

**HIDALGO COUNTY AND  
HIDALGO COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1's  
RESOLUTION NOMINATING INDIVIDUALS TO TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT  
BOARD'S REGION 15 FLOOD PLANNING GROUP MEMBERS AND  
FOR SUPPORTING POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Water Development Board (“TWDB”) is requesting nominations for membership in planning groups for Texas’ first-ever regional flood planning process and for political subdivisions to support these regional flood planning groups; and

**WHEREAS**, Hidalgo County forms a part of Flood Planning Region 15 (“Region 15”), which is composed of 14 counties along the Rio Grande River and the Gulf of Mexico, and

**WHEREAS**, Region 15 will have 12 voting members, each one representing one of twelve interest categories; and

**WHEREAS**, the population of Region 15 is approximately two million people and Hidalgo County has approximately fifty percent of the total population in Region 15 with a population of approximately one million; and

**WHEREAS**, Cameron County, the second most populated county in Region 15, has roughly twenty five percent of the total population in Region 15; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Water Development Board is seeking to appoint individuals to Region 15 who are experienced in public issues and who already play a leadership role in regional flood planning and possess the ability to broadly represent the interests of Region 15 and fairly consider all interests and deliberations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hidalgo County Commissioners’ Court and the Board of Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 hereby nominate the following 8 individuals who have exemplified the attributes the TWDB is seeking:

**Flood Districts** - David L. Fuentes, Board Member of Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1;

**Agriculture Interests** - Jose Hinojosa, General Manager for Santa Cruz Irrigation District #15;

**Counties** - David Garza, Cameron County Precinct 3 Commissioner;

**Municipalities** - Mike Perez, City of Weslaco City Manager;

**Public** - Eduardo “Eddy” Gonzales, Willacy County Precinct 4 Commissioner;

**Water Utilities** - Riazul Mia, P.E., CFM, Utilities Manager of City of Laredo;

**Small Businesses** - Jose Luis Caso, Managing Partner of Caso Law Firm, PLLC;

**Environmental Interests** - Andrew Ernest, Ph.D., P.E., BCEE, D.WRE, RATES;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the individuals being nominated have shown superior achievements in their particular fields of expertise and have demonstrated public leaderships skills in implementing policies and projects that have mitigated flooding in the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, the TWDB is also soliciting nominations for a Political Subdivision experienced in flood control to support Region 15 to serve as the headquarters of Region 15 and to perform various task including the management and procurement of professionals for the development of a regional flood plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hidalgo County Commissioners’ Court and the Board of Hidalgo County Drainage District No.1 hereby nominate Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 as the Political Subdivision to support the Region 15 Regional Flood Planning Group; and

**WHEREAS**, Hidalgo County relies on Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 for its regional flood-control systems, and the district is overseen by the Commissioners’ Court of Hidalgo County, and its General Manager is a professional engineer and certified floodplain manager; and

**WHEREAS**, Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 has tremendous resources to house meetings and to provide expertise in flood control as it has an engineering department, it employs 178 people, and it is responsible for most of the major drainage systems in Hidalgo County, which encompasses over 650 miles of drains and ditches;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hidalgo County Commissioners’ Court and the Board of Directors of Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 nominate the 8 individuals listed above to the Region 15 Flood Planning Group and nominate Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 as the Political Subdivision to Support the Region 15 Flood Planning Group.