MEETING OF THE
LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2017 - 12:00 NOON
LRGVDC MAIN CAMPUS – KEN JONES EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM
301 W. RAILROAD STREET, WESLACO, TEXAS

PRESIDING: MAYOR TONY MARTINEZ, PRESIDENT

1. Call to Order & Roll Call ......................................................................................................................... President
   A. Invocation
   B. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Consider Approval of April 26, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes ............................................................... President

   ACTION ITEM

3. Administration ....................................................................................................................................... President
   A. Report(s) from Legislative Delegation
   B. Public Comment
   C. Recognition of Regional Police Academy 193rd BPOC Graduates ................................................... President
   D. Consider Approval for LRGVDC Staff to Coordinate with Valley Cities Gas Coalition (VCGC) on upcoming Texas Gas Services Rate Filing ................................................................................... President

   ACTION ITEM

E. Discussion and Possible Action on Equal Voice Network Resolution RE: Disaster Claim Appeals to FEMA ..................................................................................................... President

   ACTION ITEM
F. Executive Director Report ........................................................................................................... Ron Garza

Executive Director

ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

1. LRGVDC Updates & Activities
   a. Consider Approval of Resolution of Regional Support
   b. Road to Recycling Regional Tire Project Update
   c. Upcoming Events:
      1. June 3: Santa Anna NWR Family Fun Day 2017
      2. June 12-14: RGV to DC Trip
      3. June 20: Municipal Capacity Building Workshop
      5. June 22: Road to Recycling Press Conference
      6. June 22-24: NALEO 34th Annual Conference in Dallas
      7. June 24: Road to Recycling Project Launch
      8. August 2: LRGVDC 50th Anniversary Celebration!

4. Report from 9-1-1 Department .............................................................................................. Sergio Castro

   Director

   A. Program Status Reports
      1. Location Validation Program
      2. Database Program
      3. Mapping Program
      4. System and Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations Program
      5. Public Education/Training Program

5. Report from Area Agency on Aging ..................................................................................... Jose L. Gonzalez

   Director

   A. Act upon Area Agency on Aging (AAoA) Advisory Council Recommendations
      1. Consider Approval to Increase the Congregate Meal Rate

        ACTION ITEM

      2. Consider Approval to Authorize Staff to Issue Contractor (Vendor) Solicitation for New Contractors

        ACTION ITEM

   B. Program Status Reports
      1. Centenarian Recognition
6. Report from Economic Development Department ......................................................... Terrie G. Salinas
   Director
   A. Economic Development Administration (EDA)
      1. Consider Request from Port Isabel-San Benito Navigation District (PISBND) to be Grant Administrator for their EDA Project

   7. Report from Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (HCMPO) ................................. Andrew Canon
      Director

      Director
      A. Act upon Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) Recommendations
         1. Consider Approval to Reallocate Uncommitted Funds from FY 2015 and FY 2016 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and FY 2016 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA) Grants

      2. Program Status Reports
         a. Homeland Security Programs
         b. Citizen Corps Program (CCP)/Preparedness
         c. FY2015 Homeland Security Grant Program
         d. FY2016 Homeland Security Grant Program
         e. FY2017 Homeland Security Grant Program

      B. Criminal Justice Program
         1. Status Report
            a. Criminal Justice Division (CJD) Planning
            b. Computerized Criminal History (CCH) Compliance
9. Report from Regional Planning and Services ................................................................. Marcie Oviedo
   Director
   A. Environmental Resources
   1. Water Resources
      a. Program Activity and Status Report (Region M)
   2. Solid Waste Management
      a. Program Status Report on Solid Waste Program Activities

B. HUD Disaster Recovery Funding
   1. Presentation on HUD Disaster Recovery Project Updates
   2. Consider Approval RE: Allocation of Transferred Funds from Non-Rental Program to Multi-Family Rental Program

10. Report from Regional Police Academy ................................................................. Randall Snyder
    Assistant Director
    A. Status Reports from Regional Police Academy
       1. In-Service Training Hours Reported
       2. Basic Peace Officer Academy
       3. June 2017 In-Service Scheduled
       4. Basic Peace Officer Course Upcoming Academies
       5. Academy Projected Graduation Dates

11. Report from Valley Metro ......................................................................................... Tom Logan
    Director
    A. Rural and Urban System
       1. Consider Approval RE: Revisions to Maintenance Program

       ACTION ITEM

       2. Consider Approval RE: Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace Policy

       ACTION ITEM
3. Program Status Reports
   a. Ridership Report
   b. Regional Transportation Advisory Panel (RTAP) Activity

12. Old or New Business .................................................................................................................................. President
    A. Reservoir Levels

13. Adjourn .................................................................................................................................................. President

* REMINDER *
Next Meeting Date:
Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Agenda items may be considered, deliberated and/or acted upon in a different order than numbered above.

The Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) reserves the right to adjourn into Executive (Closed) Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the items listed on this agenda as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapters 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, and 551.075, Texas Government Code. No final action will be taken in Executive Session.

PUBLIC INPUT POLICY

Public Input Policy: “At the beginning of each LRGVDC meeting, the LRGVDC will allow for an open public forum/comment period. This comment period shall not exceed one-half (1/2) hour in length and each speaker will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes to speak. All individuals desiring to address the LRGVDC must be signed up to do so, prior to the open comment period. The purpose of this comment period is to provide the public an opportunity to address issues or topics that are under the jurisdiction of the LRGVDC. For issues or topics which are not otherwise part of the posted agenda for the meeting, LRGVDC members may direct staff to investigate the issue or topic further. No action or discussion shall be taken on issues or topics which are not part of the posted agenda for the meeting. Members of the public may be recognized on posted agenda items deemed appropriate by the Chairman as these items are considered, and the same time limitations (3 minutes) applies.”
ITEM 2.

MINUTES
In the absence of President Tony Martinez, Vice President Celeste Sanchez called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. and verified that a quorum of the Board was present. The Vice President then moved to item 2. - Consider Approval of March 29, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes. The Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion to approve the March 29, 2017 Board Meeting minutes as presented. Mayor Henry Hinojosa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Sanchez then moved to item 3.A. - Report from Legislative Delegation; however no reports were available at this time. She then moved to item 3.B. - Public Comment, no one had signed up for Public Comment and she moved to item 3.C. - Staff Recognition for Years of Service. Vice President Sanchez and Executive Director Ron Garza presented 13 staff members with awards for 5, 10, 15, and 20 years of service to the LRGVDC.

