

REGION 14. UPPER RIO GRANDE FLOOD PLANNING GROUP
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 21, 2023
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	✓
Megan Ingram	Texas Water Development Board	✓
Anita Keese	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	X
Vanessa Rosales-Herrera	Region 15 Liaison	X
Dr. Apurba Borah	International Boundary Water Commission	X
Georgina Gonzalez	Texas Division of Emergency Management	X
JD Lawrence	Texas Department of Agriculture	X
Judy Albus	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	✓
Others Present:		
Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG	Jeff Irvin, AECOM	
David Cantu, City of San Elizario		
Gilbet Andujo, AECOM		

1. Welcome and call to order

Chairman Omar Martinez received confirmation that a quorum was present.

2. Public Comments

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

3. Review and approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 7, 2023

Jeff Bennett made a motion to approve the Minutes from June 7, 2023. Gilbert Saldana seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

4. TWDB Updates from Megan Ingram

Megan Ingram provided an update on activities from TWDB.

5. New task budget for Administrative expenses

No action was taken on this agenda item.

6. Terms of office for voting members to serve for additional years

Six members drew terms that will end on January, 2025 and six members drew terms that end January, 2028

1. January, 2025 Omar L. Martinez – Water Districts
2. January, 2025 Carlos Arturo Velarde Fernandez – Public
3. January, 2025 Gisela Dagnino – Water Utilities
4. January, 2025 Jeff Bennett – Environmental Interests
5. January, 2025 Rene Rodriguez – Small Business
6. January, 2025 Vacant – Electric Generating Utilities
7. January, 2028 Dr. Zhuping Sheng – Agricultural Interests
8. January, 2028 David “Dave” Hall – Public
9. January, 2028 Gilberto Saldana Jr. – Counties
10. January, 2028 Javier Acosta – Municipalities
11. January, 2028 Levi Bryand – Water Utilities
12. January, 2028 Sal Masoud – Industries

7. Approve an additional member at large for the Executive Committee once Bylaws are amended

No action was taken on this action item.

8. General RFP Updates

AECOM provided updates to the Flood Planning Group.

9. Discussion and action to vote for adoption of the Amended Regional Flood Plan as presented by AECOM with Authorization of Consultant/Sponsor to make edits finalizing responses to comments submitted by the Public and Voting Members and to submit the Amended Regional Flood Plan to TWDB by July 14th, 2023

Dave Hall made a motion to adopt the Amended Regional Flood Plan as presented by AECOM with the authorization of Consultant/Sponsor to make edits finalizing responses to comments submitted by the Public and Voting members and to submit the Amended Regional Plan to TWDB by 14th, 2023. Omar Martinez seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

10. Consideration for the 2nd cycle of regional flood planning:

- Designate a Planning Group Sponsor to administer the Region 14 Upper Rio Grande Regional Flood Planning Group for the 2nd cycle of Regional Flood Planning

Omar Martinez made a motion to designate the Rio Grande Council of Governments to administer the Region 14 Upper Rio Grande Regional Flood Planning Group for the 2nd cycle of Regional Flood Planning. Levi Bryand second the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

- Authorize the Upper Rio Grande Regional Flood Planning Group Sponsor to solicit Technical Consultants for the 2nd cycle of Regional Flood Planning

Jeff Bennett made a motion to authorize the Rio Grande Council of Governments to solicit Technical Consultants for the 2nd cycle of Regional Flood Planning. Levi Bryand second the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

11. Adjourn

Jeff Bennett made a motion to adjourn. Gisela Dagnino seconded the motion. Chairman Martinez called for a vote and the motion was approved.

11/15/23

Date


Javier Acosta, Secretary