

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

Chair: Chris Cortez

Vice Chair: Brian Houghtalin

Committee Members: Mike Espiritu, Gordon Patton, Michael Sanchez

Non-Voting Member: Jon Hitchcock

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 10:05 A.M. by Chair Chris Cortez

ROLL CALL

Members present: Chair Chris Cortez, Gordon Patton, Mike Espiritu, Michael Sanchez, John Hitchcock

Members absent: Vice Chair Brian Houghtalin

Staff present: Hess Yntema, Bobbi Thompson, Mac Rogers, Zach Scott, Vanessa R Valdez, Caroline Brooks, Jessica Parham

Guests: Councilor Cristina Arnold, Anne Baker, Deb Gallagher, DRS, Jeb McPherson, DRS

Online Guests: 3 Guests, Jackie Herrera, Annabella Farmer DHSEM, Harber RDR, TH RDR

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Member Gordon Patton made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2026, Flood Recovery Task Force meeting. Member Michael Sanchez was the second.

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

NON-ACTION ITEMS

FEMA Projects Overview and Discussion – Discussions regarding FEMA Public Assistance and flood recovery projects, focusing on project funding, mitigation opportunities, consolidation options, engineering studies, and long-term planning. Key topics include approximately \$7.8 million in FEMA-related funding reductions, approved and pending FEMA projects, time extensions, riverbank restoration and mitigation funding, relocation and consolidation strategies

1 for facilities such as the Adult Center, Convention Center, Museum and Art Center, and various
2 Parks and Recreation assets. Discussion highlighting the need for engineering assessments for
3 facilities including Debremond Stadium and drainage improvements, consideration of rebuilding
4 versus relocation based on staffing and flood risk concerns, and opportunities to combine or
5 redirect funding across projects.

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7 For the record – George Patton left the meeting at 11:35 A.M.

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9 Several projects remain pending further study, FEMA approval, community engagement, and
10 determination of final locations or funding groupings.

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14 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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17 **ADJOURN**

18 The meeting adjourned at 11:47 A.M.