Upon conclusion of the awards presentation Vice President Sanchez moved to item 3.D. - Consider Appointment of 2017 Nominating Committee. She noted that the full Board of Directors is eligible to sit on the Nominating Committee, and there is no quorum requirement for this meeting. Mr. Garza was recognized and asked for a show of hands for volunteers to sit on the Nominating Committee. The names were noted and The Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion to accept the volunteers as members of the 2017 Nominating Committee. Mayor Pro-tem Norie Gonzalez Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action on the Nominating Committee, the Vice President moved to item 3.E. - Consider Approval to Schedule Nominating Committee Meeting on Wednesday, May 17, 2017. Commissioner Danny Guzman made a motion to schedule the Nominating Committee meeting on May 17, 2017 at 12:00 noon at Arturo’s Restaurant in Weslaco. Mayor David Suarez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Sanchez moved to item 3.F - Presentation of Quarterly Investment Report. Mayor Jim Darling made a motion to approve the Quarterly Investment Report as presented. Mr. Arturo Ramirez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

The President then moved to item 3.G. - Executive Director Report and recognized Mr. Ron Garza to address the following items:

1. LRGVDC Updates & Activities
   a. Consider Approval of Resolution of Regional Support
      In follow up to discussions at last month’s meeting regarding the Washington DC trip and the release of the draft American First Blue Print Budget, Mr. Garza drafted Resolution 2017-03 to Provide Support from the LRGVDC that Reaffirms the Economic and Community
Significance of the Rio Grande Valley Region. Mr. Garza’s intent with this resolution is to capture the Valley’s relationship with Mexico and voice concerns regarding federal programs that would affect the Valley such as EDA (Economic Development Administration) and CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds. He then read out loud the three “asks” in the resolution, which are:

1. Embracing the vital relationship with Mexico to ensure cooperative and strategic planning on matters such as trade, immigration, border security, and economic development;
2. Supporting continued funding for the federal programs which provide valuable regional resources such as EDA and the CDBG program;
3. Remaining committed to further strengthening the Lower Rio Grande Valley as a significant and resilient region that offers a premier quality of life and a highly desirable place to live, work, and visit.

Mr. Garza then suggested that the upcoming RGV to DC trip could provide a platform on which to read this resolution.

After discussion and review of the resolution the Board recommended adding the following items:

- estimated dollar amount and impact of CDBG funds
- population figures
- public safety

Mr. Garza stated he would revise the resolution with this information and invited the Board and audience to share data from their jurisdictions for inclusion in this resolution. No action was taken; this resolution will be brought back for consideration at the next regular meeting.

b. Presentation of Draft Code of Ethical Conduct Policy

Mr. Garza informed the Board that in response to a compliance finding by Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) the LRGVDC is now mandated to include the following items in our Ethics Policy:

A. All staff and members of the governing body will be required to participate in an annual ethics compliance training program
B. That we include a method to report suspected violations of ethical non-compliance
C. Outline our financial recording requirements as mandated by the Texas State Auditor’s office.

Therefore staff has amended Appendix A of the LRGVDC Personnel Policy Manual to include the above. **Mr. Ronald Mills made a motion to approve the revised Code of Ethical Conduct Policy as presented. Mayor Henry Hinojosa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

c. Upcoming Events

Mr. Garza informed the Board of the following events

- May 4 - Large City Coalition Meeting
- May 15 - EDA/Congressional Press Conference
- May 23 - Leadership & Innovation in City Government (Professional Development Program)
- May 31 - Regional Police Academy Graduate Recognition
- June 12-14 – RGV to DC Trip
- Date TBD “Road to Recycling” Press Conference
Mr. Garza reported that the Road to Recycling is a great inter-regional project with Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties as well as other jurisdictions. It will have approximately 20 sites in this region just for tire recycling and proper disposal, which the counties have already identified. The goal of the project is to properly dispose of up to 40,000 illegally dumped tires, and it is the first regional project of its kind.

The budget for this project is approximately $85,000 which will be applied toward the purchase of 250-300 roll-off trailers, the cost of collection, and recycling. When bids are received, provided the Board approves this procurement process, staff will have a better idea of the cost. Going out for bids on this project requires Board approval because according to the LRGVDC Procurement Policy, Article II, Part A: Organization and Contract Administration § 2.101 Executive Committee or Board of Directors, I. “All purchases exceeding $25,000 must be approved by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors”. Therefore, staff requests Board approval to begin this procurement process. Mayor Henry Hinojosa made a motion to approve the purchase of equipment, etc. for the Road to Recycling Project according to the LRGVDC Procurement Policy. Mayor Pro-tem Norie Gonzalez Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of Administration items, Vice President Sanchez moved to item 4. – Report from 9-1-1 Department and recognized Program Director Sergio Castro. Mr. Castro noted that the regular program status reports were in the online meeting packet for review. He then announced the dates of several 9-1-1 related events and that earlier this month he was elected President of the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) Texas Chapters for the 2017/2018 term.

Vice President Sanchez next moved to item 5. – Report from Area Agency on Aging and recognized Program Director Joe Gonzalez. Mr. Gonzalez announced that the Annual Centenarian Recognition is scheduled for May 4, and invited the Board to attend. He also pointed out two new publications that might be of interested to the Board: The n4a Policy Priority for 2017, and the Area Agencies on Aging-Local Leaders in Aging and Community Living. Both publications are available in the online meeting packet.

Vice President Sanchez next moved to item 6. - Report from Economic Development Department and recognized Director Terrie Salinas who gave the status reports on department activities and the Regional Small Cities Coalition activities.

Upon conclusion of Economic Development items the Vice President moved to item 7. – Report from Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (HCMPO). HCMPO Assistant Director Linda De La Fuente was recognized and gave a report on TxDOT Options for the I-2 and I-69C Interchange. This project is being led by TxDOT and is in the early developmental process. There are three options currently under consideration, and they are:

1. Widen existing connectors and relocating turn arounds
2. Add four connectors, which would require additional columns
3. Reconstruct and replace all connectors

The cost of these options has not been shared as of yet; however at the March Texas Transportation meeting the commission recommended the designation of $120 MM in discretionary funding for this project with the requirement that local communities contribute a $20 MM cost share. HCMPO staff has met with local officials for discussions on the cost share amount. Report only, no action.

