adoption of Specific, Minimum Floodplain Management or Land Use Standards based on recommendation from Subcommittee 1

Based on clarification provided by Richard Bagans, the agenda item was tabled because it requires a 14-day public notice.

11. Consider, discuss and take action for Adoption of Flood Mitigation and Floodplain Management Goals based on recommendation from Subcommittee 1

Based on clarification provided by Richard Bagans, the agenda item was tabled because it requires a 14-day public notice.

12. Consider, discuss and take action to confirm general FMEs and FMS evaluation method proposed during Subcommittee 3 meeting

Gisela Dagnino made a motion to confirm the general FMEs and FMS evaluation method proposed during Subcommittee 3 meeting. Levi Bryand seconded the motion.

13. Update from Subcommittee 2 meeting

AECOM provided an update from Subcommittee 2 but no action was taken.

14. Road Show Dates & Public Participation

Martin Bartlett, Barracuda Communications, reminded the group of the Flood Planning Group's Open House that will be held at the El Paso Tech20 Center. He thanked El Paso Water for their support with this effort. He also informed the group the Open House will also be conducted in February of 2022 in Pecos and Presidio, then finally wrapping up one last public hearing in El Paso in early summer.

15. Survey & Stakeholder Coordination

Martin Bartlett, Barracuda Communications, stated there will be a shift in focus from the survey to the Open House that will be on October 27. Barracuda sent correspondence to all municipalities in Hudspeth and El Paso County. He also showed how much media coverage there was covering the flood planning group, the surveys and the Open House. He also mentioned the team has now received over one-hundred surveys. The planning group has now received survey responses from every county within its service area.

16. Updated Roadmap, Schedule reminder/Goals for next Meeting

Gilbert Andujo provided an updated roadmap for the group. He provided the following information:

Upcoming RFPG General Meetings (Tuesdays at 9am MST/10am CST)

- November 2
- November 30

Upcoming Subcommittee meetings

- Subcommittee 1 –Task 3A/3B -Evaluation and Recommendations on Floodplain Management/Flood Mitigation and Floodplain Measurement Goals: October 21
- Subcommittee 3 –Task 4B(a-b) -Identification and Evaluation of Potential Flood Management Evaluations and Flood Management Strategies (FMEs and FMSs): October 22
- Continue contacting community representatives and stakeholders to collect survey responses
- Continue publicizing the survey response opportunity
- Consolidate data collection results from survey and map viewer (extended survey closing date to October 15)
- Organize/hold El Paso Open House: October 27
- Continue existing and future condition flood risk analyses (Task 2)

Identify/outline potential minimum RFPG standards + flood mitigation, floodplain management goals, and recommendations based on Subcommittee 1 feedback and community survey responses (Task 3)

Identify/outline flood mitigation needs by subregion for Needs Analysis (Task 4A)

Identify/outline potential flood solutions (FMEs, FMSs, FMPs) (Task 4B)

Dave Hall asked if AECOM could provide the planning group a draft memo by November 30. Gilbert Andujo from AECOM stated they could try but if is not possible the group will receive it in early December. Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG reminded the group they could go to www.urpfpg.org, under meeting notices or calendar. Bryan Baisdell and Chris Wright proposed several dates to the group. Bryan stated that all subcommittees should meet for a final time prior to November 15th. Once the subcommittees have met and taken action on what items to recommend, the agenda for the November 30, 2021, general membership meeting will be posted.

The two also stated the draft Tech Memo will be distributed by December 3, 2021, for the group to review. The general membership will then meet either December 16th or 17th to vote on the memo. If the group identifies that more work needs to be done for the memo, the group can reconvene the first week of January. Once approved, AECOM will submit the Tech Memo by January 7, 2021.

17. Discussion of Old Business

There was no old business discussed.

18. General public comments

There were no public comments.

19. Consider date and agenda items for next meeting

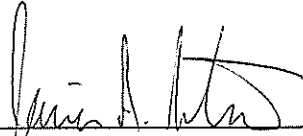
This item was previously discussed by the group.

20. Adjourn

Gisela Dagnino made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Jeff Bennett. The meeting adjourned at 2:04 pm. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 2:04 pm.

Nov 2, 2021

Date



Javier Acosta
Secretary

Meeting Minutes
Region 14 Upper Rio Grande Flood Planning Group Meeting
Tuesday, November 2, 2021

| <u>Voting Member</u> | <u>Interest Category</u> | <u>Present (✓)/Absent (X) / Alternate Present (*)</u> |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| Omar L. Martinez, Chair | <i>Water districts</i> | ✓ |
| Oscar D. "Jay" Ornelas | <i>Agricultural interests</i> | X |
| Gilberto Saldana 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> | 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 | ✓ |
| Sarah Douglas | 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 |
| Delbert Humberson | International Boundary Water Commission | ✓ |
| Tim Frere | Texas Division of Emergency Management | X |
| Larissa Place | Texas Department of Agriculture | ✓ |
| Ben Wilde | Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board | X |
| Others Present: | | |
| Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG | Jeff Irvin - AECOM, PIC | |
| Morgan White, TWDB | Lily Cartwright - AECOM | |
| Matt Nelson, TWDB | Susan Roth, P.E. | |
| James Bronikowski, TWDB | Judy Albus, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation District | |
| Gilbert Andujo, AECOM | Enrique Ochoa, EPW | |
| Bryan Blaisdell, AECOM | Lisa McCracken Mairs -USACE SWG | |
| Chris Wright, AECOM | | |

1. Welcome and call to order

Chairman Martinez welcomed the group and received confirmation that a quorum was present. The meeting started at 9:16 am.

2. Recognition of guests

Chairman Martinez asked if there were any guests who would like to be recognized at this time. There were none.

3. Member updates

Chairman Martinez asked if there were any updates from the members. Dave Hall mentioned there was a Citizens Forum on October 28th, hosted by the International Water Boundary Commission (IBWC). He said there was a lot of discussion about levees and projects, so the work the flood planning group is doing is complementary of what others are talking about. Chairman Martinez mentioned the group said there will be openings if anyone is interested in joining. Delbert Humberson provided a link to the presentations from the event in case anyone wanted to view the information.

4. Review and approve the minutes for the meeting held on October 15, 2021.

Dave Hall made a motion to accept the Minutes from October 15, 2021 with the correction of the utilization of the appropriate symbol to indicate what members were present at the meeting. Levi Bryand seconded the motion. Omar L. Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved. Chairman Martinez abstained from the vote because he was not present at the meeting.

5. Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)- Updates and Presentation

Richard Bagans provided the group with some updates. He mentioned the additional funding that was allocated by TWDB, is in draft contract form and Rio Grande Council of Governments (RGCOG) and AECOM should be able to bring the contract amendment to the group at the November 30th meeting. He also reminded the group there are several items in the Tech Memo that will not be due until March but through an email that was sent out recently, TWDB provided clarification on which items are due in January for the Tech Memo. Richard also mentioned the AECOM team has brought forward several questions to TWDB about projects that overlap state boundaries, accreditation of levees, and modeling of different dams along with the Rio Grande. Reem Zoun, James Bronikowski, along with Ricard Bagans, are working with them and will provide some responses soon.

6. Update from Sarah Douglas, Liaison for Region 15 Upper Rio Grande Regional Flood Planning Group.

Sarah Douglas informed the group Region 15 has a new TDEM representative to the group, Bryan Hertech. The group also reviewed Tasks 1, 3b, and 4. The group also worked towards identifying their goals. They are six of them. They included, education, outreach, flood warning readiness, flood studies and analysis, and structure elevation/flood proofing.

7. Discussion and potential action regarding administrative expenses to be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for reimbursement

Annette Gutierrez requested to table this agenda item because RGCOG was not prepared to submit the documentation.

8. AECOM GENERAL UPDATES

AECOM provided some general updates to the group. Bryan Blaisdell informed the group that AECOM has been holding several subcommittee meetings, to include Subcommittee 1 –Task 3A/3B - Evaluation and Recommendations on Floodplain Management/Flood Mitigation and Floodplain Measurement Goals and Subcommittee 3 – Task 4B(a-b) - Identification and Evaluation of Potential Flood Management Evaluations and Flood Management Strategies (FMEs and FMSs). AECOM also continues to conduct public/stakeholder outreach that includes the El Paso Open House Meeting on October 27, verifying responses from key stakeholders and reaching out to fill remaining data gaps for Task 1, they have performed existing and future condition flood risk analyses for Task 2. AECOM has been drafting flood mitigation and floodplain management goals/recommendations for vote by Subcommittee 1 for Task 3, as well as identifying/outlining flood mitigation needs by subregion for Needs Analysis Task 4A and identifying/outlining potential flood solutions (FMEs, FMSs, FMPs) (Task 4B). He also a preliminary draft Tech Memo will be available for the November 30th meeting and the official draft Tech Memo will be available on December 3rd to allow for public comment and discussion on it for a general meeting in the middle of December.

Jeff Bennett asked if the flood management projects, evaluations and strategies will be identified this month. Bryan said they will be identifying them but this is not the only opportunity to identify these items. The group will still be able to identify them after the submittal of the Tech Memo.

Bryan also mentioned there will be upcoming URGFPG General Meetings on Tuesday, at 9am MST/10am CST on November 30. In addition, there will several upcoming Subcommittee meetings for Subcommittee 1 –Task 3A/3B - Evaluation and Recommendations on Floodplain Management/Flood Mitigation and Floodplain Measurement Goals on November 4 and potential 4th meeting between November 10-12. For Subcommittee 2 – Task 4B(c) - Identification and Evaluation of Potential Flood Mitigation Projects (FMPs), there will also be a meeting on November 4 and November 15. Subcommittee 3 – Task 4B(a-b) - Identification and Evaluation of Potential Flood Management Evaluations and Flood Management Strategies (FMEs and FMSs) will be on November 10. He also outlined the actions to vote for the next November 30 URGFPG meeting. He stated what items for review need to be posted for public review by November 15. The items will show the minimum URGFPG standards (Task 3A), flood mitigation, floodplain management goals (Task 3B), and formalize a process for identifying FMEs, FMSs, and FMPs (Task 4B).

Gilbert Andujo from AECOM, provided an update on the budget progress to date. He showed a chart outlining the percentage of completion per task. In total, AECOM will be requesting update to \$364,000 in reimbursement from TWDB.

9. AECOM – SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

Bryan provided an update on Subcommittee 1 and Chris Wright updated the group on Subcommittees 3. They both He summarized the presentation slides that were previously presented to the group.

10. AECOM - EL PASO OPEN HOUSE MEETING UPDATE

Marina Monsisvais from Barracuda Public Relations provided the update. She summarized the events of the Open House. She stated thirty people attended the event. There was a lot of activity on the Roll plots and with people updating their flood information on the laptops. Chairman Martinez provided several interviews to new media outlets. The next round of meetings will be in Presidio and Pecos. Chairman Martinez asked for Barracuda Public Relations to inform the group how they are going to do the outreach for the next two meetings. Marina said she would.

11. Consider date and agenda items for next meeting

The next meeting set was for November 30, 2021, at 9:00 am.

12. Adjourn

Gisela Dagnino made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Jeff Bennett. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:03 am.

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Date

Javier A. Acosta

Javier Acosta, Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA
 REGION 14. UPPER RIO GRANDE FLOOD PLANNING GROUP
 GENERAL MEETING
 Tuesday, November 30, 2021
 9:00 A.M. (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> | ✓, present for agenda items 1-7 |
| Oscar D. "Jay" Ornelas | <i>Agricultural interests</i> | X |
| Gilberto Saldana 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> | ✓, physically present-Chair |
| Rene Rodriguez | <i>Small business</i> | ✓ |
| Gisela Dagnino | <i>Water utilities</i> | ✓ |
| Vacant | <i>Flood districts</i> | X |
| 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 |
| Sarah Douglas | General Land Office/Region 14 Liaison | X |
| Richard Bagans | Texas Water Development Board | ✓ |
| Anita Keese | Texas Commission on Environmental Quality | ✓ |
| Vanessa Rosales-Herrera | Region 15 Liaison | X |
| Delbert Humberson | International Boundary Water Commission | ✓ |
| Judy Lucio | Texas Division of Emergency Management | ✓ |
| Larissa Place | Texas Department of Agriculture | ✓ |
| Ben Wilde | Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board | X |
| Others Present: | | |
| Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG | Jeff Irvin - AECOM, PIC | |
| Morgan White, TWDB | Lily Cartwright - AECOM | |
| Matt Nelson, TWDB | Alejandra Marcos - AECOM | |
| James Bronikowski, TWDB | Judy Albus, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation District | |
| Gilbert Andujo, AECOM | Gonzalo Cedillos | |
| Bryan Blaisdell, AECOM | Lisa McCracken Mairs -USACE SWG | |
| Chris Wright, AECOM | | |

1. Welcome and call to order
Dave Hall chaired the meeting on behalf of Chairman Martinez. He welcomed the group and received confirmation that a quorum was present. The meeting started at 9:04 am.
2. Recognition of guests
Dave Hall asked if there were any guests who would like to be recognized at this time. There were none.
3. Member updates
Dave Hall asked if there were any updates from the members. There were none.
4. Review and approve the minutes for the meeting held on November 2, 2021.
Jeff Bennett made a motion to accept the Minutes from November 2, 2021. Sal Masoud seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.
4. Update from Sarah Douglas, Liaison for Region 15 Upper Rio Grande Regional Flood Planning Group.
Sarah Douglas was not present at the meeting. Therefore, there was no update provided.
5. Flood Planning Members assignment of Proxies
Omar Martinez made a motion for each voting and non-voting member to assign up to two proxies on behalf of themselves and send that information to Annette Gutierrez, Rio Grande Council of Governments (RGCOG). Gisela Dagnino seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.
6. Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) - Update
Richard Bagans provided the group with some updates. He discussed the contract amendments with the group. He said Region 14 was allocated an additional \$660,400 that is to go to additional outreach, data collection, and to perform Flood Mitigation Evaluations. The flood planning group will still be required to submit their regional plan by 2022. However, the group will be able to incorporate an amendment to include the additional tasks. He also reminded the group they will be voting on approving the Tech Memo at the December meeting and if approved it will then be sent on to TWDB by the January 7th deadline.
7. "Discussion and potential action to authorize the Planning Group Sponsor to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Regional Flood Planning Grant contract with the TWDB, to incorporate additional funding for the first cycle of regional flood planning, including necessary revisions to the contract scope of work and budget."

