

THE STATE OF TEXAS
CITY OF RIO HONDO
COUNTY OF CAMERON

Rick Tello, Commissioner Place 1
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Gustavo Olivares
Mayor

**Notice of a Regular Meeting of the
City Commission of the City of Rio Hondo
March 8, 2022**

Pursuant to Chapter 551, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act, notice is hereby given that the governing body of the City of Rio Hondo, Texas will convene for a **Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday March 8, 2022**, at the **City Commission Chambers** on the Second Floor of the Rio Hondo Municipal Building located at 121 N. Arroyo Blvd., Rio Hondo, Texas 78583.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

UNITED STATES PLEDGE

INVOCATION:

Regular Agenda:

1. **Mayor and Commissioners Reports**
2. **City Administrator's Report**
3. **Public Comment Period:** *Please Note- The Public Comment Period is designated for hearing concerns regarding City of Rio Hondo Public Policy or City of Rio Hondo business that is or is not on the agenda or items listed on the agenda.*
4. **Acknowledgement of the Rio Hondo Racial Profiling Report for the year 2021.**
5. Consideration and Action enacting and enforcing the Rio Hondo Water Conservation Plan as described in Ordinance No 259 for the month March 2022 through August 2022.
6. Consideration and Action to negotiate a contract with Gomez Mendez Saenz for architectural services for the planning, design and project monitoring of a Splash Pad at City/County Park.
7. Executive Session:
 - a. **Item (A).** Attorney consultation pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, Section 551.071(2) regarding the City's rights, duties, and obligations pertaining to public information requests.
 - b. **Item (B).** Consultation and Deliberation pursuant to the following Sections of the Texas Local Government Code: Section 551.071(2) (attorney consultation); Section 551.072 (value and

purchase of real property) and Section 551.087 (economic development incentives); regarding a possible transaction concerning lots 3-4, Block 22 of the Rio Hondo Original Townsite.

- c. **Item (C).** Consultation and Deliberation pursuant to the following Sections of the Texas Local Government Code: Section 551.071(2) (attorney consultation); Section 551.072 (value of real property); and Section 551.087 (economic development incentives) regarding the possible purchase of Lots 1 and 2, Block 10 of the Rio Hondo Original Townsite.

Reconvene in Open Session

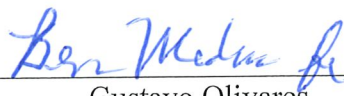
8. **Action on items discussed in Executive Session:**

- a. Item 7 (b): Consideration and Possible Action regarding a transaction pertaining to Lots 3-4, Block 22 of the Rio Hondo Original Townsite.

9. Adjournment

Note: The City Commission for the City of Rio Hondo reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matters, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.087 (Economic Development).

Note: The Meeting is accessible to Americans with Disabilities. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need assistance, please call the City Secretary at (956) 748-2102 at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.


Gustavo Olivares
Mayor of the City of Rio Hondo

POSTED

I, the City Secretary for the City of Rio Hondo, do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting is a true and correct record and was posted in the bulletin board outside City Hall, and the bulletin board in the City Hall lobby, at 121 N. Arroyo Blvd, Rio Hondo, Texas 78583 and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting.

DATE: 3/4/2022 TIME: 3:30pm



Press Release

Friday, March 4, 2022

The City of Rio Hondo will be replacing the stem pipe inside the Elevated Water Tank beginning on Tuesday, March 7, 2022, and the work will last until Friday, March 11, 2022. This work must be done to repair a water leak. Mr. Gustavo Olivares, Mayor is requesting all the City of Rio Hondo Citizens to please conserve the water during this time. The city will be experiencing low water pressure at certain times.

Water Conservation Measures that your assistance is requested:

- a. No filling of swimming of pools.
- b. No long periods of watering of lawns
- c. No washing of cars
- d. No water slides

These repairs are necessary to repair the water tank and the work will be expedited as much as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Ben Medina, City Administrator at 956-748-2102.



March 8, 2022

Report to the Mayor and City Commissioners

1. Architects proposals were rated for selection of a firm for the Splash pad.
2. Review the Hazard Mitigation Plan
3. New Police car is here.
4. The Texas Department of Agriculture has arrived
5. Nature society will be assisting us on tree and plant survey at boat ramp park this assistance is very much needed.
6. City Website is being redone

Water Plant

1. The water tank is being repaired
2. A Scada system is the next project.

Sewer

The contractor and electrical contractor for the Roberto Garza liftstation got ill with Covid so project is on hold
Sewer Plant fully operational

Public Works

1. Staff is preparing the fields for March baseball season.
2. Planting of trees at the City /County park in April is on schedule.
3. Continue cleaning of cemeteries.
4. Planning a neighborhood Cleanup day for Paloma, Catherine and Ebony Streets.

Item 4 Racial Profiling Report

Racial Profiling Report | Full

Agency Name: RIO HONDO POLICE DEPT.
Reporting Date: 02/05/2022
TCOLE Agency Number: 061210

Chief Administrator: WILLIAM P. BILOKURY II

Agency Contact Information:
Phone: (956) 970-3205
Email: policechief@riohondo.us

Mailing Address:
P.O. BOX 389
RIO HONDO, TX 78583-0389

This Agency filed a full report

RIO HONDO POLICE DEPT. has adopted a detailed written policy on racial profiling. Our policy:

- 1) clearly defines acts constituting racial profiling;
- 2) strictly prohibits peace officers employed by the RIO HONDO POLICE DEPT. from engaging in racial profiling;
- 3) implements a process by which an individual may file a complaint with the RIO HONDO POLICE DEPT. if the individual believes that a peace officer employed by the RIO HONDO POLICE DEPT. has engaged in racial profiling with respect to the individual;
- 4) provides public education relating to the agency's complaint process;
- 5) requires appropriate corrective action to be taken against a peace officer employed by the RIO HONDO POLICE DEPT. who, after an investigation, is shown to have engaged in racial profiling in violation of the RIO HONDO POLICE DEPT. policy;
- 6) requires collection of information relating to motor vehicle stops in which a warning or citation is issued and to arrests made as a result of those stops, including information relating to:
 - a. the race or ethnicity of the individual detained;
 - b. whether a search was conducted and, if so, whether the individual detained consented to the search;
 - c. whether the peace officer knew the race or ethnicity of the individual detained before detaining that individual;
 - d. whether the peace officer used physical force that resulted in bodily injury during the stop;
 - e. the location of the stop;
 - f. the reason for the stop.
- 7) requires the chief administrator of the agency, regardless of whether the administrator is elected, employed, or appointed, to submit an annual report of the information collected under Subdivision (6) to:
 - a. the Commission on Law Enforcement; and
 - b. the governing body of each county or municipality served by the agency, if the agency is an agency of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state.