Vice President Sanchez next moved to item 8. - Report from Homeland Security and recognized Program Director Manuel Cruz. He noted that the program status reports for the Homeland Security Department are available in the online meeting packet for review.
The Vice President next moved to item 8.B. - Act upon Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Recommendations. Mr. Cruz reported on the following:

1. Consider Approval of FY 2017-2018 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Priority Listing and Resolution
2. Consider Approval of FY 2017-2018 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Program Priority Listing and Resolution
3. Consider Approval of FY 2017-2018 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Priority Listing and Resolution
   Mr. Cruz advised the Board that the available VOCA grant funds currently exceed the amount of funds requested by $1,116,499.48. In order for the region to utilize the entire $4,770,343.00, the CJAC will allow VOCA applicants to adjust their applications accordingly.
4. Consider Approval of FY 2017-2018 Violence Against Women (VAWA) Grant Priority Listing and Resolution

It was the decision of the Board to act on items 8.B.1. - 4. in one motion. Commissioner Danny Guzman made a motion to approve items 8.B.1. - 4. as presented with the understanding that the VOCA applicants will be able to revise their applications to utilize the entire amount of available funds as recommended by the CJAC. Mr. Eddy Gonzalez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action Mr. Cruz noted that the program status reports were available in the online meeting packet for review.

The Vice President next moved to item 9. - Regional Planning & Services and recognized Program Director Marcie Oviedo who noted that the regular program status reports were available in the online meeting packet for review. She added that staff is pleased to announce that they received approval from TCEQ to reallocate $37,061 of the FY 2016/2017 Implementation Projects funds to the Road to Recycling Project.

Vice President Sanchez next moved to item 10. - Report from Regional Police Academy and Training Center and recognized Mr. Garza. He introduced newly hired Assistant Director Randall Snyder to the Board and then addressed item 1. – Consider Approval of Revisions to Standard Operating Procedures. Mr. Garza informed the Board that after discussion and comments from the Regional Police Academy Advisory Committee, the revisions to the Standard Operating Procedures, noted below, were recommended. These revisions bring additional clarity to the admission process, continue maintenance of quality standards and implement timelines to ensure all required documents are submitted in a timely manner.

These are the recommended revisions:

A. Applicant physical examinations, drug screens and psychological exams must be current (6 months prior to the 1st day of the academy) and cannot be transferred over from another agency.
B. Applicant re-admission into the academy after (1) one calendar year if clinical psychologist denies admittance into the academy.
C. Applicant psychological appointment for acceptance into the academy must be scheduled no later than (3) three weeks prior to the 1st day of the academy.

Commissioner David Fuentes made a motion to approve the revisions to the Regional Police Academy Standard Operating Procedures as presented. The Hon. Norma G. Garcia seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously. Upon conclusion of action Mr. Garza noted that the program status reports were available in the online meeting packet for review.
The President next moved to item 11. - Report from Valley Metro and recognized Assistant Director Maribel Contreras to address the following:

1. Consider Approval of Revisions to Oversite Policy
   Ms. Contreras informed the Board that the policy revisions are minor in nature and reflect changes in staff contact information and grammatical corrections. The Hon Norma G. Garcia made a motion to approve the revisions to the Oversite Policy as presented. Mr. Ronald Mills seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

2. Consider Approval of Update to Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan
   Ms. Contreras reported that the Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan was last update November 2011. Since then, new services have emerged and major changes have taken place in the region thus requiring the plan to be updated. The plan updates were completed this March by KFH Group, Inc. This update requires Board action. The Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion to approve the updates to the Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan as presented. Commissioner David Fuentes seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously. Upon conclusion of action Ms. Contreras gave the status reports about the NADO 2017 Excellence in Regional Transportation award and noted the marked increase in ridership since the implementation of the Fare Free Pilot Program.

Vice President Sanchez next moved to item 12. - Old or New Business. Mayor Jim Darling noted that the reservoirs were 64% full. There being no further business to come before the Board Commissioner David Fuentes made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro-tem Norie Gonzalez Garza seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 1:26 pm.

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Mayor Tony Martinez, Vice President

ATTEST:

Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary
ITEM 3.E.

EQUAL VOICE NETWORK RESOLUTION
23rd May 2017

Board of Directors
Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Weslaco, TX

Dear Directors,

We all know the difficulty that low income families in the Rio Grande Valley have had in getting assistance from FEMA after a hurricane or tropical storm. After Hurricane Dolly hit the Rio Grande Valley from July to September of 2008 there were some 38,730 South Texas residents who applied to FEMA for disaster assistance by completing FEMA’s application by telephone or online. By August 1 through the 14th, 2008, about 61% of all Dolly initial inspections occurred. By the Fall of 2008 FEMA denied roughly 50% of all the applications, compared to a national average of 6%.

Because of the excellent work that Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid (TRLA) has done on this issue, some families were recently awarded the possibility of getting up to $11,000 for their home to cover damages. In the process, major problems with the FEMA system were identified by the attorneys at TRLA.

The Rio Grande Valley Equal Voice Network (RGV EVN) Housing Working Group feels that with your support we can make a difference at the national level so law suits will not have to be filed in the future for families to get assistance.

Please consider passing the attached resolution. Note that the footnotes refer to uncontested claims, true statements that FEMA has not disagreed with. We would appreciate your support.

Peace and all good things,

[Signature]
Ann Williams Cass
Chair, RGV EVN Housing Working Group
Whereas there are systemic problems with FEMA’s Individuals & Households Program, lacking consistency and transparency;

Whereas FEMA inspectors are not required to have any training. The only requirement is that they pass a background check (Fact 66)*;

Whereas when FEMA audited random inspections during Hurricane Dolly, the auditors found “egregious” errors 24% of the time (Fact 85)*;

Whereas FEMA rules often prohibit proper inspection of the damaged area. For example, FEMA inspectors are forbidden from using ladders to look at and inspect roofs. FEMA will often deny that damage exists to a roof, even though they have no way of inspecting it. FEMA also doesn’t allow inspectors underneath houses, inhibiting their ability to gauge damage to plumbing, piers and/or foundations;

Whereas FEMA claims to have no standard on how to categorize damage to homes with pre-existing conditions. This opens up the process to inspector bias and inconsistency in the process;

Whereas FEMA often uses unpublished rules to make decisions affecting eligibility and award value:

- In 2008, FEMA had a secret rule that denied requests for re-inspection when there was damage to the roof (Fact 29)*;
- FEMA denied some appeal inspections because they lacked a detailed estimate from a contractor, even though FEMA merely stated that this was an example of evidence that could be supplied (Fact 108)*;
- FEMA uses an automated computer system to compute the award value based on the price of certain materials and labor. These values are secret (Fact 88)*;
Whereas FEMA denial and award letters lack any details on how the decision is made. This makes it nearly impossible to know how to appeal the decision (Fact 93). Additionally, while disaster victims may request their file to help them appeal, there is no requirement that FEMA give them the file before their appeal deadline (Fact 100)*;

Whereas FEMA’s Appeal process is illusory. Of the 2,125 appeals from Hurricane Dolly, only 11 appeals changed the benefits awarded (Fact 113)*;

Whereas disaster victims lack any way to appeal FEMA’s decision to a neutral party. Their only appeal of FEMA’s decision is to have a second opinion by FEMA. That second decision is final and cannot be appealed to a court or other neutral party; and

Whereas without proper rules and oversight, low-income disaster victims and those who are politically isolated are left to suffer. FEMA ordinarily sees a 6% denial rate, but for Hurricane Dolly there was an almost 50% denial rate (Fact 125)*;

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council supports the Rio Grande Valley Equal Voice Network Housing Working Group’s action at the federal level with our Valley Congressional representatives to rectify the above issues.

ITEM 3.F.1.a.

RESOLUTION OF REGIONAL SUPPORT
RESOLUTION
2017-03

PROVING SUPPORT FROM THE
LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
REAFFIRMING THE ECONOMIC AND
COMMUNITY SIGNIFICANCE OF
THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY REGION

WHEREAS, the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC), the regional Council of Governments serving and representing over 1.3 million residents of Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties; and,

WHEREAS, the LRGVDC advocates for the region’s vast economic and community impact while encouraging cooperation among units of government to improve the region’s health, safety, and general welfare; and,

WHEREAS, the prosperity and development of the region has centered upon strategic partnerships, such as the vital relationship with the neighboring country of Mexico; and,

WHEREAS, our continued success relies on protecting our joint priorities such as economic, cultural, trade, public safety, and security considerations; and,

WHEREAS, federal programs that provide measurable impact, generate economic opportunities, and sustain local communities are currently under federal budget review for possible elimination; and,

WHEREAS, the cities and counties of the LRGVDC have benefitted from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and Economic Development Administration (EDA) funding which have assisted our communities to either recover from economic displacements or have spurred economic growth and job retention; and,

WHEREAS, the EDA has invested over $35 million across the region over the past 10 years, including beneficial projects in the areas of public works, economic development planning, economic adjustment implementation, and technical assistance; and,

WHEREAS, the region has been awarded over $99 million over the past 5 years in CDBG funds to address critical needs such as infrastructure improvements, flood, drainage, water, sewer, streets, housing, public services, and public health services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the cities and counties represented by the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council:

THAT, we call upon our region’s civic leaders, local elected officials, Texas State Senators, Texas State Representatives, United States Senators and United States Representatives to advocate and support the region’s continued prosperity by:

1. Embracing the vital relationship with Mexico to ensure cooperative and strategic planning on matters such as trade, immigration, border security, public safety, and economic development; and

2. Supporting continued funding for the federal programs that provide valuable regional resources such as EDA and the CDBG program; and

3. Remaining committed to the further strengthening the Lower Rio Grande Valley as a significant and resilient region that offers a premier quality of life and a highly desirable place to live, work, and visit.

Adopted and approved this 31st day of May, 2017 at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors.

Mayor Tony Martinez
LRGVDC Board President
ITEM 3.F.1.c.1.

SANTA ANA NWR FAMILY FUN DAY
Santa Ana NWR Family Fun Day

Saturday, June 3 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

3325 Green Jay Rd. Alamo Tx 78516

Enjoy Arts & Crafts from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

- Monarch Migration
- Nature Journaling
- Salt Dough Activity
- Animal Molds and Tracks
- Plant Pot-Makers
- Seed Bombs
- Face Painting

Food Truck

Food Provided by PSJA Child Nutrition Program

Kayaking 9:00

Nature Journaling 10:30

Archery 11:30

Nature Photography 12:00

Activity Booklet 1:00

Please Register for Kayaking, Archery, and Nature Journaling

Registration begins at 8:30
ITEM 3.F.1.c.2.

RGV to DC TRIP
RGV to D.C. 2017
Advocating for the Rio Grande Valley, Texas
SAVE THE DATE
JUNE 12TH TO JUNE 15TH

For additional information, please contact Sandra at 956-968-3141 or by email at events@valleychamber.com
ITEM 3.F.1.c.1.

MUNICIPAL CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP
This program is designed for community leaders, elected officials, and local, government employees of rural communities.

There is NO FEE to attend, but pre-registration is required to participate in one or all sessions. Lunch will be provided.

To pre-register, please contact:

The University of Texas
Rio Grande Valley
Small Business Development Center

Ph.: 956.665.7535
Email: sbdc@utrgv.edu

LEADERSHIP & INNOVATION IN CITY GOVERNMENT
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES SCHEDULE

SESSION 1: March 28 | 10:00 AM — 4:00 PM
Highway 83 Corridor Eco Cultural Tourism Study
- Covers the revitalization and economic development of the area
- How to leverage study to create jobs and economic development

SESSION 2: April 25 | 10:00 AM — 4:00 PM
Empowering Local Leaders and Rebuilding Healthy, Livable and Sustainable Rural Communities in Texas
- Keys to building a strong leadership team and government structure
- Communications strategies for resolving conflict & negotiation

SESSION 3: May 23 | 10:00 AM — 4:00 PM
Smart Land Use: Planning Strategies and Managing the Regulatory Environment
- Developing smart zoning and annexation strategies for rural communities
- Planning/ Land Use

SESSION 4: June 20 | 10:00 AM — 4:00 PM
Infrastructure Development and Sustainability
- Road Infrastructure
- Innovative strategies to improving Rural Access to Broadband
- Water Resources

SESSION 5: July 25 | 10:00 AM — 4:00 PM
Resources for Building and Attracting Investment for Public and Private Community Projects
- Building innovative Partnerships for Community Projects
- Attracting Investments for Public and Private Projects

All sessions held at:
Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Corporation
301 W. Railroad, Weslaco, TX 78596

Sponsored by the UTSA SBDC Rural Business Program & UTRGV Small Business Development Center
ITEM 3.F.1.c.6.