Jeff Bennett made a motion to authorize the RGCOG to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Regional Flood Planning Grant contract with the TWDB, to incorporate additional funding for the first cycle of regional flood planning, including necessary revisions to the contract scope of work and budget. Gisela Dagnino seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.
8. "Discussion and potential action to authorize the Planning Group Sponsor to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Regional Flood Planning Grant subcontract with the technical consultant, AECOM, to incorporate additional funding for the first cycle of regional flood planning, including necessary revisions to the contract scope of work and budget."

Gisela Dagnino made a motion to authorize the RGCOG to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Regional Flood Planning Grant subcontract with the technical consultant, AECOM, to incorporate additional funding for the first cycle of regional flood planning, including necessary revisions to the contract scope of work and budget.” Rene Rodriguez seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.

9. Discussion and potential action regarding administrative expenses to be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for reimbursement.

Gisela Dagnino made a motion to accept the administrative expenses as presented to the Texas Water Development Board. Gilbert Saldana seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.

10. AECOM provided general updates and information related to the Technical Memorandum.

11. Discussion and action to vote for recommendations on floodplain management standards per §361.35

Levi Bryand made a motion to approve to adopt a region-specific minimum standards and recommendations along with a specific list defining standards or recommendations. Sal Masoud seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was not approved.

Levi Bryand then made a motion to approve region-specific recommendations for floodplain management standards. Sal Masoud seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.

12. Discussion and action to vote for adoption of the overarching flood mitigation and floodplain management goals for the Region 14 regional flood plan per §361.36. b

Rene Rodriguez made a motion to adopt the short-term and long-term goals as presented. Gisela Dagnino seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.

13. Discussion and action to vote for approval of the documented process used by the UFGRFPG to identify and evaluate potential Flood Management Evaluation (FME)s, and potentially feasible Flood Mitigation Project (FMP)s and Flood Management Strategy (FMS)s per §361.38.

Rene Rodriguez made a motion for the approval of process to identify and evaluate potential FMEs, FMSs, and FMPs as described in the 11/16/21 Technical Memorandum. The motion was seconded by Jeff Bennett. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.

14. Adjourn

Jeff Bennett made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Rene Rodriguez. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

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Date


Secretary, Javier Acosta

AMENDED AGENDA
 REGION 14. UPPER RIO GRANDE FLOOD PLANNING GROUP
 GENERAL MEETING
 Thursday, December 16, 2021
 9:00 A.M. (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> | ✓, physically present-Chair |
| Vacant | <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> | ✓, physically present |
| Rene Rodriguez | <i>Small business</i> | X |
| Marvin Gomez for Gisela Dagnino | <i>Water utilities</i> | ✓ |
| Vacant | <i>Flood districts</i> | X |
| 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 |
| Sarah Douglas | 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 |
| Delbert Humberson | International Boundary Water Commission | ✓ |
| Judy Lucio | Texas Division of Emergency Management | ✓ |
| Larissa Place | Texas Department of Agriculture | X |
| Judy Albus for Ben Wilde | Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board | ✓ |
| Others Present: | | |
| Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG | Jeff Irvin - AECOM, PIC | |
| Gilbert Andujo, AECOM | Patricia Garcia-Barracuda PR | |
| Bryan Blaisdell, AECOM | Alejandra Marco - AECOM | |
| Chris Wright, AECOM | | |

1. Welcome and call to order

Chairman Omar Martinez welcomed the group and received confirmation that a quorum was present. The meeting started at 9:05 am.

2. Recognition of guests

Chairman Martinez asked if there were any guests who would like to be recognized at this time. There were none.

3. Member updates

Chairman Martinez asked if there were any updates from the members. There were none.

4. Public Comments

Chairman Martinez asked if there were any public comments from the public. There were none.

5. Review and approve the minutes for the meeting held on November 30, 2021.

Sal Masoud made a motion to accept the Minutes from November 30, 2021. Jeff Bennett seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

6. Update from Sarah Douglas, Liaison for Region 15 Upper Rio Grande Regional Flood Planning Group.

Sarah Douglas informed the group she was not able to attend Region 15's meeting but requested a summary of the meeting. She stated she would pass along the information as soon as it is available.

7. Update

Annette Gutierrez, Rio Grande Council of Governments (RGCOG) asked for Richard Bagans, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), to provide an update on behalf of the agency. He mentioned the contract amendment for additional funds is being processed by the Board. Also reminded the group the Tech Memo is due January 7, 2022 and the group will need to vote on their approval today. He also said there will be an email to be distributed by the Board providing the Technical Consultants how to submit the Tech Memo and how to access their OneDrive. There were also two conference calls held recently, one for Technical Consultants and one for Chairs. The Board covered technical guidelines and clarifications for Technical Consultants and the presentation can be found on their website. The Chairs Call covered what is going on across the State. Both calls are being held quarterly. He mentioned many regions are having meetings this week as well. Finally, he reminded the group, as stated by their bylaws, at their next meeting, they will need to vote on officers for the new year.

8. Discussion and potential action regarding administrative expenses to be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for reimbursement.

Annette Gutierrez requested to table the agenda item because there were no reimbursement requests at this time.

9. AECOM General RFP Updates

Gilbert Andujo, introduced the AECOM and Barracuda Public Relations to the group. Patricia Garcia informed the group of the status of their Open House meetings in Pecos and Presidio on February 9th and 10th. Gilbert next asked Chris Wright to present on the final

recommendations from the previous meeting of Subcommittee 2. Sal Masoud made a motion to submit the recommendations from Subcommittee 2 as follows:

- 1) Approval of refinement of screening process for selection of potentially feasible regional FMPs for Projects not included in the City of El Paso/El Paso Water Stormwater Master Plan, or the El Paso County Stormwater Master Plan, including all process refinements discussed during the subcommittee meeting held 12/14/21. AECOM will have the opportunity to review approximately how many of the 9 currently identified projects, plus other additional projects yet to be considered, can be evaluated based on time/budget to reduce the number of projects further.
- 2) Approval of selection of 25 potentially feasible FMPs from the 2021 City of El Paso/El Paso Water SWMP, including all refinements to the screening process discussed during the subcommittee meeting held 12/14/21. EPWater will have the opportunity to submit a revised list before the next Subcommittee 2 meeting. AECOM will have the opportunity to review approximately how many of the 25 projects can be evaluated based on time/budget to reduce the number of projects further.
- 3) Approval of selection of 19 potentially feasible FMPs from the 2021 El Paso County SWMP, including all refinements to the screening process discussed during the subcommittee meeting held 12/14/21. El Paso County will have the opportunity to submit a revised list before the next Subcommittee 2 meeting. AECOM will have the opportunity to review approximately how many of the 19 projects can be evaluated based on time/budget to reduce the number of projects further.

The motion was seconded by Dave Hall. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

10. AECOM Discussion and adoption of the Technical Memo as presented by AECOM with authorization of Consultant/Political Subdivision to make non-substantial edits and submittal of the final Tech Memo to the TWDB.

Jeff Bennett made a motion to approve the Technical Memo as presented by AECOM with authorization of Consultant/Political Subdivision to make non-substantial edits and submittal of the final Tech Memo to the TWDB. Gilbert Saldaña seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

11. AECOM Discussion of TWDB responses to AECOM questions regarding levees
Chris Wright provided the update to the group.

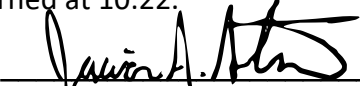
12. Chair Set next meeting date

As recommended by AECOM, the group will be meeting sometime between January 24 thru 27. Annette Gutierrez stated she would also send out a doodle poll to determined meetings for subcommittee 2 and 3.

13. Chair Adjourn

Jeff Bennett made a motion second by Dave Hall adjourned at 10:22.

2/28/22
Date


Secretary, Javier Acosta

AGENDA
 REGION 14. UPPER RIO GRANDE FLOOD PLANNING GROUP
 GENERAL MEETING
 Wednesday, February 2, 2022
 9:00 A.M. (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> | ✓ |
| Vacant | <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> | ✓, physically present-served as Chair |
| Rene Rodriguez | <i>Small business</i> | X |
| Marvin Gomez for Gisela Dagnino | <i>Water Utilities</i> | ✓ |
| Vacant | <i>Flood districts</i> | X |
| 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 | ✓ |
| Sarah Douglas | 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 |
| Delbert Humberson | International Boundary Water Commission | ✓ |
| Judy Lucio | Texas Division of Emergency Management | ✓ |
| Larissa Place | Texas Department of Agriculture | X |
| Judy Albus for Ben Wilde | Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board | ✓ |
| Others Present: | | |
| Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG | Jeff Irvin - AECOM, PIC | |
| Gilbert Andujo, AECOM | Lily Cartwright, AECOM | |
| Bryan Blaisdell, AECOM | Susan Roth, PE, Susan Roth Consulting | |
| Chris Wright, AECOM | Patricia Garcia-Barracuda PR | |
| Alejandra Marco, AECOM | James Bronikowski | |

1. Welcome and call to order

Dave Hall served as Chair for Omar Martinez. He welcomed the group and received confirmation that a quorum was present. The meeting started at 9:02 am.

2. Recognition of guests

Dave Hall asked if there were any guests who would like to be recognized at this time. There were none.

3. Member updates

Dave Hall asked if there were any updates from the members. There were none.

4. Public Comments

Dave Hall asked if there were any public comments from the public. There were none.

5. Review and approve the minutes for the meeting held on December 16, 2021.

Levi Bryand made a motion to accept the Minutes from December 16, 2021. Gilbert Saldaña seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.

6. Update from Sarah Douglas, Liaison for Region 15 Upper Rio Grande Regional Flood Planning Group.

Sarah Douglas informed the group there was no update at this time.

7. Discussion on membership from subcommittees as it relates to a potential quorum of the flood planning group.

Annette Gutierrez, Rio Grande Council of Governments (RGCOG) asked for Richard Bagans, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), to provide an update on behalf of the agency before the group discussed the membership of subcommittees. He mentioned AECOM submitted their tech memo to TWDB prior to the deadline. TWDB has deemed it administratively complete and has allowed AECOM to move forward with Task 5. He also reminded the group the next deadline is March 7th where extension deliverables are due pertaining to geo-database files. He mentioned the contract amendment for additional funds is being processed by the Board. The Officers election will happen at the second meeting, part of bylaws. Last, he mentioned there will be a Chairs Conference Call in March. The Legal Division will provide an Open Meetings Act overview to the group.

Richard Bagans next discussed the membership from subcommittees as they relate to a potential quorum of the flood planning group. Richard stated, after receiving guidance from TWDB, during subcommittee meetings, the number of planning group members participating may be so many that a quorum of the flood planning group may be established. He noted our region has a large number of members participating but they are being posted as subcommittees. He offered two options. First, if the group wants to continue having subcommittees, they may do so but limit the number of participants so that a quorum of the full membership does not exist. Secondly, the group may forego the subcommittees, have a flood planning group meeting and limit the agenda to specific items related to the topics identified from the subcommittees. Annette Gutierrez asked if the group if they would be open

to having their March meeting be a General Flood Planning Meeting rather than a Subcommittee 2 meeting. The group conferred with AECOM and they agreed it would be appropriate to move forward in this manner.