The RIO HONDO POLICE DEPT. has satisfied the statutory data audit requirements as prescribed in Article 2.133(c),

Code of Criminal Procedure during the reporting period.

Executed by: WILLIAM BILOKURY
CHIEF OF POLICE

Date: 02/05/2022

Total stops: 853

Street address or approximate location of the stop

City street	70
US highway	0
County road	9
State highway	757
Private property or other	17

Was race or ethnicity known prior to stop?

Yes	3
No	850

Race / Ethnicity

Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	12
White	104
Hispanic / Latino	737

Gender

Female	311
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	6
White	36
Hispanic / Latino	269
Male	542
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	6
White	68
Hispanic / Latino	468

Reason for stop?

Violation of law	38
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	4

Hispanic / Latino	34
Preexisting knowledge	31
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	3
Hispanic / Latino	28
Moving traffic violation	692
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	11
White	89
Hispanic / Latino	592
Vehicle traffic violation	92
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	1
White	8
Hispanic / Latino	83
Was a search conducted?	
Yes	27
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	6
Hispanic / Latino	21
No	826
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	12
White	98
Hispanic / Latino	716
Reason for Search?	
Consent	8
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	1

Hispanic / Latino	7		
Contraband	0		
Alaska Native / American Indian	0		
Asian / Pacific Islander	0		
Black	0		
White	0		
Hispanic / Latino	0		
Probable	8		
Alaska Native / American Indian	0		
Asian / Pacific Islander	0		
Black	0		
White	4		
Hispanic / Latino	4		
Inventory	6		
Alaska Native / American Indian	0		
Asian / Pacific Islander	0		
Black	0		
White	0		
Hispanic / Latino	6		
Incident to arrest	5		
Alaska Native / American Indian	0		
Asian / Pacific Islander	0		
Black	0		
White	1		
Hispanic / Latino	4		
Was Contraband discovered?			
Yes	10	Did the finding result in arrest?	
		(total should equal previous column)	
Alaska Native / American Indian	0	Yes 0	No 0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0	Yes 0	No 0
Black	0	Yes 0	No 0
White	5	Yes 3	No 2
Hispanic / Latino	5	Yes 2	No 3
No	17		
Alaska Native / American Indian	0		
Asian / Pacific Islander	0		
Black	0		
White	1		
Hispanic / Latino	16		

Description of contraband

Drugs	6
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	3
Hispanic / Latino	3
Weapons	4
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	3
Hispanic / Latino	1
Currency	0
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	0
Hispanic / Latino	0
Alcohol	2
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	0
Hispanic / Latino	2
Stolen property	1
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	0
Hispanic / Latino	1
Other	0
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	0
Hispanic / Latino	0

Result of the stop

Verbal warning	0
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Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	0
Hispanic / Latino	0
Written warning	366
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	10
White	55
Hispanic / Latino	301
Citation	480
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	2
White	45
Hispanic / Latino	433
Written warning and arrest	0
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	0
Hispanic / Latino	0
Citation and arrest	0
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	0
Hispanic / Latino	0
Arrest	7
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	1
Hispanic / Latino	6
Arrest based on	
Violation of Penal Code	5
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0

Black	0
White	0
Hispanic / Latino	5
Violation of Traffic Law	2
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	1
Hispanic / Latino	1
Violation of City Ordinance	0
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	0
Hispanic / Latino	0
Outstanding Warrant	0
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	0
Hispanic / Latino	0

Was physical force resulting in bodily injury used during stop?

Yes	0
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	0
Hispanic / Latino	0
Resulting in Bodily Injury To:	
Suspect	0
Officer	0
Both	0
No	853
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	12
White	104
Hispanic / Latino	737

Number of complaints of racial profiling

Total	0
Resulted in disciplinary action	0
Did not result in disciplinary action	0

Comparative Analysis

Use TCOLE's auto generated analysis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use Department's submitted analysis	<input type="checkbox"/>

Optional Narrative

N/A

Submitted electronically to the



The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement

Racial Profiling Analysis Report

RIO HONDO POLICE DEPT.

01. Total Traffic Stops:	853	
02. Location of Stop:		
a. City Street	70	8.21%
b. US Highway	0	0.00%
c. County Road	9	1.06%
d. State Highway	757	88.75%
e. Private Property or Other	17	1.99%
03. Was Race known prior to Stop:		
a. NO	850	99.65%
b. YES	3	0.35%
04. Race or Ethnicity:		
a. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
b. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
c. Black	12	1.41%
d. White	104	12.19%
e. Hispanic/ Latino	737	86.40%
05. Gender:		
a. Female	311	36.46%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	6	0.70%
iv. White	36	4.22%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	269	31.54%
b. Male	542	63.54%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	6	0.70%
iv. White	68	7.97%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	468	54.87%
06. Reason for Stop:		
a. Violation of Law	38	4.45%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%

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iii. Black	0	0.00%
iv. White	4	10.53%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	34	89.47%
b. Pre-Existing Knowledge	31	3.63%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	0	0.00%
iv. White	3	9.68%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	28	90.32%
c. Moving Traffic Violation	692	81.13%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	11	1.59%
iv. White	89	12.86%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	592	85.55%
d. Vehicle Traffic Violation	92	10.79%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	1	1.09%
iv. White	8	8.70%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	83	90.22%
07. Was a Search Conducted:		
a. NO	826	96.83%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	12	1.45%
iv. White	98	11.86%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	716	86.68%
b. YES	27	3.17%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	0	0.00%
iv. White	6	22.22%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	21	77.78%
08. Reason for Search:		
a. Consent	8	0.94%

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i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	0	0.00%
iv. White	1	12.50%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	7	87.50%
b. Contraband in Plain View	0	0.00%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	
iii. Black	0	
iv. White	0	
v. Hispanic/ Latino	0	
c. Probable Cause	8	0.94%
ii. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
i. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	0	0.00%
iv. White	4	50.00%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	4	50.00%
d. Inventory	6	0.70%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	0	0.00%
iv. White	0	0.00%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	6	100.00%
e. Incident to Arrest	5	0.59%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	0	0.00%
iv. White	1	20.00%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	4	80.00%
09. Was Contraband Discovered:		
YES	10	1.17%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
Finding resulted in arrest - YES	0	
Finding resulted in arrest - NO	0	
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
Finding resulted in arrest - YES	0	
Finding resulted in arrest - NO	0	
iii. Black	0	0.00%

