

AGENDA

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

9:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2017

LRGVDC MAIN CAMPUS
KEN JONES EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM
301 W. RAILROAD ST., WESLACO, TEXAS

PRESIDING: TOMAS RODRIGUEZ, CHAIRMAN

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call..... Chairman
 2. Consider Approval of February 8, 2017 Meeting Minutes Chairman

ACTION ITEM

3. Public Comment..... Chairman
4. Presentation RE: Update on Lower Rio Grande Valley Transport Model..... Sorab Panday, Ph.D.
GSI Environmental Inc. &
Bill Hutchison, Ph.D
Independent Groundwater Consultant
5. Presentation RE: Long Term Management of Carrizo Cane Along the Rio Grande in the
U.S. and Mexico by Biological and Mechanical Control MethodsDr. John Goolsby
6. Presentation RE: Ocean Naiad - Seawater Desalination Project.....Danny Vela
Valley Renewable, LLC
7. Status Reports

ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

- A. Status on Current TWDB Contract ActivitiesSara Eatman
Black & Veatch
 1. Population and Municipal Demand Projections
 - a. Review of Projections
 - b. Summary of Survey Results
 - c. Option to Establish Sub-WUGs
 2. Demand Projections for Non-Municipal Water Uses
 3. GMA 16 Groundwater Availability Projections

- B. Financial Report Marcie Oviedo
LRGVDC
 - C. Status of Joint Groundwater Area Planning in GMA’s 4, 5, 7, 13, & 16..... Armando Vela
GMA 16
 - D. Discussion of IBWC Water Accounting at Fort Quitman Chairman
 - E. Status of No Charge Releases from the San Juan River Sonny Hinojosa
Vice Chair
 - F. Reports from Other Water Planning Groups
 - 1. Reports from Liaisons with Regions: Region E, Glenn Jarvis; Region J, Chairman Tomas Rodriguez; Region L, Don McGhee, and Region N, Judge Humberto Gonzalez
 - G. Report on Water Conservation Plans and Drought Management Plans Filed with Region Chairman
 - H. Report on Notices of Applications for Funding and Grants Chairman
 - I. Status of Studies and Activities on Rio Grande Basin Groundwater Interaction with Surface Water..... Chairman
 - J. Report on North Alamo Water Supply Corporation (NAWSC) Feasibility Study of Higher Energy Efficiency Alternatives for Brackish Groundwater Desalination Chairman
8. Reports from Federal and State Agencies

ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

- A. TWDB Connie Townsend,
William Alfaro
Regional Water Planning
 - 1. TWDB New Project Manager Assigned to Region M
 - 2. Contract Amendment No. 1, and Consultant Contract Amendments
 - 3. Upcoming Deadlines
 - 4. Current Rules (Pamphlet), and 5th Cycle Documents Availability
 - 5. RWPG Chairs Conference Call Highlights
 - 6. Discussion on TWDB Approved SWIFT Project
 - 7. New Member Orientation – Part 1

B. IBWC..... Edward Drusina
Commissioner

C. TCEQ Watermaster Jose “Lupe” Luna
Rio Grande Watermaster

D. TPWD..... Willy Cupit

9. Discussion and Consider Action RE: Meeting Schedule Chairman

10. Adjourn

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