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Strategic Planning – LRGV TPDES Stormwater Task Force

INTRODUCTIONS – TASK FORCE

- Joe Hinojosa, Gen. Mgr., Santa Cruz Irrigation District #15
 - Chairperson, LRGV TPDES Stormwater Task Force
- Jose Figueroa, Stormwater Mgr., City of Brownsville
 - Vice-Chair, LRGV TPDES Stormwater Task Force
- Mardoqueo Hinojosa, P.E., City Engineer, City of Weslaco
 - Secretary, LRGV TPDES Stormwater Task Force
- Melisa Gonzales, Stormwater Manager, City of Alamo
 - Past Chairperson, LRGV TPDES Stormwater Task Force

* Task Force Reps appointed by City Council, Board of Directors, Commissioners Court, etc. via interlocal agreements.



INTRODUCTIONS – TASK FORCE



City of Brownsville – Jose Figueroa

City of La Feria – Paula Rodriguez

City of San Juan – Xavier Cervantes, AICP

City of Donna – Roy Jimenez

City of Alton – Rudy Garza, CPM

City of Edinburg – Robert Valenzuela, CSI, CEO

City of San Benito – Bryan Medina

Cameron County DD#1– Hector Lerma

City of Los Fresnos – Raul Garcia

City of Weslaco – Mardoqueo Hinojosa, P.E.

City of Mission – Juan De La Garza

City of La Joya – Isidro Venecia

City of Primera – Javier Mendez

City of Alamo – Ernesto Solis

Cameron County – Paolina Vega, P.E.

City of Palmview – Ramon Segovia

Santa Cruz Irrigation District #15 – Joe Hinojosa, REM

Founded in 1998



- Role
 - Stormwater Management
 - Watershed Management
 - Non Point Source Pollution Management
- UTRGV facilitates organization/operations
- Task Force supports
 - Research
 - Students
 - Community Outreach/Education
- Interlocal Agreements guide partnership (by-laws)
 - Annual funding (membership fees)
 - 18 members now
 - Mercedes (May 2017)

Objectives 2017



- Fully transition the LRGV Task Force from the A&M System to the UT System
- The Task Force will assist UTRGV:
 - develop a Water Center/Institute
 - develop a Graduate Program
 - establish an Estuary Program in South Texas
 - establish a Center of Excellence in South Texas
 - support civil engineering initiatives
 - in co-leading watershed protection plans

Objectives 2017



- UTRGV will
 - manage the TPDES programs (primary role)
 - develop a region-wide internship program
 - re-vitalize the Task Force scholarship program
 - seek State and National conferences, events and initiatives to the Valley
 - Expand support to the Task Force to include solid waste, air quality, wastewater, planning and construction programs

Short Term Goals



- Transition Task Force -A&M System to the UT System
 - 2 year transition plan
 - Increase Membership – 18 local governments to date
 - Rancho Viejo, Palmhurst, Willacy County
 - Transition all Interlocal Agreements to UTRGV
 - Mission – Permit Compliance
 - UTRGV will not lose sight of priority (compliance)
 - Staff support (hire) and provide Outreach/Education
 - Program coordinator/Watershed coordinator
 - Administrative staff
 - Grant Symposiums/Conferences
 - Trainings, etc.

Long Term Goals



- Main focus:
 - Stormwater Management Program (Compliance)
 - Education, Outreach and Training (UTRGV role)
- Strategic Plan (SP) will be developed
 - Develop SP for the Task Force (for 5 years)
 - Develop RGV-Sustain Organization (new idea)
 - Include Task Force in the Civil Engineering SP
- Establish major Water Institute in the LRGV

Thank you!



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