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Finding resulted in arrest - YES	0	
Finding resulted in arrest - NO	0	
iv. White	5	50.00%
Finding resulted in arrest - YES	3	
Finding resulted in arrest - NO	2	
v. Hispanic/ Latino	5	50.00%
Finding resulted in arrest - YES	2	
Finding resulted in arrest - NO	3	
b. NO	17	1.99%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
i. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	0	0.00%
iv. White	1	5.88%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	16	94.12%
10. Description of Contraband:		
a. Drugs	6	0.70%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	0	0.00%
iv. White	3	50.00%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	3	50.00%
b. Currency	0	0.00%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	
iii. Black	0	
iv. White	0	
v. Hispanic/ Latino	0	
c. Weapons	4	0.47%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	0	0.00%
iv. White	3	75.00%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	1	25.00%
d. Alcohol	2	0.23%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	0	0.00%
iv. White	0	0.00%

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v. Hispanic/ Latino	2	100.00%
e. Stolen Property	1	0.12%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	0	0.00%
iv. White	0	0.00%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	1	100.00%
f. Other	0	0.00%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	
i. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	
iii. Black	0	
iv. White	0	
v. Hispanic/ Latino	0	
11. Result of Stop:		
a. Verbal Warning	0	0.00%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	
iii. Black	0	
iv. White	0	
v. Hispanic/ Latino	0	
b. Written Warning	366	42.91%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	10	2.73%
iv. White	55	15.03%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	301	82.24%
c. Citation	480	56.27%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	2	0.42%
iv. White	45	9.38%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	433	90.21%
d. Written Warning and Arrest	0	0.00%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	
iii. Black	0	
iv. White	0	
v. Hispanic/ Latino	0	

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e. Citation and Arrest	0	0.00%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	
iii. Black	0	
iv. White	0	
v. Hispanic/ Latino	0	
f. Arrest	7	0.82%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	0	0.00%
iv. White	1	14.29%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	6	85.71%
12. Arrest Based On:		
a. Violation of Penal Code	5	0.59%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	0	0.00%
iv. White	0	0.00%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	5	100.00%
b. Violation of Traffic Law	2	0.23%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	0	0.00%
iv. White	1	50.00%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	1	50.00%
c. Violation of City Ordinance	0	0.00%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	
iii. Black	0	
iv. White	0	
v. Hispanic/ Latino	0	
d. Outstanding Warrant	0	0.00%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	
iii. Black	0	
iv. White	0	
v. Hispanic/ Latino	0	

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13. Was Physical Force Used:		
a. NO	853	100.00%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	12	1.41%
iv. White	104	12.19%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	737	86.40%
b. YES	0	0.00%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	
iii. Black	0	
iv. White	0	
v. Hispanic/ Latino	0	
b 1. YES: Physical Force Resulting in Bodily Injury to Suspect	0	
b 2. YES: Physical Force Resulting in Bodily Injury to Officer	0	
b 3. YES: Physical Force Resulting in Bodily Injury to Both	0	
14. Total Number of Racial Profiling Complaints Received:	0	

REPORT DATE COMPILED 02/05/2022

Item 5 Water Conservation Plan

ORDINANCE NO. 259

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A **CITY OF RIO HONDO** WATER CONSERVATION/AND DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN; PROVIDING A PENALTY OF NOT LESS THAN \$10 PER DAY NOR MORE THAN \$200 PER DAY FOR EACH DAY OF NON-COMPLIANCE AND/OR DISCONNECTION OF WATER SERVICES TO SUCH USERS BY THE **CITY**; A PUBLIC NEED OF AN EMERGENCY NATURE FOR THE ADOPTION HEREOF ON ONE READING; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND ORDAINING OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE **CITY OF RIO HONDO, TEXAS**:

WHEREAS, the **City Council** has determined there is an urgent need in the best public interest of the **City of Rio Hondo, Texas** to adopt a Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan, and the **City Council** further determines that such public need is of an emergency nature and the legal requirement of two required separate readings of the subject ordinance be dispensed with and waived; and

WHEREAS, the **City Council** of the **City** now desires to evidence its approval of the Water Conservation/Drought Contingency Plan and adopt such plan as an official policy of the **City**; Now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE **CITY OF RIO HONDO, TEXAS**:

SECTION I: Approval of the Plan: The **City Council** hereby approved and adopts as the **City's** Water Conservation Plan, the Water Conservation/Drought Contingency Plan attached hereto a Exhibit "A" to be included in full as a part of this Ordinance as if recited verbatim herein. The **City** commits to implement the program according to the procedures set forth in the adopted plan.

SECTION II: The **City** shall report to the Texas Water Development Board annually on the implementation and effectiveness of the plan in accordance with the outline set forth in the plan.

SECTION III: In regards to implementation and enforcement of the Conservation/Drought Contingency Plan the **City Secretary** is designated as the official responsible for implementation and enforcement, and the following guidelines are adopted:

1. Mild Drought occurs when:
 - (a) Average daily water consumption reaches 90% of production capacity.
 - (b) Consumption (90%) has existed for a period of three days.

- (c) Weather conditions are to be considered in drought classification determination. Predicted long, hot, or dry periods are to be considered in impact analysis.
2. Moderate Drought conditions are reached when:
- (a) Average daily water consumption reaches 95% of rated production capacity for three day period.
 - (b) Weather conditions indicate mild drought will exist five days or more.
 - (c) **One Ground Storage Tank or one Clear Well is taken out of service during mild drought.**
 - (d) Storage capacity (water level) is not being maintained during period of 100% rated production period.
 - (e) Existence of any preceding conditions listed above for a duration of 36 hours.
3. Severe Drought Classification is reached when:
- (a) Average daily water consumption reaches 100% of production capacity for a 24 hour period.
 - (b) Average daily water consumption will not enable storage levels to be maintained.
 - (c) System demand exceeds available high service pump capacity.
 - (d) Any two conditions listed in Moderate Drought Classification occurs for a 24 hour period.
 - (e) Water system is contaminated either accidentally or intentionally. Severe condition is reached immediately upon detection.

In the event moderate classification conditions persist (Item 2 above) for an extended period of time, the City may ration water usage and/or terminate service to selected users of the system in accordance with the following sequence:

- (1) Recreational Users
- (2) Commercial Users
- (3) Industrial Users
- (4) School Users
- (5) Residential Users
- (6) Hospitals, Public Health and Safety Facilities

SECTION IV: Users of **City** water except for the **City**, that do not comply with Section III of this Ordinance shall be subject to a penalty and fine of not less than \$10.00 per day nor more than \$200.00 per day for each day of non-compliance and/or disconnection or discontinuance of water services to such users by the **City**.

