

AGENDA

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

9:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024

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

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WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATED TO AGENDA ITEM 5.A.3 WILL BE
ACCEPTED UNTIL **FEBRUARY 21, 2024, AT 9:30 AM**. COMMENTS MAY BE
SUBMITTED EITHER BY EMAIL TO:

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OR SENT BY MAIL TO:

JIM DARLING, CHAIRMAN
RIO GRANDE REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP
C/O LRGVDC
301 W. RAILROAD ST.
WESLACO, TX 78596

MEETING MATERIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT LEAST 7 DAYS PRIOR TO
THE MEETING.

PRESIDING: JIM DARLING, CHAIR

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call.....Chairman
 2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve November 1, 2023, Meeting MinutesChairman
 3. Public Comment.....Chairman
 4. Annual Election of Officers and Executive Committee Chairman

5. Status Reports

ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

- A. Status on Current TWDB Contract Activities..... Jaime Burke
Black & Veatch
1. Schedule and Progress Update
 2. Briefing on 2026 Region M Regional Water Planning Technical Memorandum
 3. Receive Public Comments on 2026 Region M Regional Water Planning Technical Memorandum
 4. RGRWPG to Consider Public Comments and Discuss and Consider Approval of Results of 2026 Region M Regional Water Planning Technical Memorandum, including:
 - a. Approval and authorization for the technical consultant to submit the technical memorandum to the TWDB
 - b. Authorization for the technical consultant to address DB27 updates and non-substantive revisions to the technical memorandum
 - c. Authorization for the technical consultant to address any requests from TWDB associated with processing the technical memorandum
 5. Consideration and Approval of Task 5B Scope of Work for Evaluating Water Management Strategies
 - a. Approval and authorization for the technical consultant to submit the notice-to-proceed Task 5B scope of work request to the TWDB
 - b. Authorization for the technical consultant and/or the LRGVDC to work with the TWDB on any follow up information that might be required
 - c. Authorization for the LRGVDC to negotiate and execute the subsequent TWDB contract amendment that will be issued.
 6. Related to the Amendment to the 2021 Region M Water Plan to Address Infeasible Water Management Strategies, Consider Approving the Submittal of the Amendment Package to TWDB for Determination of Minor Amendment Status, and Authorization for LRGVDC to Post Public Notice and Hold a Public Hearing Should the Amendment Status be Deemed Major
 7. Briefing on Major Water Providers and Consideration of Potential Change to RWPG Definition for this Cycle
 8. Initial Discussion of Potential Need for Environmental Review Subcommittee and Water Management Strategy Subcommittee and Request for Volunteers

- B. Financial Report.....Chairman
 - 1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve 2024 Budget
 - 2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Accept Expenditure Report

- C. Status of Joint Groundwater Area Planning in GMA’s 13 & 16..... Louie Pena, GMA 16
Debbie Farmer, GMA 13

- 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 GrantsChairman

- G. Report on Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWRAC)..... Melisa Gonzales
RWRAC

6. Reports from Federal and State Agencies

ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

- A. TWDB.....Kevin Smith
Regional Water Planning
 - 1. Upcoming Items
 - 2. RWPG Chair Call – January 16, 2024
 - 3. Interregional Planning Council
 - 4. Upcoming Materials for RWPGs
 - 5. Financial Assistance Workshop

- B. IBWCDr. Maria-Elena Giner
Commissioner

C. TCEQ Watermaster..... Georgina Bermea
Rio Grande Watermaster

1. Status of Reservoirs

7. Discussion, Consideration, and **ACTION** on Date for Next Business Meeting.....Chairman

8. 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 during the Executive Session.

PUBLIC INPUT POLICY

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, 75th 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."