

# LRGV TPDES Stormwater TaskForce Partnership, Inc.

## NEWSLETTER

**WELCOME TO OUR THIRD STORMWATER NEWSLETTER. AS YOU READ THROUGH THE NEWSLETTER YOU WILL FIND OUR STORMWATER STUDENTS AND THEIR SUMMER INTERNSHIPS, REMINDERS OF FUTURE EVENTS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS, AND MUCH MORE!**



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AS ALWAYS, DON'T FORGET TO  
SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR NEXT  
**STORMWATER CONFERENCE**  
HAPPENING MAY 19TH-23, 2026.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN  
INCLUDING AN ANNOUNCEMENT  
OR SUBMITTING PICTURES,  
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO EMAIL US  
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# FACULTY / STAFF



## **JAVIER GUERRERO** **EXCECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

THE "TASK FORCE" IS AN UNEXPLAINABLE PHENOMENON THAT HAS DEVELOPED INTO A RENOWNED REGULATORY COMPLIANCE PARTNERSHIP. THE COALITION HAS ENJOYED 27 YEARS OF MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIPS AND CONTINUES TO GROW AND EVOLVE. "MS4 STORMWATER" IS A UNIQUE INDUSTRY IN THE REALM OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT THAT IS VITAL TO WATER QUANTITY AND WATER QUALITY RELATED INITIATIVES. THE PROGRAM CONTINUES TO CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO OUR COMMUNITIES EVERY DAY BY PROTECTING OUR CITIZENS THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES THAT GUIDE CONSTRUCTION, ENGINEERING, AND PLANNING STRATEGIES.



## **MELODIE MEIDEL** **REGIONAL STORMWATER** **MANAGER**

"THE VALUE OF THE WORK ISN'T DEFINED JUST BY THE TASK AT HAND, BUT BY THE MAN WHO STANDS IN THE MIDST OF IT. IT'S HIS DEDICATION, HIS SKILL, AND HIS VISION THAT SHAPE THE SPACE AND THE IMPACT OF WHAT HE CREATES. IN EVERY DETAIL, THERE IS A REFLECTION OF HIS COMMITMENT TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE."



## **DAISY DEL TORO** **OFFICE MANANGEMENT/ STORMWATER TECHNICIAN**

"BELIEVE IN YOURSELF. YOU ARE BRAVER THAN YOU THINK, MORE TALENTED THAN YOU KNOW, AND CAPABLE BEYOND MEASURE." - ROY T. BENNETT



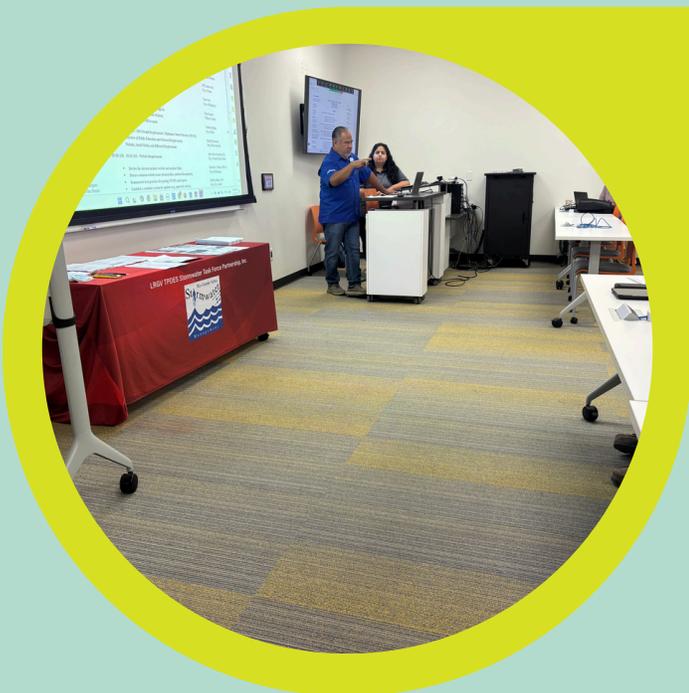
## CLEO LONGORIA REGIONAL FLOODPLAIN COORDINATOR