Next they discussed Subcommittee 1,3, & 4. AECOM stated there would no longer be meetings for Subcommittee 1 since the goals were met. AECOM stated they anticipated having a meeting for Subcommittee 3 in late February and Subcommittee 2 in the middle of March. Their focus over the next several months will be for those two subcommittees. He also mentioned the thought for Subcommittee 4 was to do away with it and treat the process as a workgroup where AECOM will reach out to individuals separately to gather the information and then present it to the group.

Annette summarized to the group that the February 28th meeting will focus on subcommittee 3 primarily and the next general meeting will be between March 14-18 to focus on Subcommittee 2.

Dave Hall asked for AECOM to consider forming a small group for Subcommittee 4 if they are in need of gathering more responses, then convening a small group may be beneficial.

8. Discussion and potential action regarding administrative expenses to be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for reimbursement.

Jeff Bennett made a motion to approve the expenses as presented. The total amount requested from AECOM was \$154,247.71, for the period of October 1, 2021-December 31, 2021. Omar Martinez seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.

9. AECOM General RFP Updates

- Upcoming Open House Meetings in Pecos and Presidio
- Update on Region 14 Fathom 3m Flood Risk Data
- 2022 RFP Road Map/upcoming meeting schedule

Bryan presented agenda items 9 through 11 to the planning group.

12. Discussion and action to vote for approval of recommendations from Subcommittee 3 (FMEs/FMSs)

Sal Masoud made a motion to approve any refinements to the list of FMEs and FMSs included in the 1/7/22 Tech Memo resulting from discussions in this subcommittee meeting to recommend to the URG Regional Flood Planning Group. Omar Martinez seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.

13. Discussion and action to vote for approval of recommendations from Subcommittee 2 (FMPs)

Omar Martinez made a motion for the following:

- Approval of the creation of tiers according to 5 projects in each category
- Approval of refined prioritization tables and overall method for prioritization of potentially feasible FMP evaluations (as shown in Alt 3) discussed during this meeting for recommendation to RFPG.

- Approval of applying additional funding of \$58,000 toward Task 4, as needed for recommendation to RFPG.

Levi Bryand seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.

14. Chair Set next meeting date

The group agreed to set the next flood planning meeting for February 28, 2022, at 9:00 am., MST. March 14-18 poll.

15. Chair Adjourn

Levi Bryand made a motion to adjourn. Sal Masoud seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:42.

2/28/22
Date

Javier A. Acosta
Secretary, Javier Acosta

REGION 14. UPPER RIO GRANDE FLOOD PLANNING GROUP
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 28, 2022
9:00 A.M. (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> | ✓, physically present |
| Vacant | <i>Agricultural interests</i> | |
| Vacant | <i>Generating Electric Utilities</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> | ✓, physically present |
| Rene Rodriguez | <i>Small business</i> | ✓ |
| Gisela Dagnino | <i>Water Utilities</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(✓)/Absent(X)/ Alternate Present (*)</u> |
| James Weaver | Texas Parks and Wildlife Department | ✓ |
| Vacant | 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 |
| Delbert Humberson | International Boundary Water Commission | X |
| Judy Lucio | Texas Division of Emergency Management | X |
| Larissa Place | Texas Department of Agriculture | ✓ |
| Judy Albus for Ben Wilde | Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board | ✓ |
| Others Present: | | |
| Annette Gutierrez, RCGOG | Alejandra Marco, AECOM | |
| Gilbert Andujo, AECOM | Jeff Irvin - AECOM, PIC | |
| Bryan Blaisdell, AECOM | Dr. Apurba Boarh, IBWC | |
| Chris Wright, AECOM | Patricia Garcia-Barracuda PR | |

1. Welcome and call to order

Chairman Omar Martinez welcomed the group and received confirmation that a quorum was present. The meeting started at 9:02 am.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Review and approve the Minutes for the meeting held on February 2, 2022, & December 16, 2022

Annette Gutierrez explained that only February 2, 2022, Minutes needed to be approved and the December 16, 2021 Minutes had already been approved. Dave Hall made a motion to accept the Minutes from February 2, 2022. Sal Masoud seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

4. Review and approve the Minutes for the 4th Subcommittee 3 meeting held on January 12, 2022

Sal Masoud made a motion to accept the Minutes from Subcommittee 3 meeting held on January 12, 2022. Dave Hall seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

5. Review and approve the Minutes for the 5th Subcommittee 2 meeting held on January 27, 2022

Gisela Dagnino made a motion to accept the Minutes from Subcommittee 2 meeting held on January 27, 2022. Jeff Bennett seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

6. Liaison for Region 15 Lower Rio Grande Regional Flood Planning Group

Annette Gutierrez informed the group that Sarah Douglas is no longer working for the General Land Office and submitted her resignation from the Flood Planning Group and as the Liaison for Region 15. Dave Hall made a motion to nominate Jeff Bennett to serve as the Liaison for Region 15. Omar Martinez seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

7. Election of Officers for Calendar Year 2022 (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary)

Annette Gutierrez informed the group that in addition to the positions noted in the agenda, two at-large positions also need to be voted on. However, since it was not posted, Ms. Gutierrez will post these items on the next agenda. Dave Hall made a motion to nominate the current Officers for Calendar Year 2022. Levi Bryand seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

8. Discussion and potential action regarding administrative expenses to be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for reimbursement

Gisela Dagnino made a motion to accept the administrative expenses presented. Dave Hall seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

9. Take action on vacancies for Agriculture and Generating Utilities

Jeff Bennett made a motion to accept Kenton Martin as the member representing Electric Generating Utilities and Dr. Zhuping Sheng as the member representing Agriculture. Gisela Dagnino seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

10. Updates from Richard Bagans

Richard Bagans informed the group that the Tech Memorandum has deliverables that are due March 7th. He said the deliverables are GIS based. He also mentioned for the Tech Memorandum that was submitted in January, it is going under content review by the Board and informal comments should be provided to the group and the consultants in late April. He also said the contract amendments for additional funding for the tasks that were included is currently in DocuSign, where several TWDB staff need to sign. Once this is completed, it will be sent to RGCOG for execution. He said the RGCOG can then amend its subcontract with AECOM. He also said that payment requests have been slower to complete but the Board is working with RGCOG to get expenses paid. He mentioned the Board will be having a conference call with the technical consultants later this afternoon and there will be a Chairs conference call on Wednesday, March 2nd. Richard also praised AECOM for seeking clarification and presenting questions to the Board.

11. Pecos/Presidio Open House Meeting Updates

Patricia Garcia from Barracuda PR, informed the group that a total of five people signed up for the Pecos meeting at Odessa the College Center. The average attendee stayed for 1 to 1.5 hours. This allowed for ample time for engagement in conversation, input and completing the comment cards. Most of the respondents were concerned about safety issues related to flooding and those that had been affected by flooding in the last 5 years said they sustained \$10,000 to \$20,000 of flood-related damage to their business or property. She also reported on the media coverage for the event.

In Presidio, eight people signed in for the Presidio public meeting. The average attendee stayed for 1 hour to 1.5 hours. As in the previous meeting, this provided ample time for engagement in conversation, input and completing comment cards. Five comment cards were completed and received. While most attendees indicated they had not been directly affected by flood damage, they did indicate that their commute had been interrupted by flooding. Of those who did indicate flood damage, the financial costs were \$10,000 or below. There was also media coverage provided for this event.

12. Discussion of in-progress Technical Memorandum (March 7) deliverables as presented by AECOM with authorization of Consultant to submit completed draft deliverables to the TWDB

Gisela Dagnino made a motion to give the authorization of the consultant to submit the completed draft deliverables to Texas Water Development Board. Rene Rodriguez seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

13. Discussion related to Subcommittee 3 (FMEs/FMSs)

Chris Wright provided an overview of what was discussed in the last Subcommittee 3 meeting.

14. Discussion related to Task 8 – Administrative, Regulatory, and Legislative Recommendations

Jeff Irvin covered this agenda item. He explained what items are included in Task 8. These items included 1) Legislative recommendations, 2) Other regulatory/ admin recommendations 3) Any other recommendations, and 4) Recommendations regarding potential, new revenue-raising opportunities. He also discussed the approach AECOM wants to take that includes an initial workshop.

15. Set next meeting date

Annette Gutierrez informed the group the next meeting will be between March 14-18, 2022, based on the group's availability.

16. Adjourn

Gisela Dagnino made a motion to adjourn. Sal Masoud seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved. The meeting concluded at 11:11.


Secretary, Javier Acosta


Date

REGION 14. UPPER RIO GRANDE FLOOD PLANNING GROUP
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 15, 2022
9:00 A.M. (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> | X |
| 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> | X |
| Carlos Velarde | <i>Public</i> | X |
| <u>Non-voting Member</u> | <u>Agency</u> | <u>Present(x)/Absent() / Alternate Present (*)</u> |
| James Weaver | Texas Parks and Wildlife Department | X |
| Vacant | 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 |
| Delbert Humberson | International Boundary Water Commission | ✓ |
| Judy Lucio | Texas Division of Emergency Management | ✓ |
| Larissa Place | Texas Department of Agriculture | X |
| Judy Albus for Ben Wilde | Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board | ✓ |
| Others Present: | | |
| Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG | Jeff Irvin - AECOM, PIC | |
| Gilbert Andujo, AECOM | Patricia Garcia-Barracuda PR | |
| Bryan Blaisdell, AECOM | Alejandra Marco - AECOM | |
| Chris Wright, AECOM | Joanna McKenzie | |
| Dr. Apura Borah | Marvin Gomez | |
| Alderman David Cantu | | |

1. Welcome and call to order

Chairman Omar Martinez welcomed the group and received confirmation that a quorum was present. The meeting started at 9:03.

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 on February 28, 2022.

Zhuping Sheng made a motion to accept the Minutes from Upper Rio Grande Flood Planning Group meeting held on February 28, 2022. Gisela Dagnino seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

4. Selection of two members-at-large for the Executive Committee.

Zhuping Sheng made a motion to appoint Gisela Dagnino, Gilbert Saldana, and David Hall as the At-Large members. Gilbert Saldana seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

5. Update from Richard Bagans.

Annette Gutierrez, Rio Grande Council of Governments (RGCOG) asked for Richard Bagans, Senior Regional Flood Planner, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), to provide an update on behalf of the agency.

Richard Bagans informed the group that AECOM submitted the required March 7th deliverables to TWDB. They are currently being reviewed for administrative completeness. He also mentioned TWDB is still reviewing the January 7th Tech Memo and their comments should be released around mid-April. He also mentioned there was a chairs conference call as well as one for the technical consultants where they discussed in more detail the FMEs and FMPs. The Director of Flood Planning for TWDB, Reem Zoun, presented at the Texas Floodplain Management Association in Houston recently, where she displayed Region 14's public outreach materials. He also mentioned TWDB is still behind in reimbursing payment requests but they continue to work with AECOM and RGCOG. Finally, he informed the group the contract amendment has been executed to allow for the group to get started for the additional tasks.

6. General RFP Updates/Draft Technical Memorandum through agenda item 13.

Gilbert Andujo led the discussion on behalf of AECOM. He along with Bryan Blaisdell and Chris Wright presented these items.

14. Discussion and Action to Vote for Approval of Additional Potentially Feasible FMPs.

Dave Hall made a motion to approve the potentially feasible FMPs presented. The motion was seconded by Zhuping Sheng. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

15. Set next meeting date

Annette Gutierrez informed the group the next meeting will be between April 19 at 9:00 am or week of 18-22, 2022, based on the group's availability.

16. Chairman Omar Martinez Adjourn

Dave Hall made a motion to adjourn. Sal Massoud seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved at 11:58.

4/25/22
Date

Javier A. Acosta
Secretary, Javier Acosta

REGION 14. UPPER RIO GRANDE FLOOD PLANNING GROUP
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 21, 2022
9:00 A.M. (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> | X |
| 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> | X |
| 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 |
| Delbert Humberson | International Boundary Water Commission | X |
| Judy Lucio | Texas Division of Emergency Management | ✓ |
| Larissa Place | Texas Department of Agriculture | X |
| Ben Wilde | Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board | ✓ |
| Others Present: | | |
| Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG | Jeff Irvin - AECOM, PIC | |
| Gilbert Andujo, AECOM | Patricia Garcia-Barracuda PR | |
| Bryan Blaisdell, AECOM | Alejandra Marco - AECOM | |
| Chris Wright, AECOM | Alderman David Cantu | |
| Dr. Apura Borah | Marvin Gomez | |
| John Gwynn, Doña Ana County | | |

1. Welcome and call to order

Chairman Omar Martinez welcomed the group and received confirmation that a quorum was present. The meeting started at 9:03.

2. Recognition of guests

Chairman Martinez recognized Alderman David Cantu from San Elizario and John Gwynn from Dona Ana County.

3. Public Comments

Chairman Martinez asked if there were any public comments from the public. There were none.

