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***Executive Committee**

To: Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group Voting and Non-Voting Members, Mayors, County Judges, Water Districts, Water Systems, Regional Water Planning Groups, County Clerk's Office, Water Rights Holders and Interested Entities

From: Jim Darling, Chairman

Date: April 17, 2025

Subject: Notice of Public Hearing for the Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) for the Rio Grande 2026 Regional Water Plan

Regional Water Planning in the State of Texas is the local process that guides conservation and water projects. The Regional Water Plans, upon approval by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), are used to help develop the State Water Plan which guides state funding of water projects. For additional information on the regional water planning process, please visit the TWDB website at:

<http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/index.asp>.

The Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group (RGRWPG) approved and adopted the Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) for the Rio Grande 2026 Regional Water Plan on February 5, 2025. The Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC), as the designated political subdivision approved by the RGRWPG, submitted the IPP to the TWDB for review on March 3, 2025. The Rio Grande Regional Water Planning area encompasses Cameron, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Maverick, Starr, Webb, Willacy, and Zapata Counties.

Notice is given that the RGRWPG will be conducting an in-person/virtual public hearing on the IPP as follows:

Stewards of water resources from Amistad to the Gulf

Public Hearing Date: May 22, 2025
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
301 W. Railroad St.
Weslaco, Texas 78596

Virtual Meeting Link: <https://meet.goto.com/581851189>
Call in #: United States: +1 (571) 317-3122
Access code: 581-851-189

The RGRWPG is accepting comments on the IPP at the Public Hearing or in writing until July 22, 2025. The RGRWPG will consider all submitted comments and documentation of submitted comments. The RGRWPG’s responses will be provided to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). The public can submit written comments to:

Jim Darling, Chairman
Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group
301 W. Railroad St.
Weslaco, TX 78596
Email: Outreach_RegionM@BlackandVeatch.onmicrosoft.com

This notice will be published in newspapers no later than April 20, 2025. The Initially Prepared Regional Water Plan can be found digitally on the Region M website at <http://www.riograndewaterplan.org/>, and the LRGVDC website at <http://www.lrgvdc.org/water.html>. Hard or electronic copies will be available for review by the general public at the following locations by April 21, 2025:

LRGVDC
301 W. Railroad St.
Weslaco, TX 78596
(956) 682-3481

Cameron Co. Clerk’s Office
835 E. Levee St., 3rd Floor,
Brownsville, TX 78520
(956) 544-0815

Brownsville Public Library
2600 Central Blvd.
Brownsville, TX 78520
(956) 548-1055

Hidalgo Co. Clerk’s Office
100 N. Closner Blvd.
Edinburg, TX 78539
(956) 318-2100

McAllen Public Library
4001 N. 23rd St.
McAllen, TX 78504
(956) 681-3000

Jim Hogg Co. Clerk’s Office
102 E. Tilley St.
Hebbronville, TX 78361
(512) 527-4031

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Jim Hogg County Library
210 N. Smith Ave.
Hebbronville, TX 78361
(361) 527-3421

Eagle Pass Public Library
589 E. Main St.
Eagle Pass, TX 78852
(830) 773-7323

Maverick Co. Clerk's Office
500 Quarry St., Suite 2
Eagle Pass, TX 78852
(830) 773-2829

Rio Grande City Public Library
591 E. 3rd St.
Rio Grande City, TX 78582
(956) 487-4389

Starr Co. Clerk's Office
401 N. Britton Ave., Rm 201
Rio Grande City, TX 78582
(956) 716-4800

Webb Co. Clerk's Office
1110 Victoria St., Suite 201
Laredo, TX 78040
(956) 523-4266

Laredo Public Library
1120 E. Calton Rd.
Laredo, TX 78041
(956) 795-2400

Reber Memorial Library
193 N. 4th St.
Raymondville, TX 78580
(956) 689-2930

Willacy Co. Clerk's Office
576 W. Main Ave., Rm 153
Raymondville, TX 78580
(956) 689-2710

Zapata Co. Clerk's Office
200 E. 7th Ave., Suite 138
Zapata, TX 78076
(956) 765-9915

Zapata County Library
901 Kennedy St.
Zapata, TX 78076
(956) 765-5351

For questions or additional information regarding the public hearing, please contact Mrs. Melisa-Gonzales Rosas at (956)682-3481 ext.163 or melisa.gonzales@lrgvdc.org, or at the physical address for LRGVDC listed above.