



*City of Presidio*

REGULAR  
CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING

JULY 13 , 2026



**City Council  
Regular Council Meeting,  
July 13, 2026**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Presidio, Texas will hold a Regular City Council meeting, at **5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 2026 at the Presidio Activity Center, (PAC) 1200 East O'Reilly St, in the City of Presidio, Texas** for the purpose of considering the attached agenda. This notice is posted pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act. (Section 551.043, Texas Government Code).

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1. Call meeting to order
2. Quorum Check
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Public Comments *(Comments are limited only to matters that are not included in any item that has been posted on the agenda. Speakers are limited to a maximum of five minutes per speaker. Before addressing the City Council each speaker will state their name and address clearly before making comments).*
5. Discussion / action to approve prior minutes for Regular City Council meeting, June 22, 2026.
6. City of Presidio Business (New/Old)
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- k. Discussion / action to take appropriate action to approve the setting of a possible City Administrator Interim and publishing the opening for a new City Administrator for the City of Presidio. – City Secretary
  - 1. Adjourn into executive session as Authorized by the Texas Government Code including, but not limited to section 551.074 (Personnel Matters), regarding agenda item 6k.
  - 2. Reconvene into open session and take such action as appropriate.

## 7. Adjourn

I certify that the above notice of regular City Council meeting was posted in the display case near the front entrance of City Hall on or before three working days July 7, 2026 and at the display case near the door of the Presidio Activity Center located at 1200 E. O'Reilly St, Presidio, Texas on or before three working days July 7, 2026. I further certify that this agenda was also posted in the City of Presidio website [www.presidiotx.us](http://www.presidiotx.us) – Council Meeting & Updates – Agenda & Meetings on or before three working days July 7, 2026.



Brenda Lee Ornelas-Acuña  
City Secretary

*All items on the agenda are for discussion and or action by the Presidio City Council. The Presidio City Council Reserves the Right to Adjourn Into Executive Session at Any Time During the Course of this Meeting to Discuss Any of the Matters Listed Above, as Authorized by the Texas Government Code including, but not limited to, 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), 551.087 (Economic Development) and 418.183 (Deliberations about Homeland Security Issues) Council will make a tape recording of the proceedings of a closed meeting to deliberate this information. This facility is wheelchair accessible and parking spaces are available. Request for accommodations must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact City Hall at 432 229-3517, FAX 432 229-3505, or email [bornelas@presidiotx.us](mailto:bornelas@presidiotx.us) for further information.*

## LINE ITEM 5

5. Discussion / action to approve prior minutes for Regular City Council meeting, June 22, 2026.



**Regular Council Meeting Minutes,  
June 22, 2026**

1. **Call meeting to order:** Mayor Pro-Tem Montoya called the Regular City Council meeting for June 22, 2026 at the Presidio Activity Center into order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **Quorum Check:** City Secretary verified quorum.

| Attendee Name          | Title                 | Status      | Arrived |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
| John Ferguson          | Mayor                 | Not Present |         |
| Cristian Montoya       | Mayor Pro Tem         | Present     |         |
| Bianca Martinez-Bailon | Council member        | Present     |         |
| Itzmira Bustamante     | Council member        | Present     |         |
| Silverio Escontrias    | Council member        | Present     |         |
| Vacant Seat            | Council member        |             |         |
| Pablo Rodriguez        | City Administrator    | Present     |         |
| Brenda Acuña           | City Secretary        | Present     |         |
| Glorissel Muñiz        | Deputy City Secretary | Present     |         |

3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Councilwoman Bustamante led pledge of allegiance.
4. **Recognize and Welcome Visitors – 5 minutes**

*Public Comment is reserved for members of the public who would like to address the City Council regarding agenda and non-agenda items. Please be aware that, under Texas Law, the Council may not deliberate or take any action during Citizen's comments for items not on the agenda. In some situations, City Staff may be able to respond to the public comments with a factual statement or clarification. The City Council may have the item placed on a future agenda for action or refer the item to Management and Staff for study or conclusion.*