"BELIEVE TO BE THE DIFFERENCE TO MAKE THE  
CHANGE THAT YOU WISH TO SEE"

WITH THE EXPERIENCE GAINED THROUGH PREVIOUS ROLES IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT, I HAVE DEVELOPED A WELL-ROUNDED UNDERSTANDING OF CITY OPERATIONS FROM PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT TO BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, AND FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH TO MUNICIPAL FINANCE. OVER THE YEARS, I HAVE ALSO HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING AS A MEMBER OF THE LRGV STORMWATER TASK FORCE, WHICH HAS ENCOURAGED A STRONG INTEREST IN WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION, WATER RESOURCE PROTECTION, AND FLOOD MITIGATION THROUGH EFFECTIVE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT.

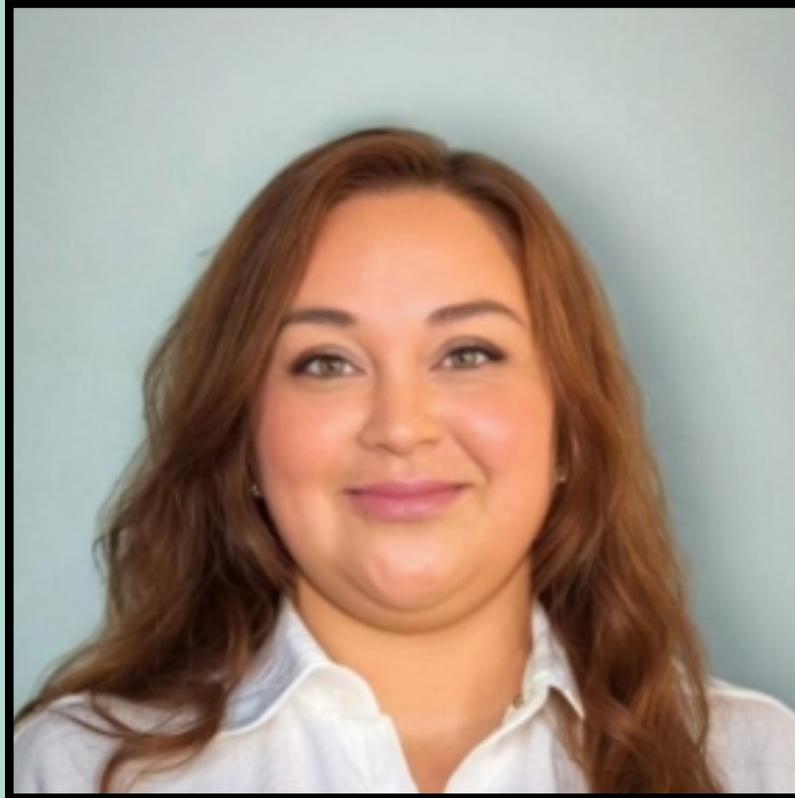
# *In case you missed it!*

We hosted an Outreach Workshop I on September, 25, 2025 with our partners and community members! We're proud to share knowledge, resources, and strategies to strengthen stormwater management across the region. A big thank you to everyone who joined us in person and online to learn, collaborate, and make a difference for our communities.



*THANK YOU FOR  
EVERYTHING!*

**CASSANDRA RUIZ**



WE ARE INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL FOR  
CASSANDRA'S DEDICATION, HARD WORK,  
AND POSITIVE IMPACT ON OUR TEAM. SHE  
HAS LEFT A LASTING MARK.  
WHILE WE WILL MISS HER, WE WISH HER  
ALL THE BEST IN HER NEXT CHAPTER.  
THANK YOU, CASSANDRA—YOU WILL  
ALWAYS BE PART OF THE STORMWATER  
FAMILY!

# STUDENT INTERNS



“HELLO, MY NAME IS KASSANDRA, A STUDENT AT UTRGV MAJORING IN CIVIL ENGINEERING. AS A STUDENT INTERN WITH THE STORMWATER TASK FORCE, I SHADOWED ENGINEERS FROM WESLACO CITY HALL AND PUBLIC WORKS, GAINING VALUABLE INSIGHTS INTO CIVIL ENGINEERING. THIS EXPERIENCE EXPOSED ME TO VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ENGINEERING PRACTICES, DEEPENING MY UNDERSTANDING OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, AND AUTOCAD.”