SECTION V: Variances - from the mandatory procedures will be considered on an individual basis for the following:

- (a) health and safety users
- (b) commercial businesses
- (c) school users

The variance will be considered only to benefit the public interest in the areas of public health, safety, convenience, and welfare.

The **Board of Commissioners** of the **City of Rio Hondo** shall have the ultimate power to grant or reject variances.

SECTION VI: The **City Council** finds and declares that a sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of this meeting of the **City Council** was posted at a designated place convenient to the public at the **City Hall** for the time required by law preceding this meeting and that such place of posting was readily accessible at all times to the general public; that all of the foregoing was done as required by law; and this meeting has been open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Ordinance and the subject matter thereof has been discussed, considered and formally acted upon.

The **City Council** further rectifies, approves and confirms such written notice and the contents and posting thereof.

SECTION VII: That the **City Secretary** of the **City of Rio Hondo**, Texas is hereby authorized and directed to cause a true and correct copy of the caption of this Ordinance to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the **City of Rio Hondo**, Cameron County, Texas and as an amendment to be published in the Plumbing Code of the **City of Rio Hondo**, Texas

SECTION VIII: That the Elective Council of the **City of Rio Hondo**, Texas hereby determines that there is an urgent need in the best public interest of the **City of Rio Hondo**, Texas to adopt this Ordinance and that such public need is of an emergency nature and the legal requirement of two separate readings of this Ordinance is hereby dispensed with and waived.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23rd DAY OF JULY, 1996

MAYOR PRO TEM

CITY SECRETARY

CITY OF RIO HONDO
WATER CONSERVATION AND DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLANS

Introduction

A. Purpose:

The Texas Water Development Board has promulgated Financial Assistance Rules which require water conservation planning for the **City of Rio Hondo**. The origin of these requirements is action taken by the 65th Texas Legislature in 1985. The conservation requirements were established by House Bill (HB), 2 and House Joint Resolution (HJR) 6. On November 5, 1985, Texas voters approved an amendment to the Texas Constitution that provided for the implementation of HB 2. This document provides specific guidelines for developing conservation and drought contingency plans and programs that will meet the regulatory requirements of the Texas Water Development Board.

B. Planning Area:

The **City of Rio Hondo** water system is operated by the **City**, and provides potable water to its residents. The **City's** current water supply is **one well and river water from the Rio Grande bought through Cameron County Irrigation District #3**.

C. Goals:

Many communities throughout the United States have used conservation measures to successfully cope with various water and wastewater problems. Reductions as much as 25 percent have been achieved in some communities.

The **City of Rio Hondo's** average daily usage is relatively high, **182** gallons per capita per day, and the water delivery rate is slightly lower than desired, **85** percent. It is the goal of the Water Conservation plan to reduce water usage by 20 gallons per capita per day and improve the water delivery rate to 85 percent of water production.

The drought contingency program includes those measures that can cause the **City** to significantly reduce water on a temporary basis. These measures involve voluntary reductions, restriction and/or elimination of certain types of water use, and water rationing. Because the onset of an emergency condition is often rapid, it is important that the **City** be prepared in advance. Further, the citizen or customer must know that certain measures not used in the water conservation program may be necessary if a drought or other emergency condition occurs. It

is the goal of the drought contingency plan to reduce water use, during an emergency situation or prolonged drought, by 35 percent.

Nine principal water conservation methods to be considered in preparing the water conservation plan are considered herein as follows:

1. Education and Information
2. Plumbing Codes
3. Retrofit Programs
4. Conservation Oriented Water Rate Structure
5. Universal Meter and Meter Repair
6. Water Conservation Landscaping
7. Leak Detection and Repair
8. Recycling and Rescue
9. Means of Implementation and Enforcement

D. Utility Evaluation Data:

1. Population of Service Area 1793 (Number)
2. Area of Service Area 4 Square Miles
3. Number and type of 5/8 inch water connections in service area.
 - a. Residential 514
 - b. Commercial 40
 - c. Industrial N/A
4. Net Rate of New Connection Additions in 1995 (Less Disconnects)
 - a. Residential 50
 - b. Commercial N/A
 - c. Industrial N/A
5. Water Use Information (Figures are water sales which are the only good numbers the City has).
 - a. Water Production **111,326,300** Gallons (1995)
 - b. Average Monthly Production **9,277,200** Gallons (1995)
 - c. Average Daily Water Use **309,200** Gallons (1995)
 - d. Peak Daily Water Use **531,000** Gallons (1995)
 - e. Peak to Average Use Ratio **41%**
 - f. Unaccounted Water **15%**
6. Water Information:
 - a. Percent of potable water customers served by wastewater system 72%

b.	Percent of potable water customers who have septic tanks or other private disposal system	28%
c.	Percent of potable water customers served by another wastewater treatment facility	0%
d.	Average daily wastewater treated	143,958 gals.
e.	Peak daily wastewater flows	215,250 gals.
f.	Estimated percent of wastewater flows to the City's wastewater facilities that originate from the following:	
	1. Residential	94%
	2. Industrial	N/A
	3. Commercial	4%
	4. Storm water	2%
	5. Other	N/A%
7.	Safe Annual Yield of Current Supply as of 1995	600,000 gals.
8.	Peak Daily Design Capacity of Water System Supply	806,000 gals.
9.	Top Ten Water Customers (July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996)	
	1. Rio Hondo Village	73,773
	2. Rio Hondo I.S.D.	59,275
	3. Twin Palms Mobile Park	27,075
	4. Rio Hondo Baptist Church	16,536
	5. Thomas Haack	6,980
	6. John Dove	6,135
	7. First State Bank	5,698
	8. Leticia Barcenas	4,999
	9. J.B. Taubert	4,313
	10. Mike's Grocery	3,101
10.	Percent of Water Supply Connections in System which are Metered	100%
11.	Water Rate Structure	
	Minimum Rate First 10,000 gals.	\$14.00 per month
	Every 1,000 gals. beyond	\$1.50
12.	Average Annual Revenues from Water Sales	
	a. Water Sales	\$193,875.00
	b. Sewer Sales	\$115,763.50

13.	Average Revenues from non Rate Derived Sources	
a.	Water/Sewer	\$ N/A
14.	Average Annual Cost of Operation	
a.	Water	\$157,954.40
b.	Sewer	\$116,471.00

WATER CONSERVATION PLAN

A. Plan Elements

1. Education and Information

The **City of Rio Hondo** will promote water conservation informing water users about the ways to save water inside of homes and other buildings, in landscaping and lawn uses, and in recreational uses. Information will be distributed to water users as follows:

a. Initial Year

- (1) The initial year shall include all the activities outlined in the Maintenance Program Section A.1.b.
- (2) Distribution of a fact sheet explaining the newly adopted Water Conservation Program and the elements of the Drought Contingency Plan. The initial fact sheet shall be included with the first distributions of educational material.
- (3) An additional activity, above that scheduled in the Maintenance Program, shall be conducted as either a door-to-door hand out or mail-out. The program activity should include an outline of the program and its benefits.

b. Maintenance Program

- (1) Distribution of educational material will be made semi-annually, timed to correspond with peak summer demand periods. The **City** currently practices this program and will incorporate material available from the American Water Works Association (AWWA), Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), and other similar associations to expand the scope of this project. A list of current materials available is contained in Attachment A to this plan and may be obtained from:

Texas Water Development Board
P.O. Box 13231, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711-3231

- (2) Regular articles will be published in the **Valley Morning Star**, a daily newspaper. This publication will correspond to the mail-outs or more often, if conditions warrant.
- (3) New customers will be provided with general conservation literature when applying for service.