Mayor Pro-Tem Montoya welcomed public and City of Presidio staff to the regular meeting on June 22, 2026 at the Presidio Activity Center and opened floor for any visitor to address the City Council for five minutes. Mr. Jovannie Escontrias asked to have the city help with cleaning and maintaining the baseball fields. Mr. Austin Thomas online commentator commented on Mr. Fernando Juarez as his association with the Presidio County Water Conservation board and being active with HSI. Mr. Thomas stated he felt this was a conflict of interest especially if Mr. Juarez would be a part of the City Council. Mr. Thomas's comments was not heard in their entirety due to his transmission not being able to connect correctly. Mayor Pro-Tem Montoya clarified that Mr. Juarez is not part of the city council. Mrs. Arian Velazquez-Ornelas commented on several surveillance cameras placed around town and that if the Police Department were contracting with Flock Licenses Plate Reader Cameras. Mrs. Velazquez-Ornelas expressed her concern with this company and there being no regulations with this company and potentially have the city's information compromised. Ms. Jennifer Simon commented on line items 7a and 7k. She expressed her concerns with Mr. Juarez being on the Presidio County Water Conservation board and the conflict of interest this causes. Her concern with line item k is the rezoning of a residential area to a commercial area.

5. **Discussion on the City of Presidio Department Reports.**

**Police Department Monthly Activity Report:** Traffic/code compliance enforcement, criminal activity, upcoming events, personnel updates, and continuity of operations.

**Animal Control Department Monthly Activity Report:** animal intake, adoptions, shelter capacity, and community enforcement efforts.

**Public Works Department Monthly Activity Report:** Public Facilities: Street/right-of-way maintenance, drainage facility/easement maintenance, City facilities maintenance, animal services, personnel updates, and continuity of operations.

**Public Works / Utilities Department Report:** Water pumping/usage from City wells, system infrastructure maintenance/repairs/projects, leak adjustments, water/drought management, personnel updates, and continuity of operations.

**Landfill Department Report:** includes updates on daily operations, tonnage collected, environmental compliance, and equipment maintenance.

**Finance Department Report:** includes updates on monthly revenues, expenditures, sales tax allocations, and bank balances.

**Library Department Report:** includes updates on visitor attendance, book and media circulation, community programs, and upcoming summer events.

**Senior Center Department Report:** includes updates on daily attendance, meal delivery counts, recreational activities, and nutritional programs.

**Municipal Court Department Report:** updates on case volumes, citations filed, warrants issued, and total revenues collected.

**Volunteer Fire Department Report:** includes updates on emergency incident responses, firefighter training hours, volunteer recruitment efforts, and station operations.

**EMS Department Report:** includes updates emergency call volumes, response times, staffing levels, and vehicle maintenance.

**DISCUSSION:** No discussion at present time.

**6. Discussion / action to approve prior minutes for:**

- a. Regular meeting, May 11, 2026
- b. Special-Called meeting May 18, 2026

**DISCUSSION:** No discussion at present time.

**ACTION:** Councilwoman Martinez-Bailon moved to approve the City Council Regular meeting for May 11, 2026 and Special-Called meeting for May 18, 2026 as presented.

Councilman Escontrias seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Unanimously 4-0

**7. New Business**

- a. Discussion / action to appoint a member to the Presidio County Underground Water Conservation District Board. – Mayor Ferguson

**DISCUSSION:**

**ACTION:** Councilman Escontrias moved to call out for Letters of Interest to the Presidio County Underground Water Conservation District to represent the City of Presidio.

Councilwoman Bustamante seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Unanimously 4-0

- b. Discussion / action / update on the TxCDBG Grant CDV23-0300 (Water and Drainage Improvements) project status and other grant matters. – Mrs. Becky Brewster, Grant Administrator

**DISCUSSION:**

**ACTION:** No action.

- c. **Discussion / action / update on the TxCDBG Rural Economic Development (RED) Grant CRC23-0523 project status and other grant matters. – Mrs. Becky Brewster, Grant Administrator**

**DISCUSSION:**

**ACTION:** No action.

- d. **Discussion / action / update on the TxCDBG Grant CDV25-0138 project status. – Mrs. Becky Brewster, Grant Administrator**

1. **Other grant matters.**

**DISCUSSION:**

**ACTION:** No action.

- e. **Discussion / action / update on the TDEM TX 5161-4 (ARPA Funds). – Mrs. Becky Brewster, Grant Administrator**

1. **Project status**

2. **Other grant matters.**

**DISCUSSION:**

**ACTION:** No action.

- f. **Discussion / Update on progress for Big Bend Conservation Alliance's EPA Project "Everything's Connected in Presidio" in partnership with the City of Presidio. – Mr. Ramon Rodriguez, Big Bend Conservation Alliance.**

**DISCUSSION / UPDATE:** Ms. Elvira Hermosillo, Big Bend Conservation Alliance Program, gave information on what the Big Bend Conservation Alliance Program is about and what they provide to the community. Mr. Ramon Rodriguez, Big Bend Conservation Alliance Program Management updated the City Council on the progress of the EPA project "Everything's Connected in Presidio".

