

Flood Recovery Task Force Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 10:00 AM
City Hall – Mike Mathews Conference Room,
425 North Richardson
Roswell, New Mexico 88201

Committee Members: Chris Cortez,
Mike Espiritu, Gordon Patton, Brian Houghtalin

Staff Liaison: Mac Rogers

Notice of this meeting was given to the public in compliance with Sections 10-15-1 through 10-15-4 NMSA 1978 and Resolution 26-12

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chris Cortez

ROLL CALL

Members present: Chris Cortez, Mike Espiritu, Gordon Patton, Brian Houghtalin

Members absent: **NONE**

Staff present: Lee M. Rogers, Amalia Martinez, Angela Garcia, Bobbi Thompson, Caroline Brooks, Councilor Cristina Arnold

Guests: Ann Baker, Deb Gallagher, DRS, Jeb McPherson, DRS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Mike Espiritu made a motion to approve the agenda. Member Gordon Patton was the second.

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Mike Espiritu made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2026, Flood Recovery Task Force meeting. Member Brian Houghtalin was the second.

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

NON-ACTION ITEMS

FEMA project Tracker – Ms. Gallagher, DRS, appeared via GoTo, discussed FEMA Projects, providing an overview of the FEMA process and the progress the city has made to date. The overview included a detailed breakdown of obligated project costs and key milestone dates.

Financial Plan – Mr. Rogers discussed the financial plan presenting, GRT revenues collected to date. This included a timeline for selling flood-recovery bonds to fund needed repairs.

Convention Center Damages – Mr. McPherson, DRS, appeared via GoTo, discussed FEMA's substantial damage claims, the 50% Rule, and how they are used to determine whether a

1 structure can be repaired or replaced. Museum and Convention Center scenarios were
2 presented, and potential mitigation options for the Convention Center were discussed.

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4 Drainage Study – The boundaries of the LIDAR floodplain data mapped by UNM EDAC were
5 presented. It was noted that a hydrologist provided by NM DHSEM has analyzed portions of the
6 data.

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9 **ACTION ITEMS**

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12 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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14 **ADJOURN**

15 The meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.