**KASSANDRA GUERRA**

“HELLO, MY NAME IS FABIAN, AND I AM STUDYING ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AT UTRGV. MY TIME WITH THE TASK FORCE HAS ALLOWED ME TO BECOME MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE ON STORMWATER AND HAS EVEN GIVEN ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO EARN TWO CERTIFICATIONS. THIS INTERNSHIP HAS HELPED ME TO DEVELOP MANY SKILLS THAT WILL PREPARE ME FOR THE FUTURE.”



**FABIAN CASANOVA**



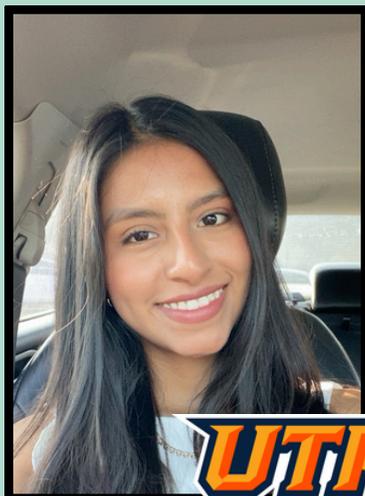
“HELLO, MY NAME IS JENNIFER RODRIGUEZ, AND I AM STUDYING INTEGRATED HEALTH SCIENCES. BY INTERNING WITH THE TASK FORCE, I WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE IN WESLACO CITY HALL AND PUBLIC WORKS. THROUGH THESE OPPORTUNITIES, I HAVE ENHANCED MY KNOWLEDGE IN BIOLOGY AND ENGINEERING, ESPECIALLY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT. I HAVE ALSO HAD THE CHANCE TO BE ABLE TO BECOME A QUALIFIED STORMWATER INSPECTOR.”



**JENNIFER RODRIGUEZ-GALVAN**

# STUDENT INTERNS

## NEW INTERNS



“HELLO, MY NAME IS MAYRIN ALVIZO, I AM A STUDENT ATTENDING UTRGV AND MAJORING IN CIVIL ENGINEERING. MY TIME AS AN INTERN WITH THE STORMWATER TASK FORCE HAS QUICKLY HELPED ME GAIN VALUABLE EXPERIENCE AND INSIGHT INTO ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT. DESPITE THE SHORT TIME IN THIS ROLE, MY HANDS-ON INVOLVEMENT HAS SIGNIFICANTLY DEEPEDED MY UNDERSTANDING OF REAL-WORLD PRACTICES IN THE FIELD.”

**MAYRIN ALVIZO**

“HI, MY NAME IS LARRY RAMOS, AND I AM MAJORING IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AT UTRGV. I HOPE TO GAIN NEW SKILLS THROUGH HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE WHILE ALSO LEARNING ABOUT STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE THROUGH MY INTERNSHIP WITH THE TASK FORCE.”



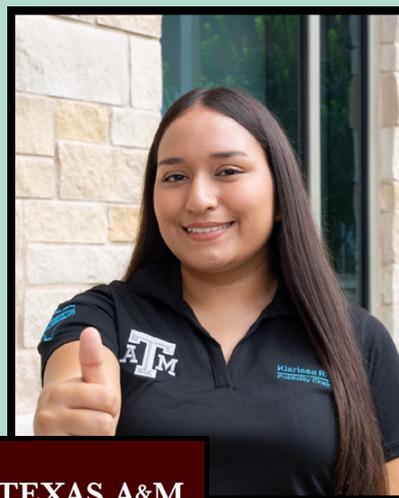
**LARRY RAMOS**

# STUDENT INTERNS

## PAST INTERNS



**JOSEPH VASQUEZ**



**KLARISSA RIZO**

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR SINCERE THANKS TO OUR INTERNS, KLARISSA RIZO AND JOSEPH VASQUEZ, FOR THE TIME AND DEDICATION THEY CONTRIBUTED DURING THEIR INTERNSHIP WITH US. THEIR HARD WORK, FRESH IDEAS, AND ENTHUSIASM ADDED REAL VALUE TO OUR ORGANIZATION. WHILE THEIR TIME HERE HAS COME TO A CLOSE, THEIR EFFORTS HAVE LEFT A LASTING POSITIVE IMPACT. WE WISH THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THEIR FUTURE ENDEAVORS AND ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE HAD THEM ON OUR TEAM.