- g. **Discussion / action to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Texas Division of Emergency Management and Texas Emergency Management Assistance Teams Participating Jurisdiction and the City of Presidio. – Mrs. Cinderella Guevara, Texas Division of Emergency Management**

**DISCUSSION:** Mrs. Cinderella Guevara from the Office of Texas Division of Emergency Management presented the Memorandum of Understanding. She stated this was an MOU between the City of Presidio Emergency Services and the Texas Division of Emergency Management. This MOU would entail to assist with the City of Presidio Emergency Services Full-Time employees' salaries when deployed to assist with emergency disaster situations in the state of Texas.

**ACTION:** Councilman Escontrias moved to table line item 7g.  
Councilwoman Martinez-Bailon seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried Unanimously 4-0

- h. **Discussion / action on possible ordinance regarding Container Homes and Tiny Homes inside the City of Presidio. – Mr. Cesar Leyva, Public Works Director**

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Cesar Leyva, Public Works Director, requested to have the greenlight to come up with an Ordinance regarding Container Homes and Tiny Homes inside city limits.

**ACTION:** Councilman Escontrias moved to approve to proceed with a possible ordinance regarding Container Homes and Tiny Homes inside the City of Presidio.  
Councilwoman Bustamante seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried Unanimously 4-0

- i. **Discussion / action on amending the Ordinance 93-1 the City of Presidio regulating the location of Buildings, Structures, and Land usage. – Mr. Cesar Leyva, Public Works Director**

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Leyva stated that the city need to amend the ordinance 93-4 regulating the location of building, structures, and land usage.

**ACTION:** Councilman Escontrias moved to approve to amend the Ordinance 93-1 the City of Presidio regulating the location of Buildings, Structures, and Land Usage.  
Councilwoman Bustamante seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried Unanimously 4-0

- j. **Discussion / action to request Letters of Interest to the vacated City Council Unexpired-Term seat and set date for last day to receive letters, no Letters of Interest received as of yet. – City Secretary**

**DISCUSSION:** City Secretary stated that there have been no Letters of Interest submitted as of now.

**ACTION:** Councilman Escontrias moved to approve the calling out for Letters of Interest to the vacant City Council Unexpired-Term seat and July 10, 2026 at 5:00pm last day to receive Letters of Interest.  
Councilwoman Martinez-Bailon seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried Unanimously 4-0

- k. **Discussion / action on request by Mr. Tiburcio Acosta regarding the location of an RV Park. – Mr. Cesar Leyva, Public Works Director**

**DISCUSSION:** City Council recommended that this issue would be sent to the city attorney for the establishment of an ordinance and the legalities with the creation of an RV park inside city limits.

**ACTION:** Councilman Escontrias moved to table line item 7k to wait on the City Attorney for the ordinance legality of what is needed to establish an RV park inside city limits.  
Councilwoman Bustamante seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried Unanimously 3-1 Abstained  
Councilwoman Martinez-Bailon Abstained from Motion.

- l. **Discussion / action to accept the post approval of the Memorial Day River Road Rally 2026 and expenditures. – Ms. Elvira Hermosillo, Convention & Visitor's Bureau Board**

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Elvira Hermosillo, Convention & Visitor's Bureau Board, presented the expenditures for the Memorial Day River Road Rally 2026.

**ACTION:** Councilman Escontrias moved to accept the post approval of the Memorial Day River Road Rally 2026 and expenditures.  
Councilwoman Martinez-Bailon seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried Unanimously 4-0

- m. **Discussion / action to accept bid for the window fabrication and installation at the Slack Building in the amount of \$7,900. – Ms. Elvira Hermosillo, Convention & Visitor's Bureau Board**

**DISCUSSION:** City Council discussion to have the window sample approved by Mr. Slack.

**ACTION:** Councilman Escontrias moved to approve the bid of \$7,900 for the window fabrication and installation at the Slack building pending the written approval from Mr. Clay Slack of the window sample to the City Administrator.

