



Flood Recovery Task Force Agenda
Wednesday, July 15, 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 Wednesday, June 17th 2026, Regular Flood Recovery Task Force meeting

NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. FEMA Projects Overview and Discussion

ACTION ITEMS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

ADJOURN

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AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT**

Flood Recovery Task Force

5. 1.

Meeting Date: 07/15/2026

COMMITTEE:

CONTACT:

CHAIR:

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of the minutes from Wednesday, June 17th 2026, Regular Flood Recovery Task Force meeting

BACKGROUND:

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION

LEGAL REVIEW:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Attachments

Minutes

Flood Recovery Task Force Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 17, 2026, 10:00 AM
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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 10:00 A.M. by Chair Chris Cortez

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: **NONE**

Staff present: Hess Yntema, Mac Rogers, Zach Scott

Guests: Councilor Cristina Arnold, Terri Harber, RDR

Online Guests: 3 Guests, VRV

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Chair Chris Cortez made a motion to approve the agenda. Member Gordon Patton was the second.

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Vice Chair Brian Houghtalin made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 27, 2026, Flood Recovery Task Force meeting. Member Mike Espiritu was the second.

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

NON-ACTION ITEMS

FEMA Project Tracker – Mr. Rogers 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. Priority projects, areas that need more attention in regard to flood damage, and a potential workshop in order to explore more options were discussed.

1 Financial Plan – Mr. Rogers discussed the financial plan, presenting GRT revenues collected to
2 date. Discussed that City Council approval would be needed in order to issue 25 million dollars
3 in flood recovery bonds. GRT revenues were shown to be stable.
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5 FEMA Substantial Damage Claims – Mr. Rogers provided an update on FEMA substantial
6 damage claims, including projects subject to the 50% rule and requests for project time
7 extensions. Seven specialized projects were identified that will require a decision by the City.
8 Discussion also included potential State funding opportunities needed to meet FEMA
9 reimbursement requirements. The status of the Roswell Convention Center and the Roswell
10 Museum, both impacted by floodplain considerations, was reviewed, and an update from the
11 Engineering Department was requested regarding their current condition and project timelines.
12 This matter will require further discussion and direction from the City Council.
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14 Drainage Study – Mr. Rogers reported that a hydrologist provided by the New Mexico
15 Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (NM DHSEM) has analyzed
16 portions of the available data and developed mapping that overlays a 100-year flood event with
17 additional datasets to improve accuracy and provide a more comprehensive assessment of
18 flood risk areas. Approximately 900 properties were identified for inclusion in the City's GIS
19 mapping system, which is expected to significantly enhance data accuracy and coverage.
20 Discussion also included the use of LiDAR mapping technology as a tool for improving
21 floodplain analysis and mitigating future flood-related impacts. Additionally, Community
22 Development Block Grant (CDBG) infrastructure funding opportunities were reviewed, including
23 eligible project types and procurement strategies related to the use of those funds.
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25 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

26 **ADJOURN**

27 The meeting adjourned at 10:50 A.M.
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