4. Member updates

Chairman Martinez announced that the AECOM team, along with RGCOG, and himself, assisted Hudspeth County in submitting an appropriations request to Congressman Tony Gonzales's office to establish floodplain management controls in several colonias in Hudspeth County. He encouraged other small communities to seek the Flood Planning Group's assistance in the future.

Tressa Olsen from Texas Water Development Board provided an update. She said that TWDB staff provided informal comments on the January Tech Memo deliverables last week and also mentioned the informal comments for the March 7 deliverables will be provided in May. She reminded the group to submit their executed amended subcontract to your Planner as soon as possible. She also stated there would be a Technical Consultants Call on May 24th and a Chairs Conference Call on May 25th. Finally, she mentioned that TWDB sent out a newsletter providing more information on the 60-day public comment requirement and on FMX voting.

5. Review and approve the minutes for the meeting held on March 15, 2022.

Dave Hall made a motion to accept the Minutes from the Upper Rio Grande Flood Planning Group meeting held on March 15, 2022, except for correcting Dr. Zhuping Sheng's attendance. The Minutes stated he was absent when he was present. Jeff Bennett seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

6. General RFP Updates & 7 through 12 Agenda Items

Gilbert Andujo from AECOM welcomed the flood planning group. He introduced the AECOM team and asked Bryan Blaisdell to provide the updates. He mentioned they would cover the following topics.

- Upcoming Draft RFP Chapter Target Dates (Submittal to the RFPG)
- Chapter 1 (Task 1 – Planning Area Description): April 2022
- Chapter 3 (Task 3 – Floodplain Management Practices/Goals): May 2022
- Chapter 4 (Task 4 and 5 – FMEs/FMSs/FMPs): June 2022
- Chapter 5-9 (Task 6 through 10 – all remaining chapters): July 1, 2022
- El Paso Wrap-Up Public Meeting: June 2022 - Barracuda has tentatively set the meeting for June 8th at the El Paso Independent School District, Central Office
- Draft RFP due to TWDB by August 1, 2022

- El Paso Public Hearing to Obtain Public Feedback on Draft RFP: September 2022
- Incorporate TWDB & Public Input and Adopt Final RFP by January 2023

13. Action to Vote for Recommended FMEs, FMSs, and FMPs

Zhuping Sheng made a motion to approve the 5 FMPs proposed. Gisela seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

| FMP Name | Description | Project Type | Estimated Project Cost (\$) |
|----------|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| HAC3 | Sediment/Retention Basin | Sediment/Retention Basin | \$3,000,000 |
| SOC4 | Sediment/Detention Basin at "Mankato Arroyo" | Sediment/Retention Basin | \$1,660,000 |
| FAB1 | Sediment/Retention Basin | Sediment/Retention Basin | \$3,660,000 |
| MON3 | Sediment/Retention Basin | Sediment/Retention Basin | \$29,750,000 |
| SSA4 | Detention Basin SSA4 | Detention Basin | \$13,900,000 |
| CAN1 | Reconstruction of the channel with concrete lining | Channel Improvement | \$1,960,000 |
| EA 10 | Detention Basin | Detention/Sediment Basin | \$6,100,000 |


Jeff Bennett made a motion to accept all the changes presented by AECOM during the presentation ([Click here to see revised information](#)). The motion was seconded by Dave Hall. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

14. Next Potential General RFPG Meeting Date May 25th will be the next meeting.

15. Adjourn

Jeff Bennett 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 11:07.

5/27/22
Date


Secretary, Javier Acosta

REGION 14. UPPER RIO GRANDE FLOOD PLANNING GROUP
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 25, 2022
1:30 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> | X |
| Gisela Dagnino | <i>Water utilities</i> | ✓ |
| Vacant | <i>Flood districts</i> | X |
| 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 | ✓ |
| 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 |
| Delbert Humberson | International Boundary Water Commission | X |
| Judy Lucio | Texas Division of Emergency Management | ✓ |
| Larissa Place | Texas Department of Agriculture | X |
| Judy Albus for Ben Wilde | Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board | ✓ |
| Others Present: | | |
| Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG | Alderman David Cantu, City of San Elizario | |
| Reem Zoun, TWDB – in person | Liz Cassin, American Flood Coalition | |
| James Bronikowski, TWDB | Chase Krozner, American Flood Coalition | |
| Gilbert Andujo, AECOM | Carlos Gallinar, City of Socorro | |
| Bryan Blaisdell, AECOM | Alejandra Valadez, City of Socorro | |
| Chris Wright, AECOM | Marvin Gomez | |
| Jeff Irvin, AECOM, PIC | Isela Canava | |

| | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Alejandra Marco, AECOM | Carolyn E. Donnelly |
| Patricia Garcia-Barracuda PR | |

1. Welcome and call to order

Chairman Omar Martinez welcomed the group and received confirmation that a quorum was present. The meeting started at 1:34.

2. Public Comments

Chairman Martinez asked if there were any public comments from the public. There were none.

3. Local Flood Projects

Chairman Martinez announced three items. The first was a grant/loan of 10 million dollars that was awarded to the City of Socorro by the Texas Water Development Board through the Flood Infrastructure Fund program. City Development Director, Alejandra Valadez, explained the funding will go to address the Sparks/Arroyo storm drainage project, as well as for channel improvements, and a basin for the onion field area.

Chairman Martinez also announced that Hudspeth County received approval from Congressman Tony Gonzales through his appropriations request for FY 23. For Hudspeth County, the funding would be used to establish a county floodplain management program to address the flood risks associated with rapid urbanization, provide detailed engineering planning and construction funds for addressing current flood risks identified in a 2019 Colonia Area Plan. He thanked AECOM for all of their assistance for Hudspeth County's request.

Also, through Congresswoman Escobar's office, through their appropriations request, EPCWID#1's project was selected to concrete line 1 mile of the Franklin Canal.

Finally, Chairman Martinez mentioned that through the Far West Texas Water Planning Group and Flood Planning Group, these groups are assisting smaller communities to apply for funding. He mentioned many of these communities are limited in their building capacity. Dave Hall asked Reem Zoun, Flood Planning Director, to consider additional funding for communities to tap into technical assistance from other organizations who can assist in preparing applications.

4. Review and approve the minutes for the meeting held on April 21, 2022.

Dave Hall made a motion to accept the Minutes from the Upper Rio Grande Flood Planning Group meeting held on April 21, 2022. Gisela Dagnino seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

5. Discussion and potential action regarding administrative expenses to be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for reimbursement

Gisela Dagnino made a motion to accept the administrative expenses of \$231,824.42, from AECOM for the period of January 1, 2022 through March 4, 2022, to the Texas Water

Development Board. Dr. Zhuping Sheng seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

6. Updates from Richard Bagans, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)

Richard reminded the group that TWDB has submitted their second set of informal comments for the Tech Memo, to the regions. He stated the comments are merely suggestions on how to the regions can make the plans better. He also said that on May 24, TWDB held a Technical Consultants Call. During their discussions, it was suggested the group meet one more time in late June to discuss any pending final items prior to submitting the draft plan. Richard also said there would also be a Chair's Call on May 26, where the regions will be discussing what is occurring in their groups. He reminded everyone, the Chairs Call is held quarterly.

He also informed the group that TWDB has executed the contract amendment with RGCOG for the \$666,400, to pay for the additional tasks. He said depending on what the group decides, TWDB will assist RGCOG in submitting a budget memo to identify the revised amounts dedicated to the additional tasks.

Finally, he reminded the group, when scheduling upcoming planning group meetings, the group must have a public meeting where public comments will be accepted on the draft plan. The notice requirement for this meeting is 30 days prior and public comments must be accepted up to 30 days after it is presented. The plan must be located in three physical locations. The group can vote to submit the draft plan before August 1st, 2022. However, it is suggested the public comment meeting should happen either in August or September to allow for any of these comments to be incorporated into the final Plan. These next two months will be the most content-heavy months where the Technical Consultant will be releasing the Chapters for the group to review.

Chairman Martinez asked TWDB is already looking at starting up the flood planning process. Richard said it will start up quickly after the State Plan is approved.

7. Presentation from American Flood Coalition

Liz Cassin, Senior Outreach Associate, started the presentation. She thanked the flood planning group for allowing the American Flood Coalition (AFC) to present. She then turned over the presentation to Chase Kronzer, Texas Director for the American Flood Coalition. Mr. Kronzer informed the group that the AFC is a 501 (C) 3 nonprofit organization and nonpartisan coalition advancing solutions to flooding and sea level rises. The organization has over 280 members nationwide. They are active in 21 states, including Texas. He mentioned the AFC has identified four pillars for coastal and inland solutions. These solutions include the economy, communities, rebuilding, and the military. Mr. Kronzer also said that AFC's offers its members education guides, tools for effective communication, networks of leaders on flooding, competitive local resilience pilots, and offers a platform for advocacy and education. Most importantly, he mentioned on the AFC's website is the flood funding finder. This tool breaks down federal grant and technical assistance programs best suited for flooding and se

level rise initiatives. He encouraged everyone to review their information and be prepared to apply for funding that is going to be made available through the infrastructure bill. Finally, he informed the group that any city, county or water district can join the AFC and become a member at no cost. Chairman Martinez inquired if the flood planning group can become a member and Mr. Krozner said he would investigate if that is possible.

8. Request to re-allocate funds within Tasks 11 and 12 for AECOM
Dave Hall made a motion to allow RGCOG to reallocate funds from Task 12 to 11. The revised amounts will be \$292,996 for Task 11 and \$176,596, for Task 12. Gisela Dagnino seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.
9. The AECOM team provided the general RFP Updates to the group.
10. Discussion and action to vote on Task 8 – Administrative, Regulatory, and Legislative Recommendations
Gisela Dagnino made a motion to allow subcommittee 4 to meet on June 16, 2022, for Task 8. Levi Bryand seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.
11. Discussion and action to vote on Potential Changes to FMEs, FMSs, and FMPs
Dave Hall made a motion to approve the changes presented to FMEs, FMSs, and FMPs. Dr. Zhuping Sheng seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.
12. Discussion and action to vote on Task 5 – Recommendation of FMEs and FMSs and Associated FMPs
Jeff Bennett made a motion to take action on Task 5. Levi Bryand seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.
13. Discussion and action to vote for the adoption of Revision 2 of the overarching flood mitigation and floodplain management goals for Region 14 Regional Flood Plan per §361.36
Dr. Zhuping Sheng made a motion to approve the adoption of Revision 2 of the overarching flood mitigation and floodplain management goals for Region 14 Regional Flood Plan per §361.36. Jeff Bennett seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.
14. Next Potential General RFPG Meeting Date
Annette Gutierrez stated she would send out a poll to determine what is the most optimal date for the next flood planning meeting between July 19-21. Dave Hall asked for Annette to query the group about meeting sometime between June 20-22 to discuss Chapters 1, 2, and 3, and look at July 13-14, for Chapters 5,6,7,8, and 9.
15. Adjourn

Dave Hall made a motion to adjourn. Jeff Bennett seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 4:07 pm.

9/15/22

Date


Jayler Acosta, Secretary

REGION 14. UPPER RIO GRANDE FLOOD PLANNING GROUP
 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
 Thursday, June 30, 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> | X |
| Zhuping Sheng | <i>Agricultural interests</i> | ✓ |
| Sal Alonzo for 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> | X |
| <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 | X |
| Richard Bagans | Texas Water Development Board | ✓ |
| Anita Keese | Texas Commission on Environmental Quality | ✓ |
| Vanessa Rosales-Herrera | Region 15 Liaison | X |
| Dr. Apora Borah | International Boundary Water Commission | ✓ |
| Judy Lucio | Texas Division of Emergency Management | ✓ |
| Lauren Mayes | Texas Department of Agriculture | X |
| Judy Albus for Ben Wilde | Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board | X |
| Others Present: | | |
| Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG | Alejandra Marco, AECOM | |
| James Bronikowski, TWDB | Alderman David Cantu, City of San Elizario | |
| Gilbert Andujo, AECOM | Lisa McCracken | |
| Alejandra Marco, AECOM | | |
| Patricia Garcia-Barracuda PR | | |

1. Welcome and call to order

Dave Hall served as Chair for Chairman Omar Martinez. He welcomed the group and received confirmation that a quorum was present. The meeting started at 10:00 AM MDT.

2. Public Comments

Mr. Hall asked if there were any public comments from the public. There were none.

3. Review of Chapters 1 and 2

The group reviewed Chapters 1 and 2. The group did not take any action on the chapters.

