

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CREATE THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY PUBLIC UTILITY AGENCY

(Cities of Raymondville, San Benito, Mercedes, and Weslaco)

Notice is hereby given that one or more of the following public entities being the City of Raymondville, City of San Benito, City of Mercedes, and City of Weslaco (each, a “Public Entity” and collectively, the “Public Entities”) intend to create the Rio Grande Valley Public Utility Agency (“PUA”) pursuant to the authority to create a public utility agency contained in Chapter 572 of the Texas Local Government Code.

The PUA will have the authority provided in Chapter 572 of the Texas Local Government Code (“TLGC”) which includes, but is not limited to, the authority to engage in the collection, transportation, treatment, or disposal of sewage and/or the conservation, storage, transportation, treatment, or distribution of water, and the PUA and/or the participating Public Entities may join together as co-tenants or co-owners to plan, finance, acquire, construct, own, operate, or maintain water and wastewater facilities. The boundaries of the proposed PUA include the corporate limits and extra-territorial jurisdiction of the Public Entities, as such boundaries exist on the date of this notice. The PUA will be a non-taxing public entity. **The PUA will not have the authority to levy and collect ad valorem taxes, but the PUA will have the authority to issue bonds to finance capital improvement projects.**

The Service Area is currently experiencing significant population growth and development, which is anticipated to continue and increase in the future, along with aging existing water and wastewater utility facilities in need of repair or replacement. Creation of the PUA will allow the PUA to (i) acquire, construct, own, operate, repair, replace, and maintain regional water and/or wastewater facilities and (ii) secure water supplies and/or wastewater treatment capacity so that the PUA can provide wholesale and/or retail water and/or wastewater service to the combined service areas of such participating Public Entities on a regional level in an effective and economic manner, as well as exercise all other powers granted to a public utility agency under TLGC, Chapter 572 and other applicable state laws.

The PUA will be created on the date on which the concurrent ordinances take effect, which will be only after each participating public entity adopts a concurrent ordinance creating the PUA at a public meeting that will be held at least 14 days following the first publication of notice as required by TLGC § 572.054. Specifically, each of the above-named participating public entities will consider a concurrent ordinance to create the PUA at the following meetings, which are open to the public:

The City of Raymondville will consider the adoption of the ordinance to create the PUA at a meeting of the City Council at 5:30 pm on February 3, 2026 at Raymondville City Hall, 142 S. 7th St., Raymondville, Texas 78580.

The City of San Benito will consider the adoption of the ordinance to create the PUA at a meeting of the City Council at 5:30 pm on February 3, 2026 at San Benito Municipal Building, Cesar Gonzalez Meeting Hall, 401 N. Sam Houston Blvd., San Benito, Texas 78586.

The City of Mercedes will consider the adoption of the ordinance to create the PUA at a meeting of the City Council at 5:30 pm on February 3, 2026 at Mercedes City Hall, 400 S. Ohio Ave., Mercedes, Texas 78570.

The City of Weslaco will consider the adoption of the ordinance to create the PUA at a meeting of the City Council at 5:30 pm on February 4, 2026 at Weslaco City Hall, 255 S. Kansas Ave. Weslaco, Texas 78596.

The PUA will be created on the date that the last participating public entity adopts and approves the concurrent ordinance creating the PUA. For additional information regarding the creation of the Rio Grande Valley Public Utility Agency, citizens may contact any one of the following representatives:

City of Raymondville Attn.: Andres Chavez City Manager Raymondville City Hall 142 S. 7th St. Raymondville, TX 78580 956-689-2443	City of San Benito Attn.: Fred Sandoval, City Manager Municipal Building 401 N. Sam Houston Blvd. San Benito, TX 78586 956-361-3800	City of Mercedes Attn.: Alberto Perez, City Manager Mercedes City Hall 400 S. Ohio Ave. Mercedes, TX 78570 956-565-3114	City of Weslaco Attn.: Xavier Salinas, City Manager City Manager Office 255 S. Kansas Ave. Weslaco, TX 78596 956-968-3181
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