NALEO ANNUAL CONFERENCE
# NLEO 34th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 22-24, 2017 † Sheraton Dallas Hotel, Dallas, Texas

**SUMMARY AGENDA**

*External Draft*

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| **Education Track: School Choice: A Guide for Policymakers**  
2:30 – 4:00 p.m. | **Mobile Tour Sessions**  
2:00 – 5:30 p.m.  
This concurrent set of “mobile tour sessions” will explore innovative policy solutions and best practices. Participants will load a bus, hear from experts, and will see firsthand how policy solutions are being implemented in practice in the community.  
Mobile Session 1: Education  
Mobile Session 2: Community Revitalization (Workforce Development Track)  
Mobile Session 3: Infrastructure and Mobility  
Mobile Session 4: Criminal Justice Reform  
Mobile Session 5: Environment & Conservation | | |
| **Addressing Our Priorities: The Impact of State Budgets on Local Governments**  
2:30 – 4:00 p.m. | | | |
| **Addressing the Needs and Challenges of the Latino LGBTQ Community**  
2:30 – 4:00 p.m. | | | |
| **NALEO Service Project** | **NALEO Service Project** | **NALEO Service Project** | | |
| **Evening Event**  
George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum  
6:00 – 9:00 p.m. | **Evening Event**  
Dallas Museum of Art  
6:00 – 9:00 p.m. | **Evening Event**  
AT&T Stadium  
6:00 – 10:00 p.m. | |
ITEM 4.

9-1-1 DEPARTMENT
The Texas Association of Public Safety Communications and National Emergency Number Association had its annual Texas Public Safety Conference in Galveston, TX the first week of April 2017. New membership nominations were held and Mr. Sergio Castro was sworn in as the chapter President for 2017-2018 and Mr. Juan Chapa as the south region representative.

A. Program Status Report

1. **Location Validation Program**

Location Validation staff continuously address new subdivisions and address tickets. Staff started a project with some new Wind Turbines being installed in Willacy County in the San Perlita area. A GPS coordinate was added to each of the seventy-six turbines location so that a 9-1-1 physical address can be assigned to them. Also, staff will be helping in naming the roads that lead to the Turbine locations.

2. **Database Program**

Database staff continuously updates the 9-1-1 database and adds new streets and ranges as new subdivisions are developed in Hidalgo and Willacy Counties. In April, a total of 166 Telephone Numbers (TN) were corrected and 105 streets in the Master Street Address Guide (MSAG) were updated. Over 250 address request calls were received, which resulted in 236 address tickets for 9-1-1 physical addresses.

3. **Mapping Program**

Mapping Program staff has transitioned all 9-1-1 physical address data to the new State approved EGDMS Schema; this change is vital to the future of 9-1-1 call routing. It has been implemented at the LRGVDC 9-1-1 office as well as the host sites at McAllen PD and Hidalgo County Sheriff’s Office. The Mapping Program continues to use the Geolynx tool to add the new data to the map more efficiently and to help detect and correct any errors in GIS. Staff continuously works on address point verification in order to ensure accurate call routing in the new I-3 9-1-1 environment. The mapping program also continues to update address information on its local maps.

4. **System and Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations Program**

Systems staff continues performing site visits and doing proper conduit installation to prepare all PSAPs for the deployment of the 9-1-1 backup network to provide redundancy at all PSAPs. Also, three workstations were added to Hidalgo County Sheriff’s Office and one workstation to Pharr PD. This is a direct result of increasing capabilities from these PSAPs, but also due to the increase in call volume. Weslaco Police Department Dispatch has moved to their new location at 1912 Joe Stephens Ave, Weslaco, TX, which makes them the first Communications Department to move to Middle Rio Grande Valley Communications Center.

5. **Public Education/Training Program**

Public Education is an ongoing priority for the 9-1-1 Department and staff continues to reach out to communities and educate residents. Efforts continue to focus on educating the Lower Rio Grande Valley on Kari’s Laws along with Text to 9-1-1 and Pocket Dial. April is recognized as the National Telecommunicator’s month. Our local telecommunicators were recognized on the second week of April for their outstanding job.
ITEM 5.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING
5. Report from Area Agency on Aging ..........................Jose L. Gonzalez, Director

A. Act Upon Area Agency on Aging (AAoA) Advisory Council Recommendations

1. Consider Approval to Increase the Congregate Meal Rate

   The Advisory Council is recommending approval to increase the current congregate meal rate from $5.37 to $5.86. This action is the result of a 4 year analysis submitted by Amigos Del Valle and a review of the statewide rates from all congregate meal providers.

   **ACTION ITEM**

2. Consider Approval to Authorize Staff to Issue Contractor (Vendor) Solicitation for New Contractors

   The Advisory Council is recommending approval to authorize Area Agency staff to issue a solicitation for new contractors (vendors). The issue is that some communities may only have one provider such as a pharmacy. The current enrollment is half of what it was last year.

   **ACTION ITEM**

B. Program Status Report

1. Centenarian Recognition

   In celebration of Older Americans’ Month, the LRGVDC Area Agency on Aging in partnership with the Social Security Administration sponsored the 20th Annual Centenarian Recognition Celebration honoring centenarians in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. This year attendees included 22 centenarians; this year the oldest attendee was 103!

   This year’s event included a special presentation: Mr. Manuel Cantu from San Juan, a World War II veteran was presented the Purple Heart by the local Order of the Purple Heart. Mr. Cantu was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries sustained during his service but he had not received his medal until now.
Local Veteran organizations were present to honor Mr. Cantu.

Purple Heart Presentation

Centenarian Group Picture
ITEM 6.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
6. REPORT FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

A. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA)

1. Consider Request from Port Isabel-San Benito Navigation District (PISBND) to be the Grant Administrator for their EDA Project

The PISBND received an Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Financial Assistance Award for $1,000,000, which was matched with $428,572 for a total grant award of $1,428,572. This grant will be for a Port Rehabilitation Project.