4. Adjourn

Dr. Zhuping Sheng made a motion to adjourn. Sal Masoud seconded the motion. Mr. Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

9/15/22

Date

Javier A. Acosta

Javier Acosta, Secretary

REGION 14. UPPER RIO GRANDE FLOOD PLANNING GROUP
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 13, 2022
9:30 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> | X |
| Zhuping Sheng | <i>Agricultural Interests</i> | ✓ |
| Gilberto Saldaña Jr. | <i>Counties</i> | X |
| 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> | X |
| 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 | X |
| 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 | ✓ |
| 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, AECOM | |
| James Bronikowski, TWDB | Alderman David Cantu, City of San Elizario | |
| Reem Zoun, TWDB | Joanna McKenzie, Hudspeth County | |

1. Welcome and call to order

Dave Hall served as Chair for Chairman Omar Martinez. He welcomed the group and received confirmation that a quorum was present. The meeting started at 9:30 AM MDT.

2. Public Comments

Mr. Hall asked if there were any public comments from the public. There were none.

3. Review of Chapters 3, partial of 4, and 7.

The group reviewed Chapters 1, 3, partial of 4, and 7. The group did not review Chapter 8. The group did not take any action on the chapters.

4. Adjourn

Jeff Bennett made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Zhuping Sheng seconded the motion. Mr. Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

9/15/22

Date

Javier A. Acosta

Javier Acosta, Secretary

REGION 14. UPPER RIO GRANDE FLOOD PLANNING GROUP
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 20, 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> | ✓ |
| 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> | X |
| 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 | |
| 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: | | |
| Joanna McKenzie | | |
| Ramon Macias | | |
| Alejandra Marco | | |

1. Welcome and call to order

Chairman Omar Martinez received confirmation that a quorum was present. The meeting started at 9:04 AM 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 on May 25, 2022, June 30, 2022, and July 13, 2022.

Dr. Zhuping Sheng made a motion to approve the Minutes with the changes noted by Dave Hall for May 25, 2022. Gisela Dagnino 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 The Administrative Expenses were tabled because no expenses were presented.

5. Updates were provided from Richard Bagans, Texas Water Development Board.

6. General RFP Updates provided were provided by AECOM.

7. Review of Chapters 9 and 10.

The group reviewed Chapters 9 and 10. The group did not take any action on the chapters.

8. Discussion and action to vote on RFPG Recommendations for FMEs, FMSs, and FMPs

Dr. Zhuping Sheng made a motion to accept the RFPG recommendations for FMEs, FMSs, and FMPs. The motion was seconded by Dave Hall. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

9. Discussion and action to vote on RFPG Chapter 8 Administrative, Regulatory, and Legislative Recommendations from Subcommittee 4. No action was taken.

10. Discussion and action to vote for approval of Draft RFP Deliverables as presented by AECOM with authorization of Consultant/Political Subdivision to make non-substantial edits and submit the Draft RFP Deliverables to TWDB

Dr. Zhuping Sheng made a motion to approve the draft RFP deliverables as presented by AECOM with authorization of Consultant/Political Subdivision to make non-substantial edits and submit the Draft RFP Deliverables to TWDB. The motion was seconded by Dave Hall. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

Dave Hall made a motion to void the motion and adopt the new motion as presented made a motion to approve the draft RFP deliverables as presented by AECOM with authorization of Consultant/Political Subdivision to submit the Draft RFP Deliverables to TWDB including all chapters and digital geodatabases. This assumes there are no significant comments the RFPG will make, which they may

request for chapters yet to be submitted. Dr. Zhuping Sheng seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

11. Next Potential General RFPG Meeting Date
No action was taken on this agenda item.

12. Adjourn
Jeff Bennett made a motion to adjourn. Levi Bryand seconded the motion. Mr. Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

9/19/22
Date

Javier A. Acosta
Javier Acosta, Secretary

REGION 14. UPPER RIO GRANDE FLOOD PLANNING GROUP
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, July 26, 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 |
| Gisela Dagnino | <i>Water Utilities</i> | X |
| Vacant | <i>Flood Districts</i> | |
| Levi Bryand | <i>Water Utilities</i> | X |
| 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 | |
| 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: | | |
| Dr. Al Blair | Jeff Irwin, AECOM | |
| Alderman David Cantu | Bryan Blaidsdell, AECOM | |
| Gilbert Andujo, AECOM | Chris Wright, AECOM | |

1. Welcome and call to order

Chairman Omar Martinez received confirmation that a quorum was present. The meeting started at 9:01 AM 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 on July 20, 2022.

The Minutes will be tabled and presented at the next meeting.

4. Discussion and potential action regarding administrative expenses to be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for reimbursement

The Administrative Expenses were tabled because no expenses were presented in the backup materials.

5. Review of remaining RFP chapters (Chapters 4, 5, 6, and Executive Summary)

The group reviewed Chapter 4. The group did not review Chapters 5, 6, or the Executive Summary. The group did not take any action on the chapters.

6. Adjourn

Dr. Sheng Zhuping made a motion to adjourn. Gilbert Saldaña seconded the motion. Mr. Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

9/19/22

Date


Javier Acosta, Secretary

REGION 14. UPPER RIO GRANDE FLOOD PLANNING GROUP
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, July 28, 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> | X |
| Rene Rodriguez | <i>Small Business</i> | ✓ |
| Gisela Dagnino | <i>Water Utilities</i> | X |
| Vacant | <i>Flood Districts</i> | |
| Levi Bryand | <i>Water Utilities</i> | X |
| 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 | |
| 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: | | |
| | Jeff Irvin | |
| Maria Jayni Saenz | Bryan Blaisdell | |
| Gilbert Anaya | Gilbert Anaya, TWDB | |
| Reem Zoun | | |

1. Welcome and call to order

Chairman Omar Martinez received confirmation that a quorum was present. The meeting started at 9:19 AM 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 26, 2022.

The Minutes will be tabled and will be presented at the next meeting.

4. Update from TWDB, Richard Bagans

Last major push by the consultants and group before submitting the draft plan, that is due August 1st. He reminded the group to post the public meeting and has a requirement for thirty days prior and thirty days after to receive comments. He also reminded the group that at their next meeting they can have Task 12 on the agenda to discuss potential FMEs.

5. Review of remaining RFP chapters

Jeff Irvin, AECOM, discussed the outcome of the subcommittee 4 meeting.

6. Discussion and action to vote on RFPG Chapter 8 Administrative, Regulatory, and Legislative Recommendations from Subcommittee 4

Gilbert Saldaña made a motion Rene Rodriguez seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Next Potential General RFPG Meeting Date

The group discussed having the public meeting the week of September 12th to determine the best day the group is available.

8. Adjourn

Rene Rodriguez made a motion to adjourn. Sal Massoud seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

9/19/22

Date


Javier Acosta, Secretary

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 A. Acosta
Javier Acosta, Secretary

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.

12/19/22

Date


Javier Acosta, Secretary

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.

Note - Final RFP
submitted prior to
RFPG approval of
12/6/2022 meeting
minutes

Date

Javier Acosta, Secretary

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 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.
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.

Date

Note - Final RFP
submitted prior to
RFPG approval of
12/15/22 meeting
minutes

Javier Acosta, Secretary

Appendix 10A.2

Subcommittee 1 Meeting Minutes

(Evaluation and Recommendations on Floodplain Management Practices/Flood Mitigation and Floodplain Management Goals, Task 3)

AGENDA
REGION 14. UPPER RIO GRANDE FLOOD PLANNING GROUP
SUBCOMMITTEE 1
MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 30, 2021
10:00 A.M. (MDT)
13247 Alameda Ave., Clint, TX 79836

Subcommittee 1 – Tasks 3A/3B – Evaluation and Recommendations on Floodplain Management Practices/Flood Mitigation and Floodplain Management Goals

1) Introductions of Subcommittee Members and Interests

Javier Acosta-Professional Engineer-Frank Spencer and Associates in El Paso, Texas, Gilbert Saldana-Senior Civil Engineer for El Paso County, Dave Hall, Carlos Velarde-Civil Engineer for Val Verde County, Levi Bryand-Civil Engineer with LCA in Odessa Texas

Also present were AECOM-Jeff Irvin, Lily Cartwright, Chris Wright, Gilbert Andujo, Bryan Blaisdell, and Tatum Lau

2) Objective of Subcommittee

Bryan Blaisdell lead the discussion. He covered this agenda item. He mentioned the subcommittee will be discussing Tasks 3A/3B – Evaluation and Recommendations on Floodplain Management Practices/Flood Mitigation and Floodplain Management Goals.

3) AECOM provided a presentation of the technical issues.

Bryan Blaisdell presented the following items:

- a) Review Regional Floodplain Management and Land Use Practices (Task 3A)
 - i) NFIP Requirements
 - ii) TFMA Higher Standards
 - iii) Subdivision Regulations/Model Subdivision Rules
 - iv) Future Development Conditions
 - v) **Subcommittee Recommendations to RFPG:** RFPG Path to Adoption of Region-Specific, Minimum Floodplain Management or Land Use Standards (optional)
- b) Review Flood Mitigation and Floodplain Management Goals (Task 3B)
 - i) Example short-term/long-term goals
 - ii) Discussion of region-specific goals
 - iii) **Subcommittee Recommendations to RFPG:** RFPG Path to Adoption of Flood Mitigation and Floodplain Management Goals

4) Confirm chair of subcommittee

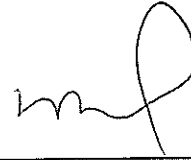
Gilbert Saldana made a motion to have Dave Hall serve as the Chair for Subcommittee 1. Javier Acosta seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called the vote and the motion was approved.

5) Tentative future meeting dates for subcommittee

Bryan Blaisdell suggested the subcommittee meet every three to four weeks. The subcommittee agreed they would meet again on October 21st at 10:00 am. Omar Martinez made a motion to adjourn and Javier Acosta seconded. Chairman Martinez called the vote and the motion was approved.

10/21/2021

Date



Subcommittee 1 Chairman, Dave Hall

Meeting Minutes
Region 14 Subcommittee 1 Meeting
Thursday, October 21, 2021

| <u>Subcommittee Member</u> | <u>Interest Category</u> | <u>Present (✓)/Absent (X) / Alternate Present (*)</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Omar L. Martinez, Chair | <i>Water districts</i> | X |
| Oscar D. "Jay" Ornelas | <i>Agricultural interests</i> | ✓ |
| Gilberto Saldana Jr. | <i>Counties</i> | ✓ |
| Javier Acosta | <i>Municipalities</i> | ✓ |
| David "Dave" Hall | <i>Public</i> | ✓ |
| Gisela Dagnino | <i>Water utilities</i> | ✓ |
| Levi Bryand | <i>Water Utilities</i> | ✓ |
| Rick Tate | <i>River authorities</i> | X |
| Carlos Velarde | <i>Public</i> | ✓ |
| Others Present: | | |
| Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG | Chris Wright, AECOM | |
| Richard Bagans, TWDB | Jeff Irvin - AECOM, PIC | |
| Gilbert Andujo, AECOM | Lily Cartwright-AECOM | |
| Bryan Blaisdell, AECOM | Tatum Lau-AECOM | |

- 1) Subcommittee 1 Chairman Dave Hall welcomed the group.
- 2) Approval of Minutes from September 30, 2021. Omar Martinez made a motion and Levi seconded. Subcommittee 1 Chairman Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.
- 3) Bryan Blaisdell provided Subcommittee 1 with a roadmap for the group where he highlighted all items that he would discuss. He mentioned the subcommittee could decide on recommendations today for minimum standards and that would give RGCOG enough time to post by October 25 and have the URGFPG vote on November 2nd. He also mentioned the Goals could be recommended by the subcommittee at the next meeting, post the notification by November 15, then have the URGFPG vote on November 30.
- 4) Bryan next presented on the differences between the URGFPG Minimum Standards vs. Goals. Subcommittee 1 Chairman asked Bryan what will happen to communities that do not meet the standards in terms of future funding. Bryan explained there are a number of flood funding sources that do not require communities to meet the standards. This requirement will only affect those who are interested in submitting projects to the TWDB after adoption of the plan. Bryan also laid out that communities who don't meet the standards today could use that as an incentive to adopt and apply next go around. Chairman Omar Martinez asked if the group adopts the minimum standards and communities who do not meet the minimum but apply to the Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF), will that preclude them from receiving funding? Bryan stated it was his understanding that it would. Richard Bagans, TWDB, provided more clarification to the question. He said the group can adopt the minimum standards and the communities could then use this information as a resource to them when considering flood ordinances or if you choose to adopt the minimum flood standards, all Flood

Management Projects (FMPs) will have to adopt those standards to be included in the plan. The FIF is a potential future financial vehicle that may fund FMPs from the plan. He could answer how competitive a project would be if submitted without adoption of minimum standards.

Bryan also reminded the group of the pros and cons of adopting and not adopting the minimum standards. Bryan stated AECOM would like to get a recommendation from the subcommittee whether the minimum standards should be adopted or not. AECOM would also like a recommendation from the subcommittee chooses not to recommend minimum standards that they recommend standards that do not tie anything to the projects serve as a way for the group to serve as a resource and state what they would recommend.

