

REGION 14. UPPER RIO GRANDE FLOOD PLANNING GROUP  
 PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
 Thursday, March 27, 2025  
 1:00 P.M. (MDT)  
 8037 Lockheed, Suite 100 TX 79925

<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>Interest Category</u>	<u>Present (✓)/Absent (X) / Alternate Present (✓)</u>
Adriana Pulecio for Omar L. Martinez, Chair	<i>Water Districts</i>	X
Vacant	<i>Agricultural Interests</i>	X
Gilberto Saldaña Jr.	<i>Counties</i>	✓
Jeff Bennett	<i>Environmental Interests</i>	✓
Sal Masoud	<i>Industries</i>	X
Javier Acosta, Chair	<i>Municipalities</i>	✓
David "Dave" Hall, Vice Chair	<i>Public</i>	✓
Rene Rodriguez	<i>Small Business</i>	✓
Gisela Dagnino	<i>Water Utilities</i>	✓
Oscar Villalobos	<i>Flood Districts</i>	✓
Levi Bryand	<i>Water Utilities</i>	✓
Rick Tate	<i>River Authorities</i>	X
Carlos Velarde	<i>Public</i>	✓
Teira Solis	<i>Generating Electric 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
Elijah Casas	General Land Office/Region 14 Liaison	✓
Anita Machiavello	Texas Water Development Board	X
Vacant	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	X
Vanessa Rosales-Herrera	Region 15 Liaison	X
Dr. Apurba Borah	International Boundary Water Commission	X
Leticia Ausberger	Texas Division of Emergency Management	X
JD Lawrence	Texas Department of Agriculture	X
Judy Albus	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	X
Nick Collins	Texas Water Development Board	✓
Gilbert Andujo	AECOM	✓
Travis Brand	AECOM	✓
Others Present:		

Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG
Aarón Burciaga, RGCOG

1. Welcome and call to order

Vice-Chairman Dave Hall received confirmation that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

2. Public Comments

Chairman Acosta asked if there were any public comments from the public. There being none, he moved on to agenda item #3.

3. Review and approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 20, 2024.

Motion was tabled due to hyperlink of minutes not being on the agenda.

4. TWDB Updates

Nick Collins did not have any updates from TWDB.

5. RIOCOG – Discuss and take appropriate action to appoint Teira Solis as the voting member for Generating Electric Utilities. Vice-Chair Hall motioned. Jeff Bennett seconded the motion. Chairman Acosta called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

6. AECOM – Gilbert Andujo provided General RFP Updates - Critical Dates & required future Meeting Dates. Gilbert Andujo discussed the submission of 1<sup>st</sup> Rio Grande Regional Flood Plan Amendment that was submitted to TWDB on April 1, 2025.

7. AECOM – Discussion and presentation on FIF Project Prioritization, and review public comments, submitted by AECOM. This agenda item was in anticipation of public comments on the amendment. No public comments were submitted. Therefore, no further items were needed to discuss on this agenda item

8. RIOCOG – Discuss and take appropriate action requesting approval to adopt the Draft 2023 Upper Rio Grande Regional Flood Plan Amendment and approval for Region 14 Consultant AECOM to respond accordingly to all subsequent requests. Chairman Acosta asked for a motion. Levi Bryand motioned. Gisela Dagnino seconded the motion. Chairman Acosta called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

9. RIOCOG - Discuss and take appropriate action to authorize the Rio Grande Council of Governments sponsor to execute an amendment to the contract with AECOM to extend the interim submittal deadlines for 2028 Regional Flood Plans. Vice-Chair Hall motioned. Levi Bryand seconded the motion. Chairman Acosta called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

10. Chair – ADJOURN

Chairman Javier Acosta made a motion to adjourn. Jeff Bennett motioned. Gisela Dagnino seconded the motion. Chairman Acosta called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

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Date

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Gisela Dagnino, Secretary