Information for "Water Saving Method that can be Practiced by the Individual Water User" is contained as Attachment B.

2. Plumbing Codes

The **City of Rio Hondo** has adopted Appendix J of the 1985 Version of the Southern Building Code which requires water saving plumbing devices on all new construction. The **City** will amend the Code to include insulation of all hot water heater pipes and new swimming pools shall have appropriate filtration equipment.

3. Retrofit Program

The **City of Rio Hondo** will make available, through its education and information programs, information for water customer's use when purchasing and installing plumbing fixtures, lawn watering equipment, or using appliances. The advertising program will inform exiting users of the advantages of installing water savings devices. The **City** will contact local plumbing and hardware stores and encourage them to stock water conserving fixtures including retrofit devices.

4. Water Rate Structures

The **City of Rio Hondo** will adopt a conservation oriented water rate structure.

The first block or base level will establish at a rate equal to or above that actual cost of providing service. The **City** will make a concerted effort to assure that a block rate structure will not place an excessive burden on the poor or fixed income residents. Once the exact cost of the new construction is developed, the block rate structure can be placed into effect.

5. Universal Metering

All water users, including utility, **City of Rio Hondo** offices, and public facilities, are presently metered. Also, master meters are currently installed and periodically calibrated at all existing water sources. All new construction, including multifamily dwellings, are separately metered.

The **City of Rio Hondo**, through its computer billing system, currently monitors water consumption and inspects meters which vary from its previously established

norms. In addition, the City will establish the following meter maintenance and replacement programs:

<u>Meter Type</u>	<u>Replacement Period</u>
Master Meter	Inspected Annually/Replacement if necessary after inspection
1 inch and larger	Annually/Replacement if necessary after inspection
1 inch and smaller	Replaced every 10 years

Through a successful meter maintenance program coupled with computerized billing and leak detection programs, the **City of Rio Hondo** will maintain water delivery rates, from production to consumer, in the 85 percentile. The program of universal metering will continue and is made a part of the Water Conservation Plan.

6. Water Conserving Landscaping

In order to reduce the demands placed on the water system by landscape watering, the **City of Rio Hondo**, through its information and education program, will encourage customers and local landscaping for residential and commercial institutions. Some of the methods to be promoted by the education and information program are as follows:

- a. Encourage landscape architects to use low water using plants and grasses and efficient irrigation systems.
- b. Encourage licensed irrigation contractors to use drip irrigation systems, where possible, and to design all irrigation systems with water conservation features, such as sprinklers which emit large drops rather than a fine mist and a sprinkler layout which accommodates prevailing wind patterns.
- c. Encourage commercial establishments to use drip irrigation for landscape watering, when practical, and to install only ornamental fountains that recycle and use minimal quantities of water.
- d. Encourage local nurseries to offer adapted, low water using plants and grasses and efficient watering devices.

7. Leak Detection and Repair

The **City** will utilize modern leak detection techniques in locating and reducing leaks. This includes leasing listening devices. A continuous leak detection and repair program is vital to the **City's** profitability. A month accounting of water delivery efficiencies is made by the **City**. Once located, all leaks are immediately repaired. Through its computerized billing program the **City** can readily identify

when excessive leakage occurs and takes immediate action to remedy the problem. The City is confident that the program more than pays for itself.

Until recently the major cause of unaccounted water was that the City did not have a master meter at the water plant to meter water going into the system. Another problem was that several City facilities did not have meters.

The City now has installed an 8" raw water meter at the influent location and has installed two (2) 4" meters at its two effluent locations and has also metered all City facilities. These two elements of our plan have reduce the unaccounted water substantially and have provided the City a better handle on water production:

8. Recycling and Reuse

At present the only recycling is done at the water plant. The backwashing of the water plant is done and the water is recycled after the sludge has settled.

9. Implementation/Enforcement

The City Secretary for the City of Rio Hondo will act as the Administrator of the Water Conservation Program. The City Secretary will oversee the execution and implementation of all elements of the program. He/She will be responsible to supervise the keeping of adequate records for program verification.

The City will adopt the final approved plan and commit to maintain the program for the duration of the City's financial obligation to the State of Texas.

10. Annual Report

In addition to the above outlined responsibilities, the Administrator will submit an annual report to the Texas Water Development Board on the Water Conservation Plan. The report will include the following:

- a. Public information which has been issued
- b. Public response to plan
- c. Effectiveness of water conservation plan in replacing water consumption by providing production and sales records
- d. Implementation progress and status of plan

The plan will be enforced through adoption of the Water Conservation Plan by ordinance of the City Council of the City of Rio Hondo in the following manner:

- a. Service tap will not be provided to customers not meeting the plan requirements.
- b. The proposed block rate structure should encourage retrofitting of old plumbing fixtures which use large quantities of water.
- c. Customers who do not pay their water bills will have service discontinued.
- d. The building inspector will not certify new construction which fails to meet the plan requirements.

The annual report will be submitted by the **City** to the Texas Water Development Board on or before sixty days after the anniversary date of the loan closing each year.

11. Contracts With Other Political Subdivisions

The **City** will, as part of contract for sale of water to any other political subdivision, require that entity to adopt applicable provisions of the **City's** water conservation and drought contingency plan or have a plan in effect previously approved by the TWDB. These provisions will be through contractual agreement prior to the sale of any water to the political subdivision.

ATTACHMENT B

WATER SAVING METHODS THAT CAN BE PRACTICED BY THE INDIVIDUAL WATER USER

In-home water use accounts for an average of 75 percent of total residential use, while the remaining 25 percent is used for exterior residential purposes such as lawn watering and car washing.