The Lower Rio Grande Valley Economic Development District (LRGVEDD) received a request from the Port Director to help them administer this Grant. As per the Economic Development Administration (EDA) Program, Economic Development Districts are eligible to administer EDA grants and charge this cost to the grant project. Mrs. Terrie G. Salinas has administered two other projects for the PISBND under the former Port Director, Bob Cornelison, however, he left when the second project was still under construction and Mrs. Salinas was fortunate to start working with Steve Bearden, the current Port Director. Due to Hurricane Dolly, the Port had to rebuild their dock because it was completely damaged by Hurricane Dolly. This project was very successful and has helped keep the Port extremely active. I am looking forward to working with Mr. Bearden and the Navigation District again.

The LRGVDC is requesting the Board’s approval to be the Grant Administrator for the Port Isabel-San Benito Navigation District. Board Action is required.

ACTION ITEM
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

PART I – AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this 31st day of May, 2017, by and between the Lower Rio Grande Valley Economic Development District, hereinafter called the “District,” acting herein by Ron Garza, Executive Director of the District, hereunto duly authorized, and the Port Isabel-San Benito Navigation District, hereinafter called the “PISB Navigation District,” acting herein by Steve Bearden, Port Director for the PISB Navigation District.

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, the PISB Navigation District desires to implement EDA Project Number __________, a Public Works Program project funded by the U. S. Department of Commerce and administered by the Southwest Regional Office of the Economic Development Administration;

WHEREAS, the PISB Navigation District is and will act with authority as the Fiscal Agent for the EDA funded project identified above, and

WHEREAS, the PISB Navigation District desires to engage the District to render certain project management, reporting and support services in connection with the oversight of the EDA project.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties do mutually agree as follows:

1. **Scope of Services**
   Part II, Scope of Services, is hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

2. **Time of Performance** - The services of the District shall commence on June 1, 2017, contingent upon approval of this Contract by the LRGVEDD Board of Directors at their meeting scheduled Wednesday, May 31, 2017. All of the services required and performed hereunder shall be completed within the grant award period as agreed by both parties.

3. **Access to Information** - It is agreed that all information, data, reports and records and/or other information as is existing, available and necessary for the carrying out of the work outlined above shall be furnished to the District by the PISB Navigation District and its agents. No charge will be made to the District for such information and the PISB Navigation District and its agents will cooperate with the District in every way possible to facilitate the performance of the work described in the contract.

4. **Compensation and Method of Payment** – The maximum amount of compensation and reimbursement to be paid hereunder shall not exceed thirty thousand dollars ($30,000.00). Payment to the District shall be based on satisfactory completion of identified milestones in Part III – Payment Schedule of this Contract. Should the Project be completed in its entirety prior to the period allowed for its completion, all of the District’s responsibilities and services required under this agreement be fully completed, and all obligations to the EDA are met, full compensation to the District in the amount of thirty thousand dollars ($30,000.00) shall be completed at that time. Interim payment to the District shall be upon percentage completion of the scope of work.
5. **Indemnification** – The District shall comply with the requirements of all applicable laws, rules and regulations, and shall exonerate, indemnify, and hold harmless the PISB Navigation District and its agents from and against them, and shall assume full responsibility for administering the project identified above.

6. **Miscellaneous Provisions**

1. This Agreement shall be construed under and in accord with the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in Cameron County, Texas.

2. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors and assigns where permitted by this Agreement.

3. In any case one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions thereof, and this Agreement shall not be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

4. If any action at law or in equity is necessary to enforce or interpret the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney’s fees, costs, and necessary disbursements in addition to any other relief to which such party may be entitled.

5. This Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties hereto in writing to be attached to and incorporated into this Agreement.

7. **Warranties and Representations** – District affirms that it is familiar with the terms of EDA award number __________, and that it has the organizational, technical, financial and logistical capability and necessary authority for carrying out its responsibilities under this Contract.

8. **Terms and Conditions** - This Agreement is subject to the provisions titled, “Part IV Terms and Conditions” and attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

IN WITNESSETH HEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals as of the date first affixed above.

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Port Isabel-San Benito Navigation District
Steve Bearden
Port Director

Lower Rio Grande Valley Economic Development District
Ron Garza
Executive Director
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

PART II - SCOPE OF SERVICES

The District shall provide the following scope of services:

1. **Project Management**

   1. Develop a record keeping system consistent with program guidelines, including the establishment of a filing system.
   
   2. Maintenance of filing system.
   
   3. Provide general advice and technical assistance to PISB Navigation District personnel on implementation of the EDA project and regulatory matters pertaining thereto.
   
   4. Furnish the PISB Navigation District with necessary completed forms and reporting required for implementation of the EDA project.
   
   5. Assist the PISB Navigation District in meeting all special condition requirements that may be stipulated in the contract between the PISB Navigation District and U. S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, Southwest Regional Office.
   
   6. Prepare and submit all required project reporting required by EDA Project Number __________, including but not limited to progress reporting, quarterly reporting, and other reporting included in the EDA Project Agreement between the PISB Navigation District and the EDA Southwest Regional Office.
   
   7. Establish internal procedures to document expenditures associated with local administration of the project.
   
   8. Serve as liaison for the PISB Navigation District during the implementation and completion of the EDA project with any monitoring visit by staff representatives from EDA or its Southwest Regional Office.

2. **Financial Management**

   1. Assist the PISB Navigation District by improving its ability to manage and report progress and use of funds from federal sources through the Southwest Regional Office of the EDA for the project identified above.
   
   2. Assist the PISB Navigation District in compliance with all EDA rules, regulations, specifications, or
other directives pertinent to the identified project.

3. Prepare and submit all reporting for all funded and scheduled drawdowns of project funds on behalf of the PISB Navigation District, in order to ensure orderly, timely allocation and disbursement of funds within the period of this agreement.

4. Review invoices received for payment and file back-up documentation.

5. Provide general advice and technical assistance to the PISB Navigation District and its agents on implementation of the EDA project and regulatory matters pertaining thereto.

6. Assist the PISB Navigation District in interpreting and complying with established procedures for the EDA project and reporting to the Southwest Regional Office.

7. Provide general advice and technical assistance to the PISB Navigation District and its agents on implementation of the EDA project and associated regulatory matters.
ITEM 8.

HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT
8. Report from Homeland Security.........................................................Manuel Cruz
Director

A. Act upon Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) Recommendations

1. Consider Approval to Reallocate Uncommitted Funding from FY2015 and
FY2016 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and FY2016 Law
Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA) Grants.

