

REGION 14. UPPER RIO GRANDE FLOOD PLANNING GROUP
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 19, 2025
1:00 P.M. (MST)
8037 Montana Ave, Suite 100, El Paso, TX 79925

<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>Interest Category</u>	<u>Present (✓)/Absent (X) / Alternate Present (*)</u>
Javier Acosta, Chair	<i>Municipalities</i>	✓
David "Dave" Hall, Vice Chair	<i>Public</i>	✓
Gisela Dagnino, Secretary	<i>Water Utilities</i>	✓
Jeff Bennett	<i>Environmental Interests</i>	X
Vacant	<i>Industries</i>	X
Omar L. Martinez	<i>Water Districts</i>	✓
Vacant	<i>Agricultural Interests</i>	X
Rene Rodriguez	<i>Small Business</i>	✓
Gilberto Saldaña Jr.	<i>Counties</i>	✓
Oscar Villalobos	<i>Flood Districts</i>	✓
Levi Bryand	<i>Water Utilities</i>	X
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(✓)/Absent(X)/ Alternate Present (*)</u>
James Weaver	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	X
John Blount	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
Fernando Perez	Texas Division of Emergency Management	✓
JD Lawrence	Texas Department of Agriculture	X
Judy Albus	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	X
Nick Collins	Texas Water Development Board	✓
Kevin Wessels	Texas Water Development Board	✓
Alejandra Marco	AECOM	✓
Monica Wedo	AECOM	✓
Luis Alday	AECOM	✓

Travis Brand	AECOM	✓
Antonio Santana	Texas Department of Transportation	X
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

Vice Chairman Hall 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 November 6, 2025.

Voting Member Rene Rodriguez made a motion to approve the Minutes from November 6, 2025. Vice Chairman Hall seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

4. TWDB Updates

Nick Collins provided TWDB updates regarding Senate Bill 3 (SB3), recommending areas for flood early warning emergency sirens. TWDB has been tasked by the Governor’s Office to manage SB3 and make recommendations for locations that need flood early warning emergency sirens, within the area(s) affected by the July 2025 Emergency Declaration. TWDB sent out surveys to Region 8 – Region 15, asking for feedback from expert stakeholders within the area(s) affected. Vice Chairman Hall asked for an update on funding that has been approved for SB3. Nick Collins stated that the timeline is that is supplemental funds coming outside of Proposition 4. Nick Collins stated the projected deadline for SB3 to becoming a yearly available fund is 2028.

5. RIOCOG – Discuss and update URGRFPG on voting member group vacancies.

During agenda item #2 during introductions of meeting attendees. Vice Chairman Hall and RIOCOG, introduced meeting attendee Dr. Santosh Palmate, and updated the group on recent vacancy outreach efforts, specifically regarding Dr. Santosh Palmate from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. RIOCOG updated the group on awaiting confirmation from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Leadership and Administration. RIOCOG also updated the group on other vacancy outreach efforts regarding the industrial interest’s vacancy, where RIOCOG will inquire if City of Alpine, TX – Isadora Garcia would like to join the URGRFPG as a proper voting member.

6. AECOM – Travis Brand provided presentation and further updates on Task 2A and 2B – Existing and Future Condition Flood Risk Analysis: Methodology Memos.

7. RIOCOG/AECOM – Travis Brand provided presentation, further discussion, status and updates as needed in order to take action as needed on Task 2A and Task 2B

Future Condition Flood Risk Analysis: Methodology. Monica Wedo provided further synopsis and summary of the existing conditions flood hazard datasets, data sources, and priorities in order to understand the methodology used in the studies throughout Region 14 used for Memo 1 for Task 2A. Monica Wedo continued providing presentation for Task 2B Future Condition Flood Risk Analysis: Methodology. Following Monica Wedo's in-depth presentation, and further discussion of study results, there were questions raised by the URGRFPG regarding the estimation of the flood water runoff curve numbers that were presented for the hydrologic model for Region 14. There was consensus that the curve numbers seemed fairly low and underestimated within the study watershed boundary work area(s). The URGRFPG asked AECOM to study curve numbers again due to the curve numbers being low. After further detailed discussion regarding flood water runoff curve numbers, the URGRFPG decided to move forward with a motion in order to move to approve, contingent upon verification of curve numbers for proper modeling approach for all watersheds of Region 14. Voting Member Gisela Dagnino made a motion to approve contingent upon verification of curve numbers for proper modeling approach for all watersheds of Region 14. Voting Member Rene Rodriguez seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Hall called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

8. RIOCOG – Discussion on next General URGRFPG meeting date, from general consensus of Doodle Poll sent.

9. Chair – ADJOURN

Vice Chairman Hall made a motion to adjourn. Secretary Gisela Dagnino seconded the motion. Chairman Acosta called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

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Date



Gisela Dagnino, Secretary