A. Bathroom

1. Take a shower instead of filling the tub and taking a bath. Showers usually use less water than tub baths.
2. Install a low-flow shower head which restricts the quantity of flow at 60 psi to no more than 3.0 gallons per minute.
3. Take short showers and install a cutoff valve or turn the water off while soaping and back on again only to rinse.
4. Do not use hot water when cold will do. Water and energy can be saved by washing hands with soap and cold water; hot water should only be added when hands are especially dirty.
5. Reduce the level of the water being used in a bath tub by one or two inches if a shower is not available.
6. Turn water off when brushing teeth until it is time to rinse.
7. Do not let water run when washing hands. Instead, hands should be wet, and water should be turned off while soaping and scrubbing and turned on again to rinse. A cutoff valve may also be installed on the faucet.
8. Shampoo hair in the shower. Shampooing in the shower takes only a little more water than is used to shampoo hair during a bath and much less than shampooing and bathing separately.
9. Hold hot water in the basin when shaving instead of letting the faucet continue to run.
10. Test toilets for leaks. To test for a leak, a few drops of food coloring can be added to the water in the tank. The toilet should not be flushed. The customer can then watch to see if the coloring appears in the bowl within a few minutes. If it does, the fixture needs adjustment or repair.

11. Use a toilet tank displacement device. A one-gallon plastic milk bottle can be filled with stones or with water, recapped, and placed in the toilet tank. This will reduce the amount of water in the tank but still provide enough for flushing. (Bricks which some people use for this purpose are not recommended since they crumble eventually and could damage the working mechanism, necessitating a call to the plumber.)
12. Install faucet aerators to reduce water consumption.
13. Never use the toilet to dispose of cleansing tissues, cigarette butts, or other trash. This can waste a great deal of water and also places an unnecessary load to the sewage treatment plant or septic tank.
14. Install a new low-volume flush toilet that uses 3.5 gallons or less per flush when building a new home or remodeling a bathroom.

B. Kitchen

1. Use a pan of water (or place a stopper in the sink) for rinsing pots and pans and cooking implements when cooking rather than turning on the water faucet each time a rinse is needed.
2. Never run the dishwasher without a full load. In addition to saving water expensive detergent will last longer and a significant energy saving will appear on the utility bill.
3. Use the sink disposal sparingly, and never use it for just a few scraps.
4. Keep a container of drinking water in the refrigerator. Running water from the tap until it is cool is wasteful. Better still, both water and energy can be saved by keeping cold water in a picnic jug on a kitchen counter to avoid opening the refrigerator door frequently.
5. Use a small pan of cold water when cleaning vegetables rather than letting the faucet run.
6. Use only a little water in the pot and put a lid on it for cooking most food. Not only does this method save water, but food is more nutritious since vitamins and minerals are not poured down the drain with the extra cooking water.
7. Use a pan of water for rinsing when hand washing dishes rather than a running faucet.

8. Always keep water conservation in mind, and think of other ways to save in the kitchen. Small kitchen savings from not making too much coffee or letting ice cubes melt in a sink can add up in a year's time.

C. Laundry

1. Wash only a full load when using an automatic washing machine (32 to 59 gallons are required per load).
2. Use the lowest water level setting on the washing machine for light loads whenever possible.
3. Use cold water as often as possible to save energy and to conserve the hot water for uses which cold water cannot serve. (This is also better for clothing made of today's synthetic fabrics.)

D. Appliances and Plumbing

1. Check water requirements of various models and brands when considering purchasing any new appliance that uses water. Some use less water than others.
2. Check all water line connections and faucets for leaks. If the cost of water is \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons, one could be paying a large bill for water that simply goes down the drain because of leakage. A slow drip can waste as much as 170 gallons of water EACH DAY, or 5,000 gallons per month, and can add as much as \$10.00 per month to the water bill.
3. Learn to replace faucet washers so that drips can be corrected promptly. It is easy to do, costs very little, and can represent a substantial amount saved in plumbing and water bills.
4. Check for water leakage that the customer may be entirely unaware of, such as a leak between the water meter and the house. To check, all indoor and outdoor faucets should be turned off, and the water meter should be checked. If it continues to run or turn, a leak probably exists and needs to be located.
5. Insulate all hot water pipes to avoid the delays (and wasted water) experienced while waiting for the water to "run hot".
6. Be sure the hot water heater thermostat is not set too high. Extremely hot settings waste water and energy because the water often has to be cooled with cold water before it can be used.

7. Use a moisture meter to determine when house plants need water more plants die from over-watering than from being dry.

E. Out-of-Door Uses

1. Water lawns early in the morning during the hotter summer months. Much of the water used on the lawn can simply evaporate between the sprinkler and the grass.
2. Use a sprinkler that produces large drops of water, rather than a fine mist, to avoid evaporation.
3. Turn soaker hoses so the holes are on the bottom to avoid evaporation.
4. Water slowly for better absorption, and never water on windy days.
5. Forget about watering the street or walks or driveways. They will never grow a thing.
6. Condition the soil with compost before planting grass or flower beds so that water will soak in rather than run off.
7. Fertilize lawns at least twice a year for root stimulation. Grass with a good root system makes better use of less water.
8. Learn to know when grass needs watering. If it has turned a dull grey-green or if footprints remain visible, it is time to water.
9. Do not water too frequently. Too much water can overload the soil so that air cannot get to the roots and can encourage plant diseases.
10. Do not over-water. Soil can absorb only so much moisture and the rest simply runs off. A timer will help, and either a kitchen timer or an alarm clock will do. An inch and one-half of water applied once a week will keep most Texas grasses alive and healthy.
11. Operate automatic sprinkler systems only when demand on the town's water supply is lowest. Set the system to operate between four and six a.m.
12. Do not scalp lawns when mowing during hot weather. Taller grass holds moisture better. Rather, grass should be cut fairly often, so that only 1/2 to 3/4 inch is trimmed off. A better looking lawn will result.

13. Use a watering can or hand water with the hose in small areas of the lawn that need more frequent watering (those near walks or driveways or in especially hot, sunny spots.)
14. Learn what types of grass, shrubbery, and plants do best in the area and in which parts of the lawn, and then plant accordingly. If one has a heavily shaded yard, no amount of water will make roses bloom. In especially dry sections of the state, attractive arrangements of plants that are adapted to arid or semi-arid climates should be chosen.
15. Consider decorating areas of the lawn with rocks, gravel, wood chips, or other materials now available that require no water at all.
16. Do not "sweep" walks and driveways with the hose. Use a broom or rake instead.
17. Use a bucket of soapy water and use the hose only for rinsing when washing the car.

DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN

A. Introduction

Drought and other uncontrollable circumstances can disrupt the normal availability of a community or utility water supplies. Even though the **City of Rio Hondo** may have an adequate water supply, the supply can become contaminated, or a disaster can destroy the supply. During drought periods, consumer demand is typically higher than under normal conditions. Some older systems, or systems serving rapidly growing areas, may not have the capacity to meet greater than normal demands without system failure or unwanted consequences. System treatment, storage, or distribution failures can also present the **City of Rio Hondo** with an emergency demand management situation.

It is important to distinguish drought contingency planning from water conservation planning. While water conservation involves implementing permanent water use efficiency or reuse practices, drought contingency plans establish temporary methods or techniques designed to be used only as long as the emergency exists.

An effective drought contingency plan should include the following six elements:

1. Trigger conditions signaling the start of an emergency period
2. Drought contingency measures
3. Information and education
4. Initiation procedures
5. Termination notification actions
6. Means of implementation

B. System Constraints

The **City of Rio Hondo** currently obtains potable water from irrigation sources. When all of the area's irrigation is in a stressed condition, emergency conditions must be anticipated to mitigate the effects of prolonged drought. The drought contingency plan is based on irrigation supplies and shall be altered as potable water sources change.

C. Trigger Conditions

The **City of Rio Hondo** will initiate drought contingency measures upon occurrence of the following conditions:

1. Mild Conditions
 - a. Daily water demand exceed 500,000 gallons per day for three consecutive days

or

- b. Distribution pressure remains below 45 p.s.i. for more than 6 consecutive hours.

2. Moderate Conditions

- a. Daily water demands exceeds 600,000 gallons per day for three consecutive days

or

- b. Water pressures in distribution system remain below 40 p.s.i. for more than 6 consecutive hours

or

- c. Ground storage reservoir remains below 80 percent of total storage for more than 2 consecutive days

or

- d. Failure of one well during a simultaneous period.

3. Severe Conditions

- a. Daily water demand exceeds 700,000 gallons per day for three consecutive days

or

- b. Failure of irrigation system supply during June, July, or August

or

- c. Imminent failure of system component where immediate health or safety hazards exist.

D. Emergency Management Program

The following actions shall be taken by the **City of Rio Hondo** when trigger conditions are reached:

1. Mild Conditions

- a. Inform the public through the news media that a trigger condition has been reached, and that they should look for ways to voluntarily reduce water use. Specific steps which can be taken will be provided through the news media.
- b. Notify major commercial water users of the situation and request voluntary water use reductions.
- c. Publicize voluntary lawn watering schedule.
- d. During winter months request water users to insulate pipes rather than running water to prevent freezing.

2. Moderate Conditions

- a. Continue implementing all relevant actions in preceding phase.
- b. Car washing, window washing, pavement washing prohibited except when a bucket is used.
- c. The following public water use, not essential for public health or safety, are prohibited:
 1. Street washing
 2. Water hydrant flushing
 3. Filling swimming pools
 4. Athletic field watering
- d. The following mandatory lawn watering schedule shall be implemented:

Customers with even numbered street addresses may water on even numbered days of the month. Customers with odd numbered street address may water on odd days of the month. Watering shall occur only between the hours of 6 - 10 a.m. and 8 - 10 p.m.

3. Severe Conditions

- a. Continue all relevant actions defined in the proceeding phase.
- b. Ban ALL outdoor water use.

- c. Set limits on water use by both commercial and residential users.
- d. Establish monetary fines for exceeding water use limits or violation of drought contingency plan. Notify all customers of penalties.

E. Information/Education

As a component of the Information/Education section in the Water Conservation Plan, the purpose and effect of the Drought Contingency Plan will be communicated to the public through articles in the **Valley Morning Star** (Newspaper), supplemented by pamphlets distributed at the same time.

When trigger conditions appear to be approaching, the public will be notified through publication of articles in the **Valley Morning Star**, with information on water conservation methods.

When trigger conditions have passed, the **Valley Morning Star** will publish notification that the drought contingency measures are abated for that condition, and if applicable, will outline measures necessary for the reduced condition.

Throughout the period of a trigger condition, regular articles will appear to explain and educate the public on the purpose, cause, and methods of conservation for that condition.

F. Implementation/Enforcement

It will be the responsibility of the **City of Rio Hondo** Water Superintendent to monitor the status of the water supply and distribution systems. When a trigger condition is reached, the Water Superintendent will notify each entity through its chief executive officer, to begin implementation of the Drought Contingency Plan.

The Water Superintendent will continue to monitor the water emergency until it is determined that a trigger condition no longer exists. When this takes place, the Water Superintendent will notify each entity of such, and the Drought Contingency Abatement procedures will be implemented.

G. Update of Trigger Condition

Annually, the **City of Rio Hondo** will examine the production requirements and ability to maintain these requirements to determine if trigger conditions need to be reestablished.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-E

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF RIO HONDO IS HEREBY APPROVING AND ADOPTING A WATER CONSERVATION PLAN AND DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIO HONDO, TEXAS THAT:

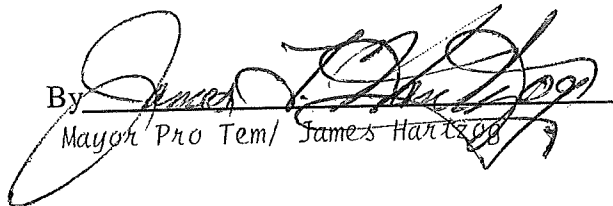
Section 1: Approval of the Plan. The City Council hereby approves and adopts as the City's Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan, (hereinafter referred to as "the Plan" attached hereto as Exhibit "A" to be included in full as a part of this Resolution as if recited verbatim herein). The City commits to implement the program according to the procedures set forth in the adopted plan.

Section 2: The City Secretary or the authorized representative shall administer, implement, amend, add or delete any provision of the plan subject to the approval of the Texas Water Development Board and shall advise the City Council at its regular meeting of said amendment, additions, or deletions.

Section 3: The City Secretary shall report to the Texas Water Development Board annually on the implementation and effectiveness of the plan in accordance with the outline set forth in the plan.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 23rd DAY OF JULY, 1996.

