UPPER RIO GRANDE
FLOOD PLANNING

Draft Regional Flood Plan Available for Public Comment

Region14 – Upper Rio Grande Flood Planning Group

Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) is administering a new state and regional flood planning process with flood planning regions based on river basins. The initial regional flood planning groups were formed on October 1, 2020; the first regional flood plans will be due in January 2023, and the first state flood plan will be due September 1, 2024. The Upper Rio Grande Regional Flood Plan identifies existing and future flood risks, as wells strategies for flood mitigation and identification of areas for future study. The Upper Rio Grande Regional Flood Planning Group (RFPG) has unanimously approved the draft Upper Rio Grande Regional Flood Plan. The TWDB will approve the final Upper Rio Grande Regional Flood Plan by December 2023 and will prepare the statewide flood plan by September 2024.

In accordance with state law, the Upper Rio Grande RFPG is providing the public with the opportunity to comment on the draft plan. The 60-day comment period will begin on August 14, 2022 and will end on October 14, 2022. The draft plan is available on the Upper Rio Grande RFPG website:

[Upper Rio Grande Regional Flood Planning Group Regional Draft Plan](#)

Public can view the plan in person at three locations from August 14, 2022 through October 14, 2022:
- *Rio Grande Council of Governments - (Contact: Annette Gutierrez, Executive Director)*
  8037 Lockheed, Suite 100
  El Paso, Texas 79925
  915-533-0998

- *Reeves County - (Contact: Jeff Bullard, Director, Emergency Management – Reeves County)*
  County Courthouse
  1714 Schmidt Dr RM 326
  Pecos, Texas 79772
  432-287-0242

- *Rio Grande Council of Governments - (Contact: Peggy O'Brien, Local Governments Manager)*
  Marfa Activity Center
  105 N. Mesa
  Marfa, Texas 79843

Opportunity for public comment will include a public meeting held as outline below:
- September 14, 2022 at 5:00 PM, MDT *at the Rio Grande Council of Governments (8037 Lockheed, Suite 100 El Paso, TX 79925)*
- *Phone participation is available for public and non-voting representatives by the conference call information: Call In: (877) 286-5733; Passcode / ID: 35631928#*
  Video participation is available by clicking here on this hyperlink: [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- *The meeting will allow the public to provide oral or written comments.*

Written comments can be submitted via U.S. mail, email, or the Upper Rio Grande RFPG website:
- *U.S. Mail – Rio Grande Council of Governments, ATTN: Annette Gutierrez, 8037 Lockheed, Suite 100, El Paso, TX 79925*
- *Email –* annetteg@riocog.org

While the Upper Rio Grande RFPG is responsible for developing the draft plan, implementation of the specific recommendations and flood mitigation actions included in the plan will require action by local communities throughout Region 14.

The Region 14 Upper Rio Grande RFPG is administered by the Rio Grande Council of Governments and the following members appointed by the TWDB:

Voting Member	Interest Category
Dr. Zhuping Sheng	Agricultural interests
Gilberto Saldana Jr.	Counties
Vacant	Electric generating utilities
Jeff Bennett	Environmental interests
Sal Masoud	Industries
Javier Acosta	Municipalities
David "Dave" Hall	Public
Carlos Arturo Velarde Fernandez	Public
Rene Rodriguez	Small business
Omar L. Martinez	Water districts
Gisela Dagnino	Water utilities
Levi Bryand	Water utilities
Rick Tate	River authorities

Non-voting Member	Agency
James Weaver	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Judy Lucio	Texas Division of Emergency Management
Larissa Place	Texas Department of Agriculture
Vacant	General Land Office/Region 14 Liaison
Richard Bagans	Texas Water Development Board
Anita Keese	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Vanessa Rosales-Herrrera	Region 15 Liaison
Delbert Humberson	International Boundary Water Commission
Ben Wilde	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board