Councilwoman Bustamante seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Unanimously 4-0

- n. **Discussion / action to hire a designer to create a brochure promoting the City of Presidio for \$850. – Ms. Elvira Hermosillo, Convention & Visitor's Bureau Board**

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Elvira Hermosillo stated that the Convention & Visitor's Bureau board, had selected a designer to create a brochure promoting the city. The cost of the designer was for \$850.

**ACTION:** Councilman Escontrias moved to approve the hiring of designer to create the Presidio Convention & Visitor's Bureau Board brochure to promote the City of Presidio in the amount of \$850.

Councilwoman Martinez-Bailon seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Unanimously 3-0 1 Opposed

Councilman Montoya Opposed

- o. **Discussion / action to renew yearly account with the Tour Texas website for a prorated amount of \$1,989. – Ms. Elvira Hermosillo, Convention & Visitor's Bureau Board**

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Elvira Hermosillo stated that the Convention & Visitor's Bureau Board needed to renew the yearly account with the Tour Texas website for a prorated amount of \$1,989 for May through December.

**ACTION:** Councilman Escontrias moved to renew the yearly account with the Tour Texas website for a prorated amount of \$1,989 for May through December.

Councilwoman Martinez-Bailon seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Unanimously 4-0

- p. **Discussion / action to approve a Presidio Arts Festival in March 2027. – Ms. Elvira Hermosillo, Convention & Visitor's Bureau Board**

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Hermosillo stated that the Convention Visitor's Bureau board would like to bring back the Presidio Arts Festival in March of 2027. She is requesting a cap of \$10,000 for expenditures.

**ACTION:** Councilman Escontrias moved to approve the Presidio Arts Festival in March of 2027 with the expenditure of no more than \$10,000.

Councilwoman Martinez-Bailon seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Unanimously 4-0

**8. Administrative Updates (NO ACTION)**

- a. **City Administrator's Report – I, Pablo Rodriguez, am formally submitting my intent to retire from my position as City Administrator for the City of Presidio as of July 31, 2026.**

**UPDATE/REPORT:** Mr. Pablo Rodriguez, City Administrator announces his retirement from the City of Presidio and his last day will be July 31, 2026.

**9. Adjourn**

**DISCUSSION:** There being no further business for the City Council meeting Mayor Pro-Tem Montoya adjourned the City of Presidio regular meeting for June 22, 2026 at 7:46 p.m.

**ACTION:** Councilwoman Martinez-Bailon moved to adjourn the City of Presidio regular meeting for June 22, 2026 at 7:46 p.m.

Councilwoman Bustamante seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Unanimously 4-0

**CITY OF PRESIDIO, TEXAS**

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**Cristian Montoya**  
**City of Presidio Mayor Pro-Tem**

**ATTEST:**

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**Brenda Lee Acuña**  
**City Secretary**

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## **RESOLUTION 2026-06R**

### **A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE BIG BEND SENTINEL AS THE NEWSPAPER OF RECORD FOR THE CITY OF PRESIDIO FOR 2026-2027 BUDGET YEAR.**

**WHEREAS**, in the Local Government Code, for, General Law Cities Section 52.004 (a) As soon as practicable after the beginning of each municipal year, the governing body of the municipality shall contract, as determined by ordinance or resolution, with a public newspaper of the municipality to be the municipality's official newspaper until another newspaper is selected.

**WHEREAS**, (b) the Governing Body shall publish in the municipality's official newspaper each ordinance, notice, or other matter required by law or ordinance to be published.

Acts 1987, 70<sup>th</sup> Leg., ch. 149, § 1, eff. Sept 1, 1987.

**WHEREAS**, The Big Bend Sentinel serves Presidio, Marfa, Fort Davis, and Alpine it is the desire that city information for publication reach a regional audience.

**THEREFORE**, the City Council of Presidio hereby designates The Big Bend Sentinel as the Official Newspaper of Records for 2026-2027 effective October 1, 2026 through September 31, 2027.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by City of Presidio Council in a regular meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> of July, 2026.

City of Presidio, Texas

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***John Ferguson, City of Presidio Mayor***

**ATTEST:**

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***Brenda Ornelas-Acuña, City Secretary***

***(SEAL)***

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Text: (432) 444-9443; Phone (432) 722-4342

## THE DETAILS

*Big Bend Sentinel* is a weekly 50 times a year.