As part of the reallocation process, the Homeland Security Grant Division
provided a summary on the 2015 and 2016 funds allocated and awarded within
our region and the amounts that have been de-obligated as of May 2. The
information was provided to the LRGVDC so that we would be aware of any
funds that are available for reallocation to other potential projects during the
June 2017 designated reallocation window. The HSAC convened on May 10
and recommends the following projects and amounts:

- FY2015 SHSP - Project: Regional Response Teams, Texas Task Force 1 –
  Type III Rio Grande Valley Team, Applicant: LRGVDC, Reallocation
  amount: $3,100.74.

- FY2016 SHSP - Regional Response Teams, Texas Task Force 1 – Type
  III Rio Grande Valley Team, Applicant: LRGVDC, Reallocation amount:
  $4,754.45.

- FY2016 SHSP/LETPA - Project: Interoperable Communications,
  Applicant: City of Palmview Law Enforcement Radio(s), Reallocation
  estimated amount: $6,399.40

The HSGD will communicate the uncommitted amounts once again on June 1
and at that time solicit reallocations plans from applicants for the uncommitted
funds. HSGD may limit the grant period of performance allowed for any projects
involved in reallocation plans. The deadline for 2015 reallocated funds will be
December 31 and projects using 2016 reallocated funds will be August 31, 2018.

Should there be any questions please advise.

ACTION ITEM
8. Report from Homeland Security.......................................................... Manuel Cruz  
   Director  
A. Homeland Security  
   2. Status Reports  
   a) Homeland Security Program  

**AMBULANCE BUS UPDATE:**

On May 17, the Department of State Health Service notified the LRGVDC that our Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF – 11) Ambulance Bus (AmBus) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), number 2013-043610-001, would need to be renewed.

As described in the MOA, the purpose of this document is to establish a cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship between DSHS and LRGVDC. The document also sets forth the relative roles and responsibilities as they relate to the utilization of the EMTF-11 AmBus.

DSHS and LRGVDC are revising the purpose statement of the MOA and extending the term of the MOA. Upon the approval of both parties, the revision of the renewal MOA will state as follows:

“LRGVDC is the custodian and holds title to the EMTF-11 AmBus and is subject to applicable state and federal laws regarding its return upon termination of this MOA. LRGVDC must house the AmBus within thirty (30) miles of its most populous Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) that is residence to at least Seven Hundred Thousand (700,000) people.”

In order to adhere to DSHS requirements, the LRGVDC is required to relocate the AmBus. LRGVDC has assessed DSHS criteria and contacted the Weslaco Fire Department as a potential hosting jurisdiction. The City of Weslaco Fire Department/Emergency Medical Services has graciously agreed to house this regional asset. The Weslaco Fire Department meets the requirements as set forth by DSHS program.
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANS:

Staff continues to provide technical assistance to jurisdictions with Emergency Management Plans (EMP), meeting eligibility requirements, technical assistance on equipment expenditures, and grant deadlines.

To date, out of the 46 jurisdictions that are within the LRGVDC Region, to include the three counties, the following city/towns DO NOT have an EMP: Granjeno, Progreso Lakes, and San Perlita.

On April 26, 2017 during our program orientation presentation, information on such requirements and/or responsibilities was provided. As stipulated in Chapter 418 of the Government Code, each local and inter-jurisdictional agency County/City shall prepare and keep current an emergency management plan for its area providing for disaster mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.

b) Citizen Corps Program (CCP)/Preparedness

Staff continues to conduct outreach and promote Community Emergency Preparedness and volunteer programs throughout the LRGVDC Region at the monthly Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) meetings and other venues.

LRGVDC staff was selected to present at the 2017 Texas Emergency Management Conference in San Antonio. The presentation was placed in the Community Preparedness Education track of the conference with the title of “So Your Budget Is Zilch, So What?” The presentation encouraged participants to think outside the box when it comes to educating the public in community preparedness. The session was well attended and participants provided great reviews.

c) FY2015 Homeland Security Grant Program

This grant is closed. The HSAC recently reviewed the uncommitted dollar amounts. As part of the reallocation process, the Homeland Security Grant Division provided a summary on the 2015 funds allocated and awarded within our region and the amounts that have been de-obligated as of May 2. The information was provided to the LRGVDC so that we would be aware of any funds that are available for reallocation to other potential projects during the June 2017 designated reallocation window. The HSAC convened on May 10 to recommend projects.

FY2015 SHSP - Project: Regional Response Teams, Texas Task Force 1 – Type III Rio Grande Valley Team, Applicant: LRGVDC, Reallocation amount: $3,100.74.
d) FY2016 Homeland Security Grant Program

Staff continues to provide technical assistance to jurisdictions with eGrant and grant awards.

As part of the reallocation process, the Homeland Security Grant Division provided a summary on the 2016 funds allocated and awarded within our region and the amounts that have been de-obligated as of May 2nd. The information was provided to the LRGVDC so that we would be aware of any funds that are available for reallocation to other potential projects during the June 2017 designated reallocation window. The HSAC convened on May 10 to recommend the following projects.

FY2016 SHSP - Regional Response Teams, Texas Task Force 1 – Type III Rio Grande Valley Team, Applicant: LRGVDC, Reallocation amount: $4,754.45.

FY2016 SHSP/LETPA - Project: Interoperable Communications, Applicant: City of Palmview Law Enforcement Radio(s), Reallocation estimated amount: $6,399.40

**eGrants Help Desk:**
Any jurisdiction needing further training and assistance with eGrants may contact LRGVDC Staff or email the state at eGrants@gov.state.tx.us. Services provided include: new and existing account management; password resets; navigating within eGrants; and resolving website and other technical issues.

**Resources:**
Detailed funding information and a calendar listing the available funding is located here - [https://eGrants.gov.texas.gov/fundopp.aspx](https://eGrants.gov.texas.gov/fundopp.aspx).


e) FY2017 Homeland Security Grant Program

The State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) prioritization and/or rankings was submitted to HSGD on March 31. All project start dates are estimated to begin on September 2017 and will roll over into 2018.

The estimated completion date for all projects is six month from the start date or 1 year from the start date will be the performance period. Projects needing longer than 1 year will be reviewed by the HSGD and will be considered on a case by case basis.
As per HSGD, each county must reach 90% CCH status by August 1 on both categories (adult and juvenile) arrest dispositions in order for applicants to receive an award from Homeland Security. The latest updates that were provided as of May 2 are listed below. The District Attorney’s Offices from each of the counties are the points of contact and the responsible agencies in meeting these requirements.