CITY OF RIO HONDO, TEXAS

By 
Mayor Pro Tem/ James Hartzog

ATTEST:


Sheryl Dove, City Secretary

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF CAMERON)

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for Cameron County, Texas, personally appeared

Jim Elam

known to me to be Publisher of The San Benito News, who solemnly swears that the attached is a true copy of the publication appearing in said newspaper, a semi-weekly, published in the City of San Benito, Cameron County, Texas, continuously for more than one year, and that said publication appeared on the following dates:

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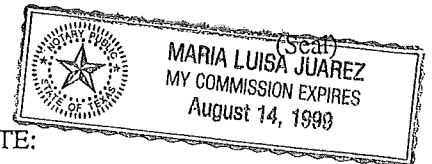
The San Benito News

By: *Jim Elam* Publisher

Signed *Maria Luisa Juarez*
Notary Public in and for
Cameron County, Texas

Dated at San Benito Texas, April 15, 19 96

My Commission Expires: August 14, 1999



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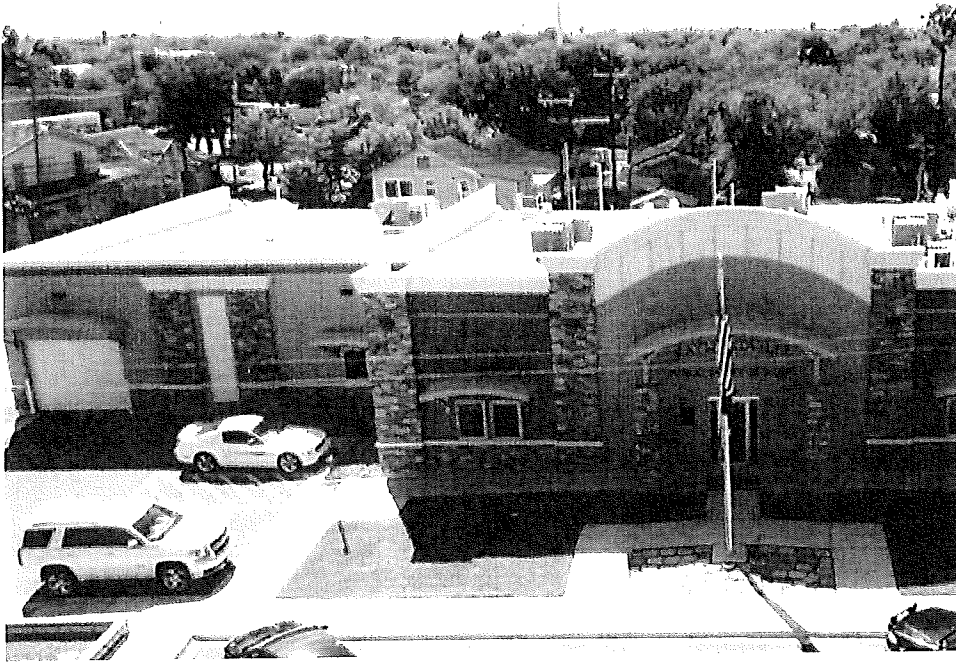
ORDINANCE NO. 258

An ordinance establishing the policy of the City of Rio Hondo to bring about fair, orderly and lawful, procedures, the opportunity of each person to obtain housing without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental handicap, marital status, parenthood, or age; provisions for penalties and effective date.

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Item 6 Architect Rating Sheet

Architect Rating Scores	Rate 1	Rate 2	Rate 3	Average Score
Millet Architectural Services				
Experiences	55	60	54	54
Work Performed	25	23	24	24
Capacity to Perform	15	15	14	14
Total Score	95	98	92	95
Gomez Mendez Saenz				
Experiences	60	60	59	59
Work Performed	25	24	25	25
Capacity to Perform	15	15	14	14
Total Score	100	99	98	99

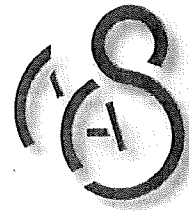


CITY OF RIO HONDO

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES
FOR TEXAS COMMUNITY
RESILIENCY PROGRAM
FUNDED PROJECTS



STATEMENT OF
QUALIFICATIONS
PROVIDED BY:



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City of Rio Hondo
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Rio Hondo, TX 78583

RE: Architectural Services for TDHCA
Community Resiliency Program Funded Projects

Evaluation Committee,

Milnet Architectural Services is pleased to submit its qualifications for Architectural & Construction Management Services to the City of Rio Hondo. Milnet offers the convenience of a local, HUB certified firm with over twenty-one (21) years of experience working with clients through design and construction of projects including municipal projects of various sizes and scope.

As a firm specializing in architectural services, we have a unique level of technical experience in the design and execution of construction projects. Our team has the resources and prior work experience to manage the quality of work, maintain the project schedule, control the cost, and most importantly, coordinate the communication and project records to guide projects through completion.

Milnet Architectural Services has experience with projects that have been funded through federal and/or state grants provided by agencies such as the Department of Homeland Security, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Texas Department of Rural Affairs and the USDA. We are familiar with the program requirements that are imposed by these agencies and have experience assisting clients with successful project implementation.

We pride ourselves in providing attentive project management services and look forward to facilitating the coordination of a project plan that ensures the successful completion of the city's projects. We take very seriously our responsibility to act in the best interest of our clients and we pledge every effort to help the City of Rio Hondo in achieving its goals. The enclosed Statement of Qualifications will further elaborate the proposed team, relevant experience and qualifications. We look forward to the opportunity and appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rodolfo Molina Jr.', written in a cursive style.

Rodolfo R. Molina Jr., AIA, President
Milnet Architectural Services, PLLC

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR
ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURAL/SURVEYING SERVICES
FOR THE CITY OF RIO HONDO**

DECEMBER 20, 2021

**Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc.
1150 Paredes Line Rd.
Brownsville, Texas 78521**



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December 20, 2021

Mr. Ben Medina, Jr., City Administrator
City of Rio Hondo
P.O. Box 389
Rio Hondo, Texas 78583

Re: Request for Qualifications for
Engineering/Architectural/Surveying Services

Architectural Selection Committee:

We appreciate the opportunity the City of Rio Hondo is giving us to present our firm's qualifications for your upcoming project.

Gomez Mendez Saenz Inc. has a combined experience of over 50 years in providing architectural services. We believe that clear communication is essential with our clients. The ability to understand the desires and needs of our clients along with our assistance is the key to a successful project design. Our reputation is well documented by the number of repeat clients we have served throughout the years.

Our firm has a professional staff of eleven including three registered architects. The architectural design team will be headed by the Architect, Rudy V. Gomez, AIA. Mr. Gomez, will be the one to clarify any questions regarding the design and will be in charge of conducting final contract negotiations on behalf of the company. He can be contacted by phone at (956) 546-0110, by fax at (956) 546-0196 or through his e-mail at rvg@gmsarchitects.com.

We look forward to presenting our firm's qualifications and meeting the needs and vision for your design. We understand your vision and we would be honored to be granted the opportunity to produce the design for this upcoming project.

Sincerely,

Rudy V. Gomez, AIA
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