

Meeting Minutes
Region 15 Lower Rio Grande Flood Planning
Group Meeting May 05, 2021
8:30 AM
Virtual Meeting

Roll Call:

<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>Interest Category</u>	<u>Present (x) / Absent () / Alternate Present (*)</u>
Jose "Joe" Angel Hinojosa	<i>Agricultural interests</i>	X
David A. Garza	<i>Counties</i>	X
Daniel Lucio, Jr.	<i>Electric generating utilities</i>	X
Hudson DeYoe	<i>Environmental interests</i>	X
David L. Fuentes	<i>Flood districts</i>	
Plinio Joey Trevino	<i>Industries</i>	
Vanessa Rosales-Herrera	<i>Municipalities</i>	X
Joe A. Califa	<i>Public</i>	X
Jose Luis Caso	<i>Small business</i>	X
Sonia Lambert	<i>Water districts</i>	X
Riazul I. Mia	<i>Water utilities</i>	X
Eduardo Gonzalez	<i>Counties</i>	X
Raul Pena Jr	<i>Counties</i>	
Alan Moore	<i>Flood districts</i>	X

<u>Non-voting Member</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Present(x)/Absent () / Alternate Present (*)</u>
Willy Cupit	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	X
Tim Frere	Texas Division of Emergency Management	X
Nelda Barrera	Texas Department of Agriculture	X
Adrian Perez	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	
Shonda Mace	General Land Office	X
David Ramirez	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	X
Morgan White	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	X
Manny Cruz	Lower Rio Grande Development Council	X
Ramon Macias	USIBWC	X
Lupita Trinidad Ramos	South Texas Development Council	X

Quorum:

Quorum: **Yes**

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: **11**

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

Other Meeting Attendees:

State Representative Alex Dominguez
James Bronikowski
Raul Gomez
Kate De Gennero
Reem Zoun
Rick Carrera
Jaime Salazar
Enriqueta Zambrano
Miles Bullion
Kristina Leal
Nora D Cavazos

**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>

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order and welcoming remarks

David Garza called the meeting to order at 8:30AM.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Roll Call and establish quorum:

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.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Review of written public comments received:

No written public comments were received.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Discussion and action as appropriate - consider approval of minutes from previous meeting on February 24, 2021

A motion was made by Jose Hinojosa to approve minutes The motion was seconded by Riazul Mia.

The motion passed by unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Discussion and update as it relates to Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 (Region 15 Sponsor) Contract with Texas Water Development Board.

Jaime Salazar stated that the Regional Flood Planning Grant Contract with the TWDB was executed on April 1, 2021.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Discussion and action as appropriate – non-voting entity members

Jaime Salazar announced that Lupita Trinidad-Ramos will fill the vacant non-voting position for the South Texas Development Council. Jaime stated he has not received a response from the Middle Rio Grande Development Council so the non-voting position for that entity remains vacant. The U.S. Geological Survey declined to appoint an individual to fill their vacant non-voting position but they would be attending the meetings.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Update form the Texas Water Development Board

Morgan White provided the TWDB update, including the following: TWDB needs to review and approve the final, executed subcontracts between the Sponsor and the technical consultant(s), technical guidelines for regional flood planning were finalized and emailed to members last week. RFPGs should make sure their technical work to complete the regional flood plan follows these guidelines.

AGENDA ITEM NO 8. Legislative Update.

State Representative Alex Dominguez provided an update on the state legislative session, including ongoing budget negotiations regarding water projects in the Region.

AGENDA ITEM NO 9. Requesting approval of final negotiated Professional Services Agreement No. C-HCDD1-21-003-04-06, with Halff Associates, Inc., as it relates to Professional Engineering Services for Region 15 Flood Planning for Hidalgo County Drainage District No.1 (Planning Group Sponsor), and Region 15 Lower Rio Grande Flood Planning Group. Approved for negotiations by Region 15 Lower Rio Grande Flood Planning Group on 02/24/2021, Agenda Item No. 9. (Subject to Legal Review)

The Region 15 Lower Rio Grande RFPG approved the subcontract between the Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 (Planning Group Sponsor) and Halff Associates, Inc., subject to revisions requested by the TWDB for conformance with the terms of the main contract between the Sponsor and the TWDB.

Jose Caso abstained from voting on this item

A motion was made by Riazul Mia to approve. The motion was second by Sonia Lambert. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEM NO 10. Requesting Approval of Professional Consulting & Web Hosting Services Agreement with EZ Task.com,

The Region 15 Lower Rio Grande RFPG approved the subcontract between Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 and EZ Task, subject to revisions requested by the TWDB for conformance with the terms of the main contract between the Sponsor and the TWDB.

A motion was made by Riazul Mia to approve. The motion was second by Eduardo Gonzalez. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEM NO 11. Receive general public comment (Public comments will be limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

No General Public Comments were received.

AGENDA ITEM NO 12. Consider date and agenda items for next meeting

The next Region 15 Lower Rio Grande RFPG Meeting is to be determined.

AGENDA ITEM NO 13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned by David Garza. A motion was made by Eduardo Gonzalez, second motion was made by Riazul Mia. The motion passed by unanimous consent

Approved by the Region 15 Lower Rio Grande RFPG at a meeting held on May 5, 2021.

SONIA LAMBERT, SECRETARY

DAVID A. GARZA, CHAIR