- 5) Bryan next covered a review of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Requirements/CRS Program. He mentioned about 78% of counties in the region participate in the program. He explained the NFIP could be used as a source for the minimum standards. NFIP is a way for residents to access federal flood insurance. If incorporated communities participate but the County does not, there will not be considered as participating. He mentioned what communities would be impacted if minimum standards were incorporated. He went on to explain more information about the NFIP. Subcommittee 1 Chairman Hall asked how is the SFHA designated? Bryan explained they are approved by FEMA ultimately. He referenced the process El Paso County is going through right now with FEMA is what other communities will experience and how an SFHA will be designated.
- 6) Bryan next covered the stakeholder survey results. As of last week, one hundred surveys were received. Forty percent of the surveys came from community representatives. The survey asked if the minimum standards should be adopted and 77% of the community representatives. He then covered other items within the survey as presented in the slides that highlighted support of following minimum standards and identified potential flood-related issues of concern. They were:
 - i. Insufficient land use standards
 - ii. Development within or near flood prone areas
 - iii. Increased runoff due to development
- 7) Bryan next gave an overview of the Subcommittee Survey Results. He highlighted the three top responses to the question of evaluating potential flood-related needs as they pertain to Region 14. The top answers were:
 - i. Communities need better defined floodplain or land use standards
 - ii. Counties need authority to regulate land use
 - iii. Region-wide need for minimum floodplain standards
- 8) Finally, Bryan laid out discussion topics for the subcommittee that included:
 - URGFPG Minimum Floodplain Management or Land Use Standards – Including Subcommittee Recommendations to RFGP during November 2 RFGP General Meeting
 - URGFPG Flood Mitigation and Floodplain Management Goals (ShortTerm/Long-Term) – Draft goals to be posted on URGFPG website by November 16 and voted on by RFGP during November 30 General Meeting
- 9) The group agreed to meet on November 4, 2021, at 1:30 pm for its 3rd meeting.
- 8) Prior to making a motion to adjourn, Chairman Dave Hall asked if anyone from the public had any comment to make. There being none, he asked for a motion to adjourn. Omar Martinez made a motion to adjourn at 11:46 am. Gisela Dagnino seconded the motion. Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.

11/04/2021

Date



Subcommittee 1 Chairman, Dave Hall

Meeting Minutes
Region 14 Subcommittee 1 Meeting
Thursday, November 4, 2021

| <u>Subcommittee Member</u> | <u>Interest Category</u> | <u>Present (✓)/Absent (X) / Alternate Present (*)</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Omar L. Martinez, Chair | <i>Water districts</i> | ✓ |
| Oscar D. "Jay" Ornelas | <i>Agricultural interests</i> | X |
| Gilberto Saldana Jr. | <i>Counties</i> | ✓ |
| Javier Acosta | <i>Municipalities</i> | ✓ |
| David "Dave" Hall | <i>Public</i> | ✓ |
| Gisela Dagnino | <i>Water utilities</i> | ✓ |
| Levi Bryand | <i>Water Utilities</i> | X |
| Rick Tate | <i>River authorities</i> | X |
| Carlos Velarde | <i>Public</i> | ✓ |
| Others Present: | | |
| Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG | Chris Wright, AECOM | |
| Richard Bagans, TWDB | Jeff Irvin - AECOM, PIC | |
| Gilbert Andujo, AECOM | Lily Cartwright-AECOM | |
| Bryan Blaisdell, AECOM | Tatum Lau-AECOM | |

- 1) Subcommittee 1 Chairman Dave Hall welcomed the group at 1:35.
- 2) Approval of Minutes from September 30, 2021.
Gisela Dagnino made a motion to approve with the correction of the previous minutes being noted as September 30, 2021. Javier Acosta seconded the motion. Subcommittee 1 Chairman Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.
- 3) Bryan Blaisdell provided Subcommittee 1 with an overview of the technical issues the subcommittee discussed at the last meeting, as presented in slide 2. He next provided an updated roadmap highlighting important dates. These dates include:
 - Adopted RFPG minimum standards/goals to be included in Technical Memorandum (due to RFPG on Dec 3rd)
 - Goals + Recommendations for Minimum Standards/Adoption of Minimum Standards
 - Subcommittee 1 recommendation – Nov 4 + Nov 11
 - Public notification – Nov 15
 - RFPG adoption - Nov 30

Bryan next presented the updated draft of the Short-Term/Long Term Goals. He asked the subcommittee if there was any additional feedback they wanted to give at this time. Bryan next discussed the yellow highlighted items shown on the document. He explained they would be defined by the next subcommittee meeting and they will go to a vote. The focus of today's meeting is to complete the list of goals and next week the subcommittee will define the criteria used to measure those goals. He then covered agenda items 4-8. Prior to participating in a series of polls to verify the preference of goals from the subcommittee, Subcommittee Chairman Hall made some statements

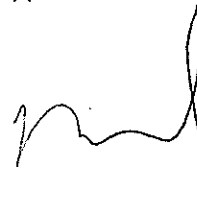
about Region 15's Goals. He cross walked their goals against Region 14's. Nearly all of the goals were similar with the exception of the standards. He also said he will be inquiring with the group if they want to make any changes. Bryan next presented the group with the new goals that included Goal 20 to 25. For Each goal, Bryan polled the subcommittee whether they should consider the goal and what the time-frame for the goal should be. Bryan made the changes to the goals as suggested by the subcommittee members.

The group next talked about the potential recommendations for minimum standards/adoption of minimum standards. He asked the subcommittee if the group should require specific minimum standards. When polled, the majority of the subcommittee voted yes. Bryan then explained what the implications are if standards were adopted, the communities who could not meet them, would not be able to submit FMEs, FMPs or FMSs, at least in the first cycle. Gilbert Saldaña then asked if the group could go forward with recommendations only for this first cycle. Bryan said they could. A second poll was conducted and the subcommittee unanimously were in favor of recommendation. When polled the majority of the subcommittee voted the recommendation of selecting NFIP minimum standards and the adoption of higher than NFIP-minimum, standards. Based on Bryan's presentation and comments from the subcommittee, Bryan stated he would put together the updated document.

- 4) Gisela Dagnino made a motion to adjourn at 2:59 pm. Gilbert Saldana seconded the motion. Subcommittee 1 Dave Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved.

11/11/2021

Date



Subcommittee 1 Chairman, Dave Hall

Appendix 10A.3

Subcommittee 2 Meeting Minutes

(Identification & Evaluation of Potential FMPs, Task 4)

Meeting Minutes
Region 14 URFPG-Subcommittee 2 Meeting
Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 10:00 am

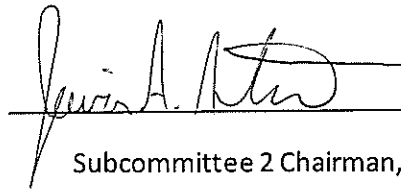
| <u>Subcommittee Member</u> | <u>Interest Category</u> | <u>Present (✓)/Absent (X) / Alternate Present (*)</u> |
|----------------------------|---|---|
| Omar L. Martinez, Chair | <i>Water districts</i> | X |
| Oscar D. "Jay" Ornelas | <i>Agricultural interests</i> | X |
| Gilberto Saldana Jr. | <i>Counties</i> | ✓ |
| Jeff Bennett | <i>Environmental interests</i> | ✓ |
| Javier Acosta | <i>Municipalities</i> | ✓ |
| David "Dave" Hall | <i>Public</i> | ✓ |
| Gisela Dagnino | <i>Water utilities</i> | ✓ |
| Levi Bryand | <i>Water Utilities</i> | ✓ |
| Carlos Velarde | <i>Public</i> | ✓ |
| Delbert Humberson | International Boundary Water Commission | X |
| Others Present: | | |
| Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG | Jeff Irvin - AECOM, PIC | |
| Richard Bagans | Alejandra Marco - AECOM | |
| Gilbert Andujo, AECOM | Lily Cartwright - AECOM | |
| Bryan Blaisdell, AECOM | Dr. Apurba Borah, IBWC | |
| Chris Wright, AECOM | | |

1. Chris Wright, AECOM, welcomed the members of Subcommittee 2 and asked if any of them had any interests in any specific Flood Mitigation Projects (FMP). Jeff Bennett mentioned he had interest in two FMPs. He reminded everyone of the 2008 flooding in Presidio and Ojinaga, Mexico out of the Rio Conchos. He explained the flooding occurred due to sediment, infilling and loss of conveyance capacity. He said he was interested in an environmental flows program. The second category of strategies would be nature based solutions that lifts the stream functions such as recharge and habit maintenance floodplain connectivity. AECOM asked if Jeff Bennett could provide them with any studies that he may have to assist them. Jeff Irvin also mentioned these concerns should get cross referenced in Subcommittee 3 as well. Jeff Bennett also mentioned the National Park Service has conducted many studies for over fourteen years. He also said he could send Steven Lance's contact information from the Park Service.
2. Chris Wright provided the objective of the Subcommittee. He stated this committee is for task 4B(c) – Identification and Evaluation of Potential Flood Management Projects, which will cover the following:
 - Representative of entire region
 - Some meetings will focus on just the Rio Grande Main Stem
 - Meeting topics can be identified from agendas
 - Members can introduce any related topics from throughout region

3. Chris Wright next provided a presentation of technical issues. He provided a definition of Flood Mitigation Projects (FMPs) with examples, stakeholder coordination for FMPs in the planning stage, summary of selected planning documents to be used for El Paso County FMPs, and to have a discussion of planned flood projects that potentially have multiple benefits.
4. Christine Westermen from SWCA provided an overview of the Jurisdictional Waters of the U.S. and how it applies to the planning group's projects. She reminded the group as they begin to do the environmental review for flood strategies, they will need to review impacts to jurisdictional waters, primarily waters wetlands. As part of the natural resources review, projects will be evaluated for their potential to affect jurisdictional wetlands/waters that is GIS-based. The projects will also be reviewed to determine potential U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) permitting requirements. The USACE permitting may be affected by impacts to other sensitive resources (e.g., federal endangered species or significant cultural resources). She also provided an explanation on the 2020 Navigable Waters Protection Rule that significantly reduced waters protections (exception for ephemeral streams), that was remanded in August 2021. She said this rule change was particularly significant in arid environments and affected status of arroyos. In June 2021, there was a proposed Intention to revise the definition of "Waters of the U.S." and is likely to revert to pre-2015 regulations. She said this regulatory environment will continue to evolve over the course of the flood planning cycle.
5. Confirm chair of subcommittee
Dave Hall made a motion to have Javier Acosta serve as the Chair for Subcommittee 2. Gisela Dagnino seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.
6. Tentative future meeting dates for subcommittee
The subcommittee agreed to meet November 4, 2021, at 10:00 am for the second meeting.
7. Javier Acosta made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Gilbert Saldana seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

11/04/2021

Date



Subcommittee 2 Chairman, Javier Acosta

Meeting Minutes
Region 14 URFPG-Subcommittee 2 Meeting
Wednesday, November 4, 2021 at 10:00 am

| <u>Subcommittee Member</u> | <u>Interest Category</u> | <u>Present (✓)/Absent (X) / Alternate Present (*)</u> |
|----------------------------|---|---|
| Omar L. Martinez, Chair | <i>Water districts</i> | ✓ |
| Oscar D. "Jay" Ornelas | <i>Agricultural interests</i> | X |
| Gilberto Saldana Jr. | <i>Counties</i> | ✓ |
| Jeff Bennett | <i>Environmental interests</i> | ✓ |
| Javier Acosta | <i>Municipalities</i> | ✓ |
| David "Dave" Hall | <i>Public</i> | ✓ |
| Gisela Dagnino | <i>Water utilities</i> | ✓ |
| Levi Bryand | <i>Water Utilities</i> | ✓ |
| Carlos Velarde | <i>Public</i> | X |
| Delbert Humberson | International Boundary Water Commission | ✓ |
| Others Present: | | |
| Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG | Chris Wright, AECOM | |
| Jeff Irvin - AECOM, PIC | Clint Kimball - AECOM | |
| Bryan Blaisdell, AECOM | Dr. Apurba Borah, IBWC | |

1. Subcommittee Chairman Javier Acosta welcomed the group at 10:05 am.
2. RGCOG- Approval of Minutes from October 13, 2021
 Jeff Bennett made a motion to accept the Minutes from October 13, 2021. Gilbert Saldaña seconded the motion. Subcommittee 2 Chairman Acosta called for a vote and the motion was approved.
3. AECOM- Introductions of Subcommittee Members and their interests in any specific FMPs
 Chris Wright started the presentation. He asked if anyone from the public could introduce themselves if they hadn't already. Joanna McKenzie, County Administrator for Hudspeth County introduced herself.
4. AECOM- Objective of Subcommittee
 Chris Wright, AECOM next outlined what items were going to be covered during the meeting. He then turned the presentation over to Jeff Irvin, AECOM. First, Jeff explained to the subcommittee what the proposed process was through a flowchart highlighting where they could obtain potential projects, what entities do they get them from, determine if there is a negative impact, and determine if the project is feasible.