Statewide Combined Completeness Percentage as of May 2:

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Source: Texas DPS, Crime Records Service

Should there be any questions please advise.
8. Homeland Security ........................................................................................... Manuel Cruz  
   Director

B. Criminal Justice Program
   
   1. Status Report
      
   a. Criminal Justice Division (CJD) Planning
      
      The Office of the Governor - Criminal Justice Division continues to review all eGrant applications for FY2017-2018 and applicants are standing by to receive the final outcome of the applications and funding decision from CJD.

   b. Computerized Criminal History (CCH) Compliance
      
      As per CJD, each county must reach 90% CCH status by August 1, 2017 in both categories (adult and juvenile) arrest dispositions in order for applicants to receive an award from CJD. Below are the latest updates that were provided as of May 2. The District Attorney’s Offices from each of the counties are the points of contact and the responsible agencies in meeting this requirements.

      Statewide Combined Completeness Percentage as of May 2:

      | COUNTY   | ADULT | JUVENILE |
      |----------|-------|----------|
      | Cameron  | 90%   | 98%      |
      | Hidalgo  | 92%   | 97%      |
      | Willacy  | 81%   | 98%      |

      Source: Texas DPS, Crime Records Service

      Should you have any questions, please advise.
ITEM 9.

REGIONAL PLANNING & SERVICES
9. Report from Regional Planning and Services

A. Environmental Resources

1. Water Resources

   a. Program Activity and Status Report (Region M)

      ❖ The next Region M meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2017.
9. Report from Regional Planning and Services

A. Environmental Resources

2. Solid Waste Management

   a. Program Status Report on Solid Waste Program Activities

      Staff continues to provide technical assistance and outreach and continues to monitor all Solid Waste Management Projects. All information pertaining to the solid waste program is available on our web site at www.lrgvdc.org – regional planning page.
9. Report from Regional Planning and Services

B. HUD Disaster Recovery Funding

   1. Presentation on Disaster Recovery Project Updates

   2. Consider Approval RE: Allocation of Transferred funds from Non-Rental Program to Multi-Family Rental Program

      • Donna Housing Project - $1,043,300.00 will be allocated to Donna Housing project for complete construction of 8 New Units

      • Willacy County White House Project - $1,144,141.85 will be allocated to Willacy County White House Project to complete construction of 11 New Units.

This agenda item requires board action.
ITEM 10.

REGIONAL POLICE ACADEMY
10. Regional Police Academy and Training Center Report

A. Status Report from Regional Police Academy

1. In-Service Training Hours Reported

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2. Basic Peace Officer Academy

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3. June 2017 In-Service Scheduled

- Basic Instructor Course (1014) June 12-16, 2017
  8:00am to 5:00pm 301 W. Railroad St.
  Weslaco, TX 78596 (Building D) CIEDO Board Room.

4. Basic Peace Officer Course Upcoming Academies

The registration process has begun for the upcoming Mission, Hidalgo, TSTC and Edinburg full-time and part-time academies. Testing dates have been posted on our website for upcoming Academies.

- 195th BPOC Day Academy-Mission Campus Tentative 06/05/2017
- 195th BPOC Day Academy-TSTC Campus Tentative 06/05/2017
- 195th BPOC Day Academy-Hidalgo Campus Tentative 06/05/2017
- 195th BPOC Day Academy-Edinburg Campus Tentative 06/05/2017

5. Academy Projected Graduation Dates

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VALLEY METRO
11. Report from Valley Metro

A. Act Upon Staff Recommendation

   1. Consider Approval RE: Revisions to the Maintenance Program

      The policy revisions are minor in nature and are intended to reflect
      change in staff contact information, staff titles, dates and other non-
      critical language such as grammar corrections within the policy.

      Please see attachment A

      Should you have any questions please advise.
11. Report from Valley Metro

A. Act Upon Staff Recommendation

2. Consider Approval RE: Drug & Alcohol Free Workplace Policy

The policy revisions are minor in nature and are intended to reflect change in staff contact information, staff titles, dates and other non-critical language such as grammar corrections within the policy.

Please see attachment B

Should you have any questions please advise.
11. Report from Valley Metro......................................................................................................................... Tom Logan
   Director
   A. Rural and Urban System

   3. Program Status Reports

   a. Ridership Report

   Both the Rural and Urban Transit Systems are operating and all systems are monitored daily. For the month of April 2017 ridership for the Urban System, which operates Monday through Saturday in the urban areas of Hidalgo and Cameron Counties has been averaging **7,347** passengers a week. Ridership for the rural System which operates in the rural areas of Cameron, Hidalgo, Willacy, Starr and Zapata Counties had an average of **1,621** passengers for the month of April. Please see attached graph for details.

   b. Regional Transportation Advisory Panel (RTAP) Activity

   The next RTAP Monthly Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 21 2017.

   Location: Valley Metro Transit Center
   510 S Pleasantview Dr
   Weslaco, Texas
   10:00 AM
**RURAL Ridership by Route**

**URBAN Ridership by Route**

**YEAR TO DATE RIDERSHIP REPORT**
FY 2017 September - April

**DIFFERENCE %**

**FY 2007 - 2017 Monthly Ridership Summary**

**FY 2016 URBANIZED PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

**FY 2016 NONURBANIZED PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

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**COST EFFECTIVENESS**

**SERVICE EFFICIENCY**

**COST EFFECTIVENESS**

**SERVICE EFFICIENCY**
LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Valley Metro Ridership Summary
FY 2017 September - April

Hidalgo County

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## TSTC Student Ridership

![TSTC Student Ridership Graph](chart.png)

- **Month:** September to August
## Valley Metro Routes

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#### Graphical Representation

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**2016 - 2017 Valley Metro Routes UTRGV Student Passenger Count**
ITEM 12. A.

RESERVOIR LEVELS
5/13/2017, 58.07% of Capacity or 1,967,593 AF
Down from 2,070,553 AF of Normal Conservation 1 year ago

NOTE: Mexico Ownership/Reservoir Capacity for May 13, 2017: 13.39% (338,877) A.F.
## Rio Grande Watermaster Report

**05/13/17**

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