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**LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY  
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

**presents**

**“Regional Flood Control:  
Its Impact on Our Economy and  
Quality of Life”**

**A FREE PUBLIC WORKSHOP  
LA FERIA HIGH SCHOOL CAFETORIUM  
901 N. CANAL STREET  
LA FERIA, TX**

**Date: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2010**

**Time: 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM  
OPEN HOUSE 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**



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**Austin Regional Office  
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<b>9:30 AM - 10:00 AM</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
10:00 AM - 10:10 AM	<p><b>REGIONAL WELCOME &amp; INTRODUCTIONS</b>  Mayor Steve Brewer  City of La Feria &amp; LRGVDC Board Member</p> <p>Mayor Chris Boswell, City of Harlingen  LRGVDC President</p> <p><b>INTRODUCTIONS:</b>  Elected/Public Officials  LRGVDC Board of Directors  Special Guests</p>
10:10 AM - 10:20 AM	<p><b>OPENING REMARKS</b>  Pedro R. Garza, Regional Director  Economic Development Administration</p>
10:20 AM - 11:30 AM	<b>PRESENTATIONS</b>
10:20 AM - 10:40 AM	<p><b>MAJOR VALLEY STORMS</b>  By: Barry Goldsmith, Warning Coordination  Meteorologist, &amp; Mike Castillo, Lead Forecaster  National Weather Service - Brownsville</p>
10:40 AM - 11:00 AM	<p><b>RIO GRANDE RIVER &amp; USIBWC FLOODWAY SYSTEM</b>  By: Commissioner Edward Drusina, PE  U.S. International Boundary and Water Commission</p>
11:00 AM - 11:15 AM	<p><b>HISTORY AND FUNCTION OF DRAINAGE DISTRICTS</b>  By: Godfrey Garza, District Manager  Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1</p>
11:15 AM - 11:30 AM	<p><b>PURPOSE, ROLES, AND RELATIONSHIPS OF THE IRRIGATION DISTRICTS</b>  By: Wayne Halbert, General Manager  Harlingen Irrigation District Cameron County No. 1</p>

<b>11:30 AM - 12:00 AM</b>	<b>BOX LUNCH BREAK</b>
12:00 AM - 12:30 PM	<p><b>LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY REGIONAL ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT PLAN</b>  By: Daniel O. Rios, PE  S&amp;B Infrastructure, LTD</p>
12:30 AM - 12:45 PM	<p><b>CONGRESSIONAL REMARKS:</b>  U.S. Congressman Rubén Hinojosa,  District 15</p>
12:45 PM - 2:05 PM	<b>REGIONAL FLOOD RELATED CHALLENGES AND ISSUES</b>
12:45 PM - 1:05 PM	<p><b>PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES</b>  By: Eddie Olivarez, Chief Administrator  Hidalgo County Health and Human Services</p>
1:05 PM - 1:25 PM	<p><b>IMPACT ON THE ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS SECTORS</b>  By: Mike Willis, Executive Director  South Texas Manufacturers Association</p>
1:25 PM - 1:45 PM	<p><b>ISSUES FACING THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY</b>  By: Rod Santa Ana, Senior Editor &amp; Ruben Saldaña,  District Extension Administrator, South District 12,  Texas A&amp;M AgriLife Extension</p>
1:45 PM - 2:05 PM	<p><b>CHALLENGES WITH TRANSPORTATION</b>  By: Mario Jorge, PE, District Engineer  Texas Department of Transportation, Pharr Office</p>
2:05 PM - 3:00 PM	<p><b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION &amp; QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS</b>  <b>ADJOURN WORKSHOP</b></p>
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	<b>OPEN HOUSE / RECEIVE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS</b>