

AGENDA

RIO GRANDE REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP (RGRWPG) (REGION M)

10:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2020

LRGVDC MAIN CAMPUS
GOTOMEETING VIDEO CONFERENCE
INITIATED AND CHAIRED AT
301 W. RAILROAD ST., WESLACO, TEXAS

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PRESIDING: SONNY HINOJOSA, VICE CHAIR

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1. Call to Order & Roll CallChairman
 2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve September 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes.....Chairman
 3. Public CommentChairman
 4. Remarks from Texas Water Development Board.....Ms. Brooke Paup
TWDB Board Member
 5. Fifth (5th) Cycle of Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Finalizing 2021 Regional Water Plan
 - A. Review of Major TWDB Comment Responses and Incorporation into Final 2021 Rio Grande Regional Water Plan
 - B. 2021 Rio Grande Regional Water Plan Chapter Summaries
 - C. Discussion and Consider **ACTION** to Adopt 2021 Final Project Prioritization List, Authorize Black & Veatch to Make Non-Substantive Revisions, and Submit Final List to TWDB
 - D. Discussion and Consider **ACTION** to Certify as Complete and Adopt 2021 Rio Grande Regional Water Plan, Authorize Black & Veatch to Make Non-Substantive Revisions and Submit Final Plan to TWDB
 6. Sixth (6th) Cycle of Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Beginning 2026 RWP
 - A. Discussion and Consider **ACTION** to Designate LRGVDC as Political Subdivision to Administer the Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group (Region M) for 6th Cycle of Regional Water Planning
 - B. Discussion and Consider **ACTION** to Authorize LRGVDC to Provide Public Notice, Submit a Grant Application to TWDB, and Execute a Contract with TWDB on Behalf of Region M for Initial Funding of 6th Cycle of Regional Water Planning

C. Discussion and Consider **ACTION** to Authorize LRGVDC to Provide Public Notice and Hold a Pre-planning Meeting to Obtain Public Input on Development of 2026 Regional Water Plan/2027 State Water Plan

D. Discussion and Consider **ACTION** to Select Technical Consultant(s) in Accordance with 31 TAC 355.92(c)

7. Discussion and Consider **ACTION** on Status of Solicitation for Voting Member in Electric Generating Utilities Category.....Chairman

8. Status Reports

ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

A. Financial Report.....Debby Morales
LRGVDC

1. Consideration and **ACTION** on 2021 Budget

2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Budget & Expenditure Report – September 2020

B. Status of Joint Groundwater Area Planning in GMA’s 13 & 16.....Armando Vela
GMA 16

C. Status of No Charge Releases from the San Juan River.....Sonny Hinojosa
Vice Chair

D. Reports from Other Regional Water Planning Groups

1. Reports from Liaisons with: Region J, Chairman Tomas Rodriguez; Region L, Don McGhee, and Region N, Commissioner David Fuentes

E. Report on Water Conservation Plans and Drought Management Plans Filed with RegionChairman

F. Report on Notices of Applications for Funding and Grants.....Chairman

G. Report on Regional Water Resources Advisory Committee (RWRAC)Com. David Fuentes
RWRAC Chairman

9. Reports from Federal and State Agencies

ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

A. Status of TWDB Regional Flood PlanningChairman

B. TWDB..... William Alfaro
Regional Water Planning

1. Final Plan Process
2. Interregional Planning Council Status
3. Rulemaking Update
4. Regional Water Planning Area Boundary Review Process
5. New Regional Water Planning Educational Material
6. 1st Request for Applications for 6th Cycle of Regional Water Planning

C. IBWCJayne Harkins
Commissioner

D. TCEQ WatermasterJose “Lupe” Luna
Rio Grande Watermaster

E. TPWD Willy Cupit
Coastal Ecologist

10. Discussion, Consideration, and **ACTION** on Date for Next Business MeetingChairman

11. New or Unfinished BusinessChairman

12. Adjourn

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