Dave Hall asked if the project is not fully defined, can the group still submit the projects to Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Jeff Irvin stated they can still be submitted but they will not be as competitive as other projects that are complete when TWDB is considering who to fund. Jeff Irvin said

that one way to address this issue is to state that a Flood Management Evaluation (FME) can be requested. Gilbert Saldaña asked if there was funding for that to occur. AECOM stated there may be opportunities to conduct some with the additional funding that is coming to the region.

Jeff Irvin next talked about the process that was used for the City and County of El Paso. From this discussion, AECOM next posed a set of questions to the subcommittee to consider for selecting potentially feasible projects. Gisela Dagnino asked if there may be a consideration to take into account the heavy burden placed on residents during construction. Jeff mentioned this concern would be covered under the permit complexity with street utilities. The subcommittee agreed to go forward with the three questions presented.

Clint Kimball next provided a recap of the County's Storm water Master Plan. Chris Wright then presented potential projects from USIBWC, EPCWID #1, TXDOT and other parts of the region. Jeff Irvin recapped for the subcommittee what conclusions were made for coming to a process. He requested for the subcommittee to consider voting on the process for projects for the City of El Paso's Master Plan, El Paso County's Master Plan and for other projects as presented by the AECOM team. Omar Martinez made a motion to accept the process for all three categories mentioned. Jeff Bennett seconded the motion. Subcommittee 2 Chairman Acosta called for a vote and the motion was approved.

5. Tentative future meeting dates for subcommittee

Dave Hall asked how many of the city and county projects have already been funded through other sources. Gisela Dagnino and Gilbert Saldaña confirmed there were a few that are funded for this fiscal year. Gisela Dagnino asked for all other projects to be left on the list. Dave Hall asked for them to get together with AECOM to confirm which projects to take off the list. The subcommittee confirmed that a date was already set for the next meeting based on previous polling. The meeting will be on November 15, 2021, at 3:00 pm. Jeff Irvin reminded everyone the bulk of the work has already been completed by the subcommittee in terms of developing the process. However, the subcommittee will still need to figure out what scoring system will be implemented for the other projects.

11. Adjourn

Omar Martinez made a motion to adjourn at 11:48 am. Jeff Bennett seconded the motion. Subcommittee 2 Chairman Acosta called for a vote and the motion was approved.

11/15/2021

Date



Subcommittee 2 Chairman, Javier Acosta

Meeting Minutes
Region 14 URFPG-Subcommittee 2 Meeting
Wednesday, November 15, 2021 at 3:00 pm

| <u>Subcommittee Member</u> | <u>Interest Category</u> | <u>Present (✓)/Absent (X) / Alternate Present (*)</u> |
|----------------------------|---|---|
| Omar L. Martinez, Chair | <i>Water districts</i> | ✓ |
| Oscar D. "Jay" Ornelas | <i>Agricultural interests</i> | X |
| Gilberto Saldana Jr. | <i>Counties</i> | ✓ |
| Jeff Bennett | <i>Environmental interests</i> | ✓ |
| Javier Acosta | <i>Municipalities</i> | ✓ |
| David "Dave" Hall | <i>Public</i> | ✓ |
| Gisela Dagnino | <i>Water utilities</i> | ✓ |
| Levi Bryand | <i>Water Utilities</i> | ✓ |
| Carlos Velarde | <i>Public</i> | X |
| Delbert Humberson | International Boundary Water Commission | X |
| Others Present: | | |
| Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG | Chris Wright, AECOM | |
| Jeff Irvin - AECOM, PIC | | |
| Bryan Blaisdell, AECOM | | |

1. Subcommittee Chairman Javier Acosta welcomed the group at 3:05 pm.
2. RGCOG- Approval of Minutes from October 13, 2021
 Dave Hall made a motion to accept the Minutes from November 4, 2021. Jeff Bennett seconded the motion. Subcommittee 2 Chairman Acosta called for a vote and the motion was approved.
3. AECOM- Introductions of Subcommittee Members and their interests in any specific FMPs
 Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG, informed AECOM who was present at the subcommittee meeting.
4. AECOM- Objective of Subcommittee through Agenda Item 10
 Chris Wright, AECOM next outlined what items were going to be covered during the meeting. He then turned the presentation over to Jeff Irvin, AECOM. First, Jeff explained to the subcommittee what the proposed process was through a flowchart highlighting where they could obtain potential projects, what entities do they get them from, determine if there is a negative impact, and determine if the project is feasible. Jeff Irvin next covered agenda items five through 10 with his presentation.

For agenda item 10. Omar Martinez made a motion to recommend the following the following action to the flood planning group:

Process for Projects Other than in Storm Water Master Plans:

- Scoring Categories per list on Revised Slide
- Point score per decision made in next subcommittee meeting
- Each Project scored in subcommittee workshop
- Projects recommended to evaluate based upon scores and committee decision

Levi Bryand seconded the motion. Subcommittee 2 Chairman Acosta called for a vote and the motion was approved.

11. Potential Committee Actions -

- a) Committee vote on recommended process for selection of potentially feasible regional FMPs from stakeholders other than COEP, EPW and El Paso County (for evaluation only)

No action was taken on this agenda item.

12. Tentative future meeting dates for subcommittee

The group agreed to meeting on December 14th, 2021, at 1:00 pm.

13. Adjourn

Levi Bryand made a motion to adjourn at 4:37 pm. Jeff Bennett seconded the motion. Subcommittee 2 Chairman Acosta called for a vote and the motion was approved.

12/14/2021

Date



Subcommittee 2 Chairman, Javier Acosta

Meeting Minutes
Region 14 URFPG-Subcommittee 2 Meeting
Wednesday, December 14, 2021 at 1:00 pm

| <u>Subcommittee Member</u> | <u>Interest Category</u> | <u>Present (✓)/Absent (X) / Alternate Present (*)</u> |
|----------------------------|---|---|
| Omar L. Martinez, Chair | <i>Water districts</i> | ✓ |
| Oscar D. "Jay" Ornelas | <i>Agricultural interests</i> | X |
| Gilberto Saldana Jr. | <i>Counties</i> | X |
| Jeff Bennett | <i>Environmental interests</i> | X |
| Javier Acosta | <i>Municipalities</i> | ✓ |
| David "Dave" Hall | <i>Public</i> | ✓ |
| Gisela Dagnino | <i>Water utilities</i> | ✓ |
| Levi Bryand | <i>Water Utilities</i> | ✓ |
| Carlos Velarde | <i>Public</i> | ✓ |
| Delbert Humberson | International Boundary Water Commission | X |
| Others Present: | | |
| Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG | Chris Wright, AECOM | |
| Jeff Irvin - AECOM, PIC | Gilbert Andujo | |
| Bryan Blaisdell, AECOM | | |

Subcommittee Chairman Javier Acosta welcomed the group at 1:13 pm.

1. Approval of meeting minutes for the November 15, 2021 Subcommittee 2 meeting (Meeting No. 3)
Omar Martinez made a motion to accept the Minutes from November 15, 2021. Dave Hall seconded the motion. Subcommittee 2 Chairman Acosta called for a vote and the motion was approved.

3-12. Chris Wright and Jeff Irvin presented agenda items 3-12 to the subcommittee.

13. Committee vote on selection of potentially feasible FMPs from El Paso City and County SWMPs

Gisela Dagnino made a motion to approve the following:

- Approval of refinement of screening process for selection of potentially feasible regional FMPs for Projects not included in the City of El Paso/El Paso Water Stormwater Master Plan, or the El Paso County Stormwater Master Plan, including all process refinements discussed during the subcommittee meeting held 12/14/21. AECOM will have the opportunity to review approximately how many of the 9 currently identified projects, plus other additional projects yet to be considered, can be evaluated based on time/budget to reduce the number of projects further.


- Approval of selection of 25 potentially feasible FMPs from the 2021 City of El Paso/El Paso Water SWMP, including all refinements to the screening process discussed during the subcommittee meeting held 12/14/21. EPWater will have the opportunity to submit a revised list before the next Subcommittee 2 meeting. AECOM will have the opportunity to review approximately how many of the 25 projects can be evaluated based on time/budget to reduce the number of projects further.
- Approval of selection of 19 potentially feasible FMPs from the 2021 El Paso County SWMP, including all refinements to the screening process discussed during the subcommittee meeting held 12/14/21. El Paso County will have the opportunity to submit a revised list before the next Subcommittee 2 meeting. AECOM will have the opportunity to review approximately how many of the 19 projects can be evaluated based on time/budget to reduce the number of projects further.

The motion was seconded by Dave Hall. Subcommittee 2 Chairman Acosta called for a vote and the motion was approved.

13. The subcommittee agreed to participate in a doodle poll for future meeting dates between January 17-20, 2022, at 1:00 pm.

Gisela Dagnino made a motion to adjourn. Levi Bryand seconded the motion. Subcommittee 2 Chairman Acosta called for a vote and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 3:11 pm.

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Date


Subcommittee 2 Chairman, Javier Acosta

Meeting Minutes
Region 14 URFPG-Subcommittee 2 Meeting
January 18, 2022 at 1:00 pm

| <u>Subcommittee Member</u> | <u>Interest Category</u> | <u>Present (✓)/Absent (X) / Alternate Present (*)</u> |
|----------------------------|---|---|
| Omar L. Martinez, Chair | <i>Water districts</i> | X |
| Gilberto Saldana Jr. | <i>Counties</i> | ✓ |
| Jeff Bennett | <i>Environmental interests</i> | ✓ |
| Javier Acosta | <i>Municipalities</i> | ✓ |
| David "Dave" Hall | <i>Public</i> | ✓ |
| Gisela Dagnino | <i>Water utilities</i> | ✓ |
| Levi Bryand | <i>Water Utilities</i> | X |
| Carlos Velarde | <i>Public</i> | X |
| Delbert Humberson | International Boundary Water Commission | X |
| Others Present: | | |
| Annette Gutierrez, RCGOG | Chris Wright, AECOM | |
| Jeff Irvin - AECOM, PIC | Gilbert Andujo | |
| Bryan Blaisdell, AECOM | | |

1. Subcommittee Chairman Javier Acosta welcomed the group at 1:04 pm.
2. Approval of meeting minutes for the December 14, 2021 Subcommittee 2 meeting (Meeting No. 4)
 Dave Hall made a motion to accept the Minutes from December 14, 2021. Gilbert Saldana seconded the motion. Subcommittee 2 Chairman Acosta called for a vote and the motion was approved.
- 3-10. Chris Wright and Jeff Irvin presented agenda items 3-10 to the subcommittee.
11. Potential Subcommittee Recommendations for vote:
 - a. Approval of refinements to list of prioritized projects in City of El Paso/EPWater SWMP
 - b. Approval of refinements to list of prioritized projects in El Paso County SWMP
 - c. Approval of overall order for FMP evaluation resulting from discussions in this subcommittee meeting
 Tabled 12 A and B for the next subcommittee 2 meeting.
12. Tentative date for next Subcommittee 2 meeting
 The subcommittee agreed to participate in a doodle poll for future meeting dates between January 17-20, 2022, at 1:00 pm. Dave Hall and Gilbert seconded
 Thursday, January 27th at 2:00 pm

13. Gisela Dagnino made a motion to adjourn. Dave Hall seconded seconded the motion. Subcommittee 2 Chairman Acosta called for a vote and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 3:13 pm.

1/27/2022

Date

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Subcommittee 2 Chairman, Javier Acosta

Appendix 10A.4

Subcommittee 3 Meeting Minutes

(Identification & Evaluation of Potential FMEs and FMSs, Task 4)

AGENDA
REGION 14. UPPER RIO GRANDE FLOOD PLANNING GROUP
SUBCOMMITTEE 3
MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 30, 2021
1:00 P.M. (MDT)
13247 Alameda Ave., Clint, TX 79836

Subcommittee 3 – Tasks 3A/3B – Evaluation and Recommendations on Floodplain Management Practices/Flood Mitigation and Floodplain Management Goals

- 1) Introductions of Subcommittee Members and Interests
Flood Planning Group members included: Javier Acosta-Professional Engineer-Frank Spencer and Associates in El Paso, Texas
Gilbert Saldana-Senior Civil Engineer for El Paso County
Dave Hall-Public
Carlos Velarde-Civil Engineer for Val Verde County
Levi Bryand-Civil Engineer with LCA in Odessa Texas
Sal Masoud with Del Rio Engineers

Also present were AECOM-Jeff Irvin, Lily Cartwright, Chris Wright, Gilbert Andujo, Bryan Blaisdell, and Annette Gutierrez from RGCOG.

