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MEETING NOTICE

TO: County Clerks – Open Meetings Postings
FROM: Mr. Tomas Rodriguez, President
DATE: September 30, 2020
SUBJ: Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group
(Region M) Board of Directors Meeting

The next Meeting is scheduled on:

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2020
12:00 NOON
MEETING WILL BE HELD
VIRTUALLY ONLINE
WITH CALL IN AVAILABILITY
FOR THE PUBLIC**

Please post the attached agenda according to the Texas Open Meetings Act rules for public/open meetings.

If you should need additional information, please contact Debby Morales, Executive Assistant at 682-3481 ext 102.

Thank you.

Stewards of water resources from Amistad to the Gulf

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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

Members of the public can attend this meeting by calling 1-888-204-5987, Access code 5435817

PRESIDING: SONNY HINOJOSA, VICE CHAIR

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call Chairman
 2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve September 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes Chairman
 3. Public Comment..... Chairman
 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 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

ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

A. Status of TWDB Regional Flood Planning Chairman

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. IBWC..... Jayne Harkins
Commissioner

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

E. TPWD..... Willy Cupit
Coastal Ecologist

10. Discussion, Consideration, and **ACTION** on Date for 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.

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.”