



Flood Recovery Task Force Agenda
Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
City Hall - Mike Mathews Conference Room
Roswell City Hall 425 N. Richardson
Roswell, New Mexico 88201

Chair: Chris Cortez
Vice Chair: Brian Houghtlain
Members: Mike Espiritu, Gordon Patton, Michael Sanchez
Non-Voting Member: Jon Hitchcock
Staff Liaison: Lee M. Rogers

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Approval of the minutes from the Wednesday, July 15th, 2026 regular Flood Task Force Meeting

NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. Museum History (Caroline Brooks)
2. CDBG DR Infrastructure Investment Projects
3. Financial Plan
4. Map Updates

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT**

Flood Recovery Task Force

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Meeting Date: 08/19/2026

COMMITTEE:

CONTACT:

CHAIR:

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of the minutes from the Wednesday, July 15th, 2026 regular Flood Task Force Meeting

BACKGROUND:

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION

LEGAL REVIEW:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Attachments

July 15th Minutes

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

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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.