# 27TH STORMWATER CONFERENCE



THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY STORMWATER TASKFORCE HOSTED THEIR ANNUAL 27TH STORMWATER MANAGEMENT & PLANNING CONFERENCE AT THE MARGARITAVILLE BEACH RESORT, SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS. ENGINEERS, ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERTS, AND AUTHORITIES WERE BROUGHT TOGETHER TO SPEAK ABOUT SOLUTIONS FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT. PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS, AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES WERE PROVIDED TO ENCOURAGE COOPERATION. AS WELL, LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS WERE INVITED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, AND A SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY WAS OFFERED TO A RECIPIENT.

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# **STORMWATER**

*CONFERENCE 2026*



# SAVE THE DATE!

**28th Annual  
Stormwater Conference**

**May 19–23, 2026**

**Margaritaville Resort –  
South Padre Island, TX**

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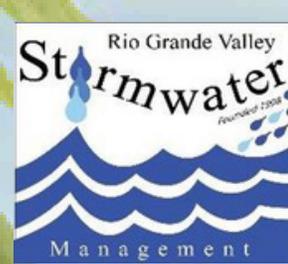
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# 16TH ANNUAL STORMWATER RETREAT



JANUARY 16TH-17TH 2025 THE STORMWATER TASK FORCE TRAVELED TO SOUTH PADRE ISLAND FOR OUR ANNUAL STORMWATER RETREAT AT THE MARGARITAVILLE HOTEL.





# *Save The Date*

*17th Annual Task Force Retreat Series 2026 Strategic Planning  
January 15 & 16, 2026*

**You are invited to attend the annual planning retreat series to support the implementation and continued development of the 2025–2030 LRGV TPDES Stormwater Management Program.**

**This six-hour workshop will provide a collaborative forum for MS4 representatives to evaluate progress, identify gaps, and refine regional strategies to ensure compliance with TCEQ requirements.**

## **Workshop topics will include:**

- **Public education and outreach**
- **Illicit discharge detection and elimination**
- **Construction and post-construction stormwater controls**
- **Pollution prevention for municipal operations**
- **Management of industrial stormwater sources**

**Your participation is essential in aligning regional efforts and strengthening our collective stormwater program implementation.**

### **Hotel Info:**

**Margaritaville Beach Resort  
310 Padre Blvd.  
South Padre Island, TX 78597  
Room Rate : TBD  
Reservation Link: TBD**

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# 2ND ANNUAL SOUTH TEXAS COASTAL COUNTY CONSORTIUM CONFERENCE



*February 27-28, 2025 our stormwater taskforce team went to Refugio for the annual South Texas Coastal County Conference held at Refugio City Hall.*



*Refugio City Hall  
609 Commerce St., Refugio, TX 78377*

# Save the Date!



**Friday, June 26, 2026**

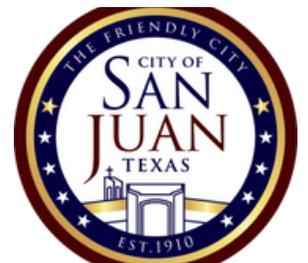
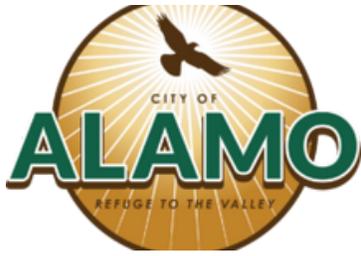
**Rockport Community Center**

**302 Live Oak, Rockport, TX 78382**

**Join us in advancing coastal  
collaboration and watershed protection.**

**More details coming soon.**

# OUR MEMBERS



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