

# AGENDA

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

### PRE-PLANNING MEETING & BUSINESS MEETING

10:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2021

LRGVDC MAIN CAMPUS  
INITIATED AND CHAIRED VIA GoToMeeting & IN PERSON AT  
301 W. RAILROAD ST., WESLACO, TEXAS

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PRESIDING: JIM DARLING, CHAIR

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call.....Chairman
  2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve April 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes .....Chairman
  3. Public Comment .....Chairman

<b>ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS</b>
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4. Pre-Planning Meeting Items .....Chairman
  - A. Receive Public Input and Comments on Issues that Should be Addressed or Provisions that Should be Included in the 2026 Regional Water Plan and 2027 State Water Plan
  - B. Discuss Potential Process for Conducting Interregional Coordination Regarding Water Management Strategies During Development of the 2026 Regional Water Plan
  - C. Consider the Identification of Water Management Strategies Which May Create Opportunities for Collaboration and Cooperation with other Planning Regions
  - D. Consider a Course of Action for Interregional Coordination with other Regional Water Planning Groups
  - E. Consideration and Discussion Regarding Creating a Committee to Negotiate with Mexico Regarding the Water Debt
5. Discussion and **ACTION** to Consider Petitions from Voting Members to Serve Additional Term...Chairman

- 6. Consideration and **ACTION** to Advertise for Voting Member in Water Utility and Electric Generating Utilities Category .....Chairman
- 7. Update on RFQ for Consultant ..... Rick Carrera
- 8. Status Reports

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- A. Financial Report.....Rick Carrera  
LRGVDC
  - 1. Consideration and **ACTION** on Expenditure Report
- B. Status of Joint Groundwater Area Planning in GMA’s 13 & 16.....Armando Vela  
GMA 16
- C. Update on Status of No Charge Releases from the San Juan River .....Chairman  
Vice Chair
- D. Reports from Other Regional Water Planning Groups
  - 1. Reports from Liaisons with: Region J, Tomas Rodriguez; Region L, Don McGhee, and Region N, Commissioner David Fuentes
- E. Report on Water Conservation Plans and Drought Management Plans Filed with Region .....Chairman
- 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

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- A. TWDB..... William Alfaro  
Regional Water Planning
  - 1. Initial Contracts for 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle of Regional Water Planning
  - 2. Status of Interregional Planning Council
  - 3. Amendments to Regional Water Planning Rules
  - 4. State Water Plan
  - 5. Review of Guidance Principles
  - 6. Legislative Update

B. IBWC ..... Daniel Avila, P.E.  
Acting Commissioner

C. TCEQ Watermaster.....Anthony Stambaugh  
Rio Grande Watermaster

D. TPWD ..... Willy Cupit  
Coastal Ecologist

10. Consideration and **ACTION** to Schedule Next Business Meeting .....Chairman

11. New or Unfinished Business .....Chairman

12. Adjourn

Agenda items may be considered, deliberated and/or acted upon in a different order than numbered above. The Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group (RGRWPG) (Region M) 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. No final action will be taken in Executive Session.

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Public Input Policy: "At the beginning of each RGRWPG meeting, the RGRWPG will allow for an open public forum/comment period. This comment period shall not exceed one (1) hour in length, and each speaker will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes to speak. All individuals desiring to address the RGRWPG 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 RGRWPG as outlined within final implementation guidelines of Senate Bill 1, 75<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session (SB-1). For issues or topics which are not otherwise part of the posted agenda for the meeting, RGRWPG members may direct staff to investigate the issue or topic further. No action 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 limitation (3 minutes) applies."