

Rio Grand Watershed Federal Coordinating Committee

Rio Grand Watershed Federal Coordinating Committee – first met April, 2003 to highlight the capabilities and projects within each agency and to share information about how each agency’s programs may be used to assist community partners and potential sponsors in meeting their goals. It was initiated by Congressman Sylvestre Reyes (El Paso); he wants to assemble a federal team.. It aims to focus on the entire Rio Grande Watershed. It could be a model of a working partnership.

Purpose: To help each organization/agency become familiar with each other’s mission related to watershed planning and management related to the U.S.-Mexico border; the legal authorities governing the agency’s watershed-scale efforts; ongoing projects related to watershed planning or management; and any opportunities for future collaboration (e.g., in water quality, invasive species control, non-point source pollution, environmental restoration, multi-objective watershed studies).

Includes:

- International Boundary and Water Commission
- National Park Service
- EPA
- USACE (Albuquerque, Galveston Districts)
- USCS
- US Bureau of Reclamation, plus El Paso field Division
- USDA – NRCS, Texas and Regional Office
- Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southern Plains Region
- National Weather Service
- Bureau of Land management