

Notice and Agendas of Open and Closed Meetings of El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1 (EPCWID) to be held at 13247 Alameda Avenue, Clint, Texas, February 18, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1 (EPCWID) will meet in open and closed meetings at the above location, date, and time to consider and act upon the following:

Open Meeting Amended Agenda

1. Call to order and establishment of a quorum.
2. Welcome of guests and public comments.
3. Minutes of January 14, 2026 meeting of the Board of Directors.
4. Report and recommendations by Lisa Aguilar, Chief Administrative Officer/Election Officer, concerning office operations and elections:
 - a. **Report on Status of May 2, 2026, Board of Directors Election**
5. Report and recommendations by Mary Cortez, Chief Financial Officer, concerning financial information, expenditures, budget, and investment policy:
 - a. **EPCWID FY 2024-2025 Audit**
 - b. **Financial Report**
 - c. **\$1,000.00 Expenditure Report**
 - d. **Legal and Consulting Fees Budget Report**
6. Report and recommendations by Rose Rodriguez, Tax Collector, concerning adjustments and corrections, if any, to assessments, taxes, and charges by EPCWID:
 - a. **Review tax report and adjustments**
 - b. **2013-2026 The City of El Paso on behalf of Public Service Board Assignments, 2013-2026 Lower Valley Water District Assignments and Report on tax suits.**
 - c. **Comparison of EPCWID tax assessments and collection during 2024 and 2025**
7. General Manager's report concerning the following:
 - a. **Agreement for Professional Services with Hazen and Sawyer, Design Professional Corporation, State of New York in the amount to not exceed \$120,000.**
8. District Engineer's reports and recommendations concerning the following:
 - a. **Rio Grande Project Operating Agreement Accounting**
 - b. **Rio Grande Project Compact Accounting**
 - c. **Rio Grande Project Water Supply and Water Allocations**
 - d. **Status of 3rd Party Construction in District Canals and Drains**
9. Water Master's reports and recommendations concerning the following:
 - a. **Water use and availability**

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10. Maintenance Manager's reports and recommendations concerning the following:
 - a. **Drain maintenance program and water delivery system**
11. Water delivery allocations to EPCWID water users and water available by contract.
12. Subdivision Plats within District Boundary requirement in License Manual (irrigable land exhibit):
 - a. **Application 3718, by JCGAR Ventures LLC, for Upper Valley Ranch Unit Two Subdivision, being lot 01, Block 01, Morce Farms, El Paso County, Texas, containing 25.69 acres**
 - b. **Application 3721, by El Paso Electric Company, for Replat Capristo Amending Subdivision, being lot 02, lot 03, and lot 04, Block 01, Socorro Grant, City of Socorro, El Paso County, Texas, containing 10.28 acres**
 - c. **Application 3725, by Canutillo Independent School District, for Canutillo Middle School, being all of tract 07 and a portion of Tract 06, Block 11, Upper Valley Surveys, in the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, according to the resurvey of said Upper Valley Surveys made by El Paso County, Texas, for tax purposes, save and except two portions previously conveyed. And a portion of Tract 06, Block 11, Upper Valley Surveys, in the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas according to the resurvey of said Upper Valley Surveys made by El Paso County, Texas, containing 50.31 acres**
13. Applications for Licenses and Memorandums of Understanding for Use of District Real Property:
 - a. **5 Applications for El Paso Electric Company**
 - Application 3693, by El Paso Electric Company, for a 50-year license for an upgrade of existing transmission line and pole, crossing Mesa Drain (a drainage canal), at Clint Cut-Off Rd. (FM 1110), at approximately station 423+43**
 - Application 3694, by El Paso Electric Company, for a 50-year license for an upgrade of existing transmission line and pole, crossing Clint Lateral (an irrigation lateral), at Clint Cut-Off Rd. (FM 1110), at approximately station 150+57**
 - Application 3695, by El Paso Electric Company, for a 50-year license for an upgrade of existing transmission line and pole, crossing Salitral Lateral (an irrigation lateral), at Clint Cut-Off Rd. (FM 1110), at approximately station 168+39**
 - Application 3711, by El Paso Electric Company, for a 50-year license for an upgrade of existing transmission line and pole, crossing Juan De Herrera Branch B Lateral (an irrigation lateral), at North Loop Dr., at approximately station 36+88**
 - Application 3716, by El Paso Electric Company, for a 50-year license for installation of a three-phase overhead power line, crossing the Salitral Lateral (an irrigation lateral), at Cliff Thomas, at approximately station 139+84**