The website is frequently updated. It includes a digital is a replica of the newspaper with all print advertising.

- 2 columns = 4 inches
- 3 columns = 6.125 inches
- 4 columns = 8.25 inches
- 5 columns = 10.375 inches
- 6 columns = 12.5 inches

### FILE FORMATS

Black and white!  
We support the formats jpeg, tiff, eps, and pdf files, and Adobe InDesign (indd) and Illustrator (ai) files.

### DEADLINES

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Marfa, TX 79843

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Drawer P, Marfa, TX 79843

Phone: (432) 729-4342

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5 inches tall

\$100

### Business card

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2 inches tall

\$40

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x

3 inches tall

\$60

## WHAT IT COSTS TO REACH THE BIG BEND

### DESIGN

\$25 - \$1,000 for custom print and web ad design, depending on sizing and complexity.

### DIGITAL

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[www.bigbendsentinel.com](http://www.bigbendsentinel.com)

Banner:

\$300 per month

Home page footer:

\$500 per month

Newsletter exclusive

sponsorship:

\$250 per month

### INSERTS

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1,000 single copies every week  
20,000 monthly unique web visitors  
4,000 subscribers to weekly newsletter

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\$80

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5.125 inches tall

\$150

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any size with an  
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price per inch.*

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per  
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inch**

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3 columns wide

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20.625 inches

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\$600

# 1/4 page

3 columns wide

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10.125 inches tall

\$300

# 1/2 page

6 columns wide

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10.125 inches tall

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6 columns wide

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5 inches tall

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**Memorandum of Understanding  
Between  
Texas Division of Emergency Management  
and Texas Emergency Management Assistance Teams Participating  
Jurisdiction/Employer**

This memorandum of understanding ("TEMAT MOU") becomes effective as of the date of final signature, by and between the Texas Division of Emergency Management ("TDEM"), a member of The Texas A&M University System ("A&M System") and an agency of the State of Texas, and the Texas Emergency Management Assistance Teams ("TEMAT") participating jurisdiction/employer City of Presidio ("Jurisdiction").

**I. PURPOSE**

In accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 418, Subchapter E-1 Texas Statewide Mutual Aid System, and the State of Texas Emergency Management Plan, this TEMAT MOU delineates responsibilities and procedures for TEMAT activities. TDEM's authority is provided through the State of Texas to activate state resources for the purposes of TEMAT Programs.

TEMAT Programs include and are administered by the state agencies listed below:

| <b>TEMAT Program</b>                             | <b>State Agency Program Administrator</b>      | <b>Program Summary</b>                                                                                            |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Incident Support Task Force (ISTF)               | Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM)  | Provides support through multiple areas of expertise throughout response and recovery initiatives                 |
| Public Works Response Team (PWRT)                | Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) | Provides support for critical infrastructure systems                                                              |
| Texas A&M Task Force 1 (TX-TF1)                  | Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) | Provides search and rescue support through Texas A&M Task Force 1, Texas Task Force 2, and Texas A&M Task Force 3 |
| State of Texas Incident Management Team (IMT)    | Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM)  | Provides position specific personnel to assist in emergency operations                                            |
| Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) | Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS)                 | Provides wildland and fire department support                                                                     |

## II. SCOPE

The provisions of this memorandum of understanding apply to TEMAT activities performed at the request of TDEM at the option of the participating Jurisdiction. These activities may be in conjunction with, or in preparation of, a local, state or federal declaration of disaster. The scope of this TEMAT MOU also includes training activities sponsored by the state, TDEM, the Jurisdiction, and the Program Administrators to maintain TEMAT operational readiness.

## III. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

This TEMAT MOU commences on the date of the last signature and continues for a period of five (5) years unless terminated earlier in accordance with the terms of this TEMAT MOU.