- 2) Objective of Subcommittee
Bryan Blaisdell presented the objective of the subcommittee to the members. He covered the following information.
- Task 3A: Evaluation and Recommendations on Floodplain Management Practices
 - Subcommittee Recommendation: RFPG Path to Adoption of Region-Specific, Minimum Floodplain Management or Land Use Standards (optional)
 - Task 3B: Flood Mitigation and Floodplain Management Goals
 - Subcommittee Recommendation: RFPG Path to Adoption of Flood Mitigation and Floodplain Management Goals
- 3) AECOM gave a presentation on the technical issues to the members and covered the items listed below.
- a) Review Regional Floodplain Management and Land Use Practices (Task 3A)
 - i) NFIP Requirements
 - ii) TFMA Higher Standards
 - iii) Subdivision Regulations/Model Subdivision Rules
 - iv) Future Development Conditions
 - v) **Subcommittee Recommendations to RFPG:** RFPG Path to Adoption of Region-Specific, Minimum Floodplain Management or Land Use Standards (optional)

- b) Review Flood Mitigation and Floodplain Management Goals (Task 3B)
 - i) Example short-term/long-term goals
 - ii) Discussion of region-specific goals
 - iii) **Subcommittee Recommendations to RFPG:** RFPG Path to Adoption of Flood Mitigation and Floodplain Management Goals

Based on the presentation from AECOM, Sal Masoud made a motion to present the recommendation to the flood planning group as shown on the slide presentation. Levi Bryand seconded the motion and it was approved.

- 4) Confirm chair of subcommittee

Levi Bryand made the motion to have Sal serve as the Chair for Subcommittee 3. Sal Masoud seconded the motion and it was approved.

- 5) Tentative future meeting dates for subcommittee

The subcommittee decided on the next meeting for October 22, 2021 at 10:00 am and set the following meeting for November 10, 2021, at 10:00 am. The meeting adjourned at 2:39 pm.

1.12.2022

Date

Sal Masoud

Subcommittee 3 Chairman, Sal Masoud

Meeting Minutes
Region 14 URFPG-Subcommittee 3 Meeting
Friday, October 22, 2021 at 10:00 am

| <u>Subcommittee Member</u> | <u>Interest Category</u> | <u>Present (✓)/Absent (X) / Alternate Present (*)</u> |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Omar L. Martinez, Chair | <i>Water districts</i> | ✓ |
| Sal Masoud, Subcommittee Chair | <i>Industries</i> | ✓ |
| Jeff Bennett | <i>Environmental interests</i> | X |
| Gisela Dagnino | <i>Water utilities</i> | ✓ |
| Levi Bryand | <i>Water Utilities</i> | ✓ |
| Delbert Humberson | International Boundary Water Commission | ✓ |
| Others Present: | | |
| Annette Gutierrez, RCGOG | Jeff Irvin - AECOM, PIC | |
| Richard Bagans, TWDB | Dr. Apurba Borah, IBWC | |
| Gilbert Andujo, AECOM | Gabe Duran, IBWC | |
| Bryan Blaisdell, AECOM | Gonzaleo Cedillos, IBWC | |
| Chris Wright, AECOM | | |

1. Subcommittee 3 Chair Sal Masoud welcomed the group.
2. Recent progress related to issues discussed in previous Subcommittee 3 meeting
3. Discussion of Potential FMEs and FMS
Chris Wright provided the agenda to the group and covered what would be discussed the meeting.
These topics included the following:
 - Recent Progress Concerning Previous Subcommittee 3 Meeting
 - Discussion of Potential FMEs and FMSs
 - Communities at risk of flooding with outdated or no FEMA Floodplain Mapping
 - EPCWID1 issues related to flooding
 - FMSs related to Environmental Flows, Floodplain Connectivity, & ASR
 - Discussion of experience in recent historic flood events
 - Other?
 - Tentative future meeting dates for subcommittee

Chris reminded the group the previous meeting covered the Rio Grande but for this meeting, they would not be discussing it. He next covered what the goals of the meeting is. He said they were twofold. The first one is to talk about the process for selecting FMEs and FMS. He said at the next meeting the subcommittee will need to vote on them to recommend to the full group. The agenda needs to be posted by November 15, 2021 and the general membership meeting will be November 30, 2021. These items need to be voted on to allow for the Tech Memo to be completed. The second is to learn more about the important flood issues that have occurred in the region. Today AECOM will focus on some of the storm events that happened in El Paso since it is one of the most populated areas but also will focus on other places as well. The subcommittee will need to think about establishing the process and to be learning about the issues.

Chris Wright of the following:

- Rio Grande H&H modeling FME
- FMS modeling approach related to levees
- Coordination call with Fathom
- Levee modeling assumptions
- Refined “cursory floodplain dataset” expected end of October per TWDB Coordination with TWDB
- Levee modeling criteria
- USIBWC provided hydraulic model downstream of American Dam (under review)USIBWC provided river and upstream reservoir gage data (under review)

Next he discussed the potential of FMEs and FMSs. He reminded the group, an FME is a flood study of a specific, flood-prone area that is needed in order to assess flood risk and/or determine whether there are potentially feasible FMSs or FMPs. A strategy is a plan to reduce flood risk or mitigate flood hazards to life or property but it may or may not require associated FMPs to be implemented.

He suggested the subcommittee may want to consider those counties where they do not have FEMA data; there are four in our region. He walked the subcommittee through the steps that AECOM will use to select where they may need a study out of the four, with the main criteria being heavily populated. Chris asked the group if they want to focus on the 100 or 500-year flood. Chairman Martinez said he would be fine keeping with the 100-year flood for the rural areas with the exception of the City of Presidio. He would prefer for Presidio to utilize the 500-year flood. There was discussion on whether it is financially feasible to construct projects with the 500-year flood. Dr. Borah also mentioned that the project would also trigger IBWC to notify Mexico that they are not deflecting water to Mexico for anything over 25 years. Gabe Duran agreed that Presidio is a unique area due to the two nearby rivers and mentioned how effective the palm method was during the 2008 flooding. The subcommittee agreed that a study should be done on the coincidence analysis. Gisela also asked for AECOM to look at the 100 but also analysis the 500 to see how high the water level gets for bridges, culverts and so on. Chairman Martinez also mentioned TXDOT made recent improvements to the port of entry bridge and rail. Flood capacity may have been addressed. Dr. Borah mentioned the TXDOT bridges were protected for a 100-year flood. Chris asked Dr. Borah if he could provide them the process IBWC uses to define the process for projects along the levee. Dr. Borah stated the participating agency will provide the design document and hydraulic study to IBWC. IBWC will then share it with Mexico. The same process is taken on the Mexican side.

Chris next covered future condition analysis. Chairman Martinez mentioned the EPCWID #1 is experiencing increased flows coming from the northern side of the County to the lower valley. This does have a direct impact on the surrounding communities. It goes beyond what the normal subdivision ponding accounts for. He would consider a future condition analysis for the areas mentioned. Joanna McKenzie mentioned there is increased growth in Ft. Hancock, Hudspeth County. Chris asked if the two could provide a rough map of the general area they are concerned with. Chairman Subcommittee 3 Masoud agrees with comments made from Omar. Gisela states the same is occurring in El Paso in the mountainous areas. Sal suggested perhaps different kinds of Inlets can be considered for the City of El Paso as well. Chris suggested the review of Inlets would be a strategy. Dr. Borah also mentioned the creeks along the river brings a lot of sediment to the river. Chris asked Dr. Borah to provide a map of where sediment is being brought to the river. Chris then covered the rest of the slides that highlighted resources for developing FMSs. Delbert reminded the group that some strategies created along the river may affect the treaty with Mexico, so the group should take that into consideration.

Chairman Masoud asked Chris Wright if the group always shoots for higher standards than Mexico, it will always flood on the Mexican side and not affect the U.S., how do we make that assumption? Chris said they have asked those questions to the TWDB. Chris said the subcommittee could have a separate

meeting to discuss the items presented to TWDB. Chairman Masoud asked Gabe Duran if he recalled if there was a breach of the Mexican side of the levees in 2006 and he confirmed there were but Mexico had to mitigate the situation by setting up a bypass to pump water out of the retaining basins nearby. He said if this would not have occurred, downtown El Paso may have been flooded. Gabe Duran provided several other examples and made referenced to several areas managed by the El Paso County Water Improvement District 1 (EPCWID #1). Chairman Martinez stepped in and agreed with Mr. Duran's listing but also noted that he and Dr. Blair have identified five specific areas and mentioned he would email the subcommittee about them. Delbert Humberson stated the IBWC should be able to provide elevations and coordinates of the high water marks.

Chris mentioned Dr. Blair was going to cover flood issues for EPCWID #1 and Jeff Bennett was going to discuss FMSs as they relate to environmental flows, but because neither was able to attend and for the sake of time, Chris jumped into the discussion of experience in recent historic flood events. He reminded the group of the flooding in El Paso in 2006, the flooding in Presidio and Ojinaja in 2008, and El Paso flooding in 2021.

He provided the group with a list of potential dates that they should all be aware of in terms of recommendations to the group, voting, posting and preparing for the Tech Memo. He inquired if Gonzalo Cedillos was in attendance and he confirmed he was. There were also others from El Paso Water as well as other organizations as well. However, since the meeting was nearly over, the group of presenters would speak at the next meeting. Jeff Irvin presented the list of questions AECOM will be asking at the next meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes from September 30, 2021

Annette Gutierrez requested to table this agenda item because the heading of the Minutes states subcommittee 1. Ms. Gutierrez requested to present these Minutes at the next meeting. Gisela Dagnino made a motion to table this agenda item. Omar Martinez Seconded the motion. Subcommittee 1 Chairman Masoud called for a vote and the motion was approved.

5. Tentative date for next meeting

The group decided to meet again on November 10, 2021 at 10:00 am. Chris Wright explained the meeting would take at least three hours to conduct.

6. Gisela Dagnino made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Omar Martinez seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

1/12/2022

Date

Sal Masoud

Subcommittee 3 Chairman, Sal Masoud

Meeting Minutes
Region 14 URFPG-Subcommittee 3 Meeting
Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 10:00 am

| <u>Subcommittee Member</u> | <u>Interest Category</u> | <u>Present (✓)/Absent (X) / Alternate Present (*)</u> |
|----------------------------------|---|---|
| Omar L. Martinez, Chair | <i>Water districts</i> | ✓ |
| Sal Masoud, Subcommittee Chair | <i>Industries</i> | ✓ |
| Jeff Bennett | <i>Environmental interests</i> | X |
| Levi Bryand | <i>Water Utilities</i> | ✓ |
| Enrique Ochoa for Gisela Dagnino | <i>Water Utilities</i> | ✓ |
| Delbert Humberson | International Boundary Water Commission | X |

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| Others Present: | |
| Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG | Eric Bangs, EPW |
| Richard Bagans, TWDB | Dr. Apurba Borah, IBWC |
| Bryan Blaisdell, AECOM | Gabe Duran, formerly IBWC |
| Chris Wright, AECOM | Gonzaleo Cedillos, formerly EPW |
| Jeff Irvin - AECOM, PIC | Joanna McKenzie, Hudspeth County |
| Alejandra Marco, AECOM | Alderperson David Cantu, City of San Elizario |
| Lily Carwright, AECOM | |

- 1) Subcommittee Chairman Sal Masoud –Welcome
Chairman Sal Masoud welcomed the members and guests.
- 2) Levi Bryand made a motion to table both sets of Minutes from September 30 and October 22, 2021. Omar Martinez seconded the motion. Subcommittee 3 Chairman Masoud called a vote and the motion was approved.
- 3) AECOM- Introductions of Subcommittee Members and their interests in any specific FMEs or FMSs
Chris Wright provided this item. He recapped what was going to be on the agenda for the meeting.
- 4) – 8) Jeff Irvin presented items 4-9 to the subcommittee.
- 9) AECOM- Potential Committee Actions
 - A. Vote on future action for each FME and FMS identified during the meeting
 - B. Vote on process to identify other “potentially feasible FMEs and FMSs”

Omar Martinez made a motion to accept the process as listed below for FMEs & FMSs. Levi Bryand seconded the motion. Subcommittee Masoud called for a vote and the motion carried.

 - A stakeholder will cite experience that identifies a problem
 - The need associated with the problem will be discussed and defined
 - FMEs and/or FMSs will be proposed to address the need

- The subcommittee members will vote on future action for each FME and FMS identified.

10) Tentative future meeting dates for subcommittee

Chris Wright suggested that a poll be sent out to determine the next Subcommittee 3 meeting. He mentioned the meeting should occur sometime after January 7th, 2022.

11) Adjourn

Levi Bryand made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Enrique Ochoa seconded the motion. Subcommittee Masoud called for a vote and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:06 pm.

1/12/2022

Date

Sal Masoud

Subcommittee 3 Chairman, Sal Masoud