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- b. Application 3710, by Lower Valley Water District, for a 25-year license to install a 12-inch water line inside a 24-inch steel casing, crossing the Y-197 Lateral (an irrigation lateral), at North Loop, at approximately station 00+96**
 - c. Application 3719, by Conterra Ultra Broadband, LLC dba Conterra Networks, for a 25-year license for a subsurface fiber optic cable system crossing Playa Lateral (an irrigation lateral), at Alameda Ave., at approximately station 4+53**
 - d. Application 3722, by Elisa R. Vallejo, to upgrade a private gas line, crossing the Franklin Canal (an irrigation canal), at 11584 Alameda Ave., at approximately station 1104+44**
14. Letters of No Objection for Natural Gas Service installed with the Rights-of-Ways of Public Roads: **None**
 15. Approval of Construction Dewatering Licenses for Conveyance Groundwater: **None**
 16. Letters of Approval and/or Amendments of existing License Agreement: **None**
 17. Agreement to classify Non-irrigable land as irrigable land: **None**
 18. Sale or discussion of Surplus District Real Property to an abutting property owner, another district, municipality, county, countywide agency, or authority under 49.226 of the Texas Water Code: **None**
 19. Grant Agreements involving District Real Property: **None.**
 20. Any or all of the items shown on the attached Closed Meeting Agenda.
 21. Consideration of agenda items for next regular board meeting.
 22. Adjournment.

At any time during the open meeting, the Board of Directors may retire into a closed meeting to discuss the subjects shown on the Closed Meeting Agenda after the presiding officer publicly announces that a closed meeting will be held; and identifies the section or sections of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code under which the closed meeting is held.

Closed Meeting (Executive Session) Agenda

1. Pursuant to Texas Gov. Code §551.071 the Board of Directors will conduct a private consultation with its attorneys seeking advice of such attorneys regarding the following pending or contemplated litigation; or settlement offer(s); or on the following matter(s) in which the duty of the attorneys to EPCWID under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflict with chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code:
 - a. **New Mexico Lower Rio Grande Water Rights Adjudication No. CV-96-888-SSI 97-104/107**
 - b. **Status of State of Texas v State of New Mexico and State of Colorado, No. 22O141 Original in the United States Supreme Court and Intervention by the United States.**
2. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.072, the Board will conduct a closed meeting to discuss the licensing, sale, purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property as shown on the open meeting agenda under items 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and/or 20.
3. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.074, the Board will conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the below indicated officer(s) or employee(s) of EPCWID indicated below:
 - a. **Extension of Term of Employment Agreement for 90 days or until a new agreement is approved for the following employees:**
 - Oscar David Ornelas, Jr., P.E., General Manager**
 - Mary Cortez, Chief Financial Officer**
 - Lisa Aguilar, Chief Administrative Officer**
4. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.076, the Board will conduct a closed meeting to deliberate Security Devices or Security Audits.
5. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551, the Board will conduct a closed meeting to receive advice regarding professional service contracts.

Item 7a of Open Meetings Agenda.

In accordance with §551.102, Texas Gov. Code, during the closed meeting there will be no final action, decision, or vote on any of the above closed meeting agenda items. The Board of Directors may move any of the closed meeting agenda items to the open meeting for consideration and action.