## IV. DEFINITIONS

- A. Affiliated Member: A TEMAT Member that is associated with a Jurisdiction or participating agency for purposes of this agreement.
- B. Backfill: The assignment of personnel by a participating Jurisdiction to meet their minimum level of staffing to replace a deployed TEMAT Member.
- C. Incident Support Task Force: The division of TDEM is responsible for maintaining all TEMAT program information to include but not limited to this TEMAT MOU and the ISTF Program Guide.
- D. Jurisdiction: A TEMAT Member's employer, which, by the execution of this TEMAT MOU, has provided official approval of their employee's membership involvement with TEMAT.
- E. Member: An employee of a Jurisdiction who has been formally accepted into a TEMAT Program and is in compliance with all program requirements (for both TEMAT overall and specific requirements for the program(s) for which they are a Member). For clarification, the lower-case use of "member" within this agreement, refers to a A&M System member.
- F. PIV-I: Personal Identification Verification Interoperability card should be issued to all first responders.
- G. Program: One of the TEMAT Programs listed in the above table and administered by a Texas state agency to provide assistance during an emergency event or disaster.
- H. Program Administrator: Designated State agency representative participating in the program or administering the program on behalf of the state.

- I. Red Card: A National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) "Red Card" is a credential issued to wildland firefighters that verifies their qualifications and training for specific wildland fire positions.
- J. State Mutual Aid Reimbursement Guide: A living document explaining how TDEM will reimburse local responding entities, state agencies, and other entities for accepting and responding to state-assigned mutual aid missions.
- K. TEMAT: Any response team administered by a state Jurisdiction of Texas to provide response assistance to local Jurisdictions or the state of Texas.
- L. TEMAT Training and Exercises – Jurisdiction Sponsored: Training and/or exercises performed at the direction, control, expense, and funding of a participating Jurisdiction in order to develop and maintain capabilities of the Member and TEMAT.
- M. TEMAT Training and Exercises – State or Administrator Sponsored: Training and/or exercises performed at the direction, control, expense, and funding of the state or Program Administrator.
- N. Unaffiliated Member: An approved Member of the Incident Support Task Force that is not currently employed by a government entity.

## V. RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. TDEM shall be responsible for the following:
  - 1. Provide and maintain administrative and personnel management guidelines and procedures related to TEMAT and this TEMAT MOU.
  - 2. Maintain, in coordination with Program Administrators, programmatic guidance to provide standard operating procedures that are current and readily available to Program Administrators, Jurisdictions, and Members.
  - 3. Provide training to Members. Training shall be consistent with the objectives of the TEMAT Program overall to include but not limited to State Operations Center functions, financial reimbursement, and other training.
  - 4. Work with Program Administrators to ensure all administrative, fiscal, and personnel management guidelines are consistent across all TEMAT Programs.
  - 5. Provide coordination between Program Administrators, other relevant governmental and private entities, Jurisdiction, and Member.
  - 6. Maintain overall TEMAT contact list for all Jurisdictions and Members.

**B. The TDEM shall ensure that the Program Administrator(s) will do the following:**

- 1. Recruit and manage Members for their specific program according to guidelines outlined in the program-specific guidance manual.**
- 2. Produce related portion of the program-specific guidance manual to provide standard operating procedures that are current and readily available to Members.**
- 3. Provide and maintain qualifications, training, and operational guidelines and procedures related to the TEMAT Program they administer.**
- 4. Provide upon approval of membership and then collect upon separation from the program equipment, uniforms, and identification issued on behalf of TEMAT.**
- 5. Provide training for Members. Training must be consistent with the objectives of developing, increasing, and maintaining individual skills necessary to maintain operational readiness related to emergency management response.**
- 6. Develop, implement, and exercise an internal notification and call-out system for Members.**
- 7. Provide coordination between the state, other governmental and private entities, participating agency/employer, and Member, notify Jurisdictions or program Members of the need for activation.**
- 8. Maintain and submit, annually, a primary contact list for their respective program, for all Jurisdictions and Members, to the state.**
- 9. Maintain personnel files on all Members of administered programs for the purpose of documenting training records, qualifications, emergency notification, and other documentation as required by the state and Program Administrators.**
- 10. Ensure the issuance of PIV-I to each Member through coordination with TDEM. If removed from team, then the PIV-I should be retrieved and revoked immediately. Program Administrator(s) should retrieve the PIV-I and notify TDEM for immediate revocation.**
- 11. Program Administrator, TEEX, will reimburse Jurisdiction for Urban Search and Rescue (US&R), Public Works Response and sponsored training activities related to this TEMAT MOU under the authority of the State of Texas Emergency Management Plan, the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Act, Public law 93-288, as amended 42 U.S.C. 5121, et seq., and Title 44 CFR Part 208 – National Urban Search and Rescue Response System.**

12. All reimbursement requests pursuant to this section shall follow program specific guidelines included in the TEEX Deployment Reimbursement Manual and the State Mutual Aid Reimbursement Guide.

C. The Jurisdiction shall:

1. Determine which TEMAT Programs the Jurisdiction will support by providing Members and being able to respond as requested by TDEM and Program Administrators.
2. Upon signature, the Jurisdiction will submit a roster within fourteen (14) calendar days of final signature to TDEM and Program Administrators. Maintain a roster of all its personnel participating in TEMAT activities and submit an update annually. The roster shall include all current Red Card qualifications for each Member when applicable.
3. Provide a primary point of contact to TDEM and Program Administrators for the purpose of notification of TEMAT activities and for administrative activities.
4. Provide administrative support to employee Members of TEMAT, e.g., time off when fiscally reasonable to do so for TEMAT activities such as training, meetings, and actual deployments.
5. Ensure all reimbursement claims meet the requirements of the State Mutual Aid Reimbursement Guide.
6. Upon notification by TDEM, the Jurisdiction will determine which Members within Jurisdiction are qualified and available for deployment. Jurisdiction determines which qualified Members deploy.

D. The Jurisdiction shall ensure the Member(s):

1. Perform duties, as required by their membership in a TEMAT program, when requested and deployed by TEMAT.
2. Maintain knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to operate safely and effectively in the assigned position and conduct themselves in accordance with the program-specific guidance manual.
3. Advise the Program Administrator of any change in the notification process, i.e., address, change of employment, or phone number changes.
4. Update their membership profile through their Program Administrator or their online portal with any updated qualifications, rate of pay change, or position change as they occur and verify accuracy annually.

5. Maintain, for deployment, all equipment issued by the TEMAT program and advise Program Administrator of any lost, stolen, or damaged items assigned to Member.
6. Keep the Jurisdiction advised of TEMAT activities that may require time off from work.
7. Be prepared to operate in a disaster environment, which may include living and working in austere conditions.
8. During any period in which TEMAT is activated by TDEM or during any TEMAT sponsored or sanctioned training, Member shall be acting as a representative of the State of Texas.
9. Ensure that staff approved for membership by Jurisdiction meet the program requirements and experience level with his/her position on each TEMAT program in accordance with the program-specific guidance manual.

## **VI. QUALIFICATIONS, TRAINING, AND EXERCISES**

### **A. TEMAT Training and Exercises – Jurisdiction Sponsored:**

Periodically, Members will be requested and/or invited to attend local TEMAT-sponsored training or exercises. Local Jurisdiction-sponsored training or exercises shall be performed at the direction, control, expense, and funding of the local Jurisdiction in order to develop the technical skills of Members.

### **TEMAT Training and Exercises – State or Program Administrator Sponsored:**

Periodically, Members will be invited to attend state TEMAT training and/or exercises, and when these training and/or exercises are required, Jurisdiction shall ensure Member attends such. These trainings and exercises shall be performed at the direction, control, expense, and funding of the state which may include being administered through a Program Administrator in order to develop and maintain the incident support capabilities of the TEMAT. For state or Program Administrator sponsored training or exercises, the Jurisdiction shall coordinate with TDEM and/or Program Administrators, prior to the event, to receive written authorization prior to such an event.

### **B. Minimum Qualification and Training Requirements**

Jurisdiction should allow Members appropriate time to maintain the qualifications required for each position Member fills in the TEMAT Program.

Jurisdiction should ensure Members can attend available TEMAT training and exercise opportunities provided for the assigned TEMAT position to ensure the maintenance of position qualifications. Jurisdiction understands that failure for

Jurisdiction to ensure Members attend or maintain qualifications may result in dismissal from the TEMAT Program when qualifications are no longer valid.

## **VII. ADMINISTRATIVE, FINANCIAL, AND PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**

### **A. Reimbursement of Administrators/Jurisdiction**

1. All guidelines and procedures for requesting reimbursement shall be pursuant to the State Mutual Aid Reimbursement Guide.
2. All financial commitments herein are made subject to the availability of funds from the State of Texas.

## **VIII. Liability and Workers' Compensation for State Activation/And Training**

- A. During any period in which a program under TEMAT is activated by the State of Texas, or during any TEMAT sanctioned training, Members who are not employees of A&M System or another agency of the State of Texas will be considered to be in the course and scope of the Member's (employee's) regular employment with the Jurisdiction (employer) and the Member shall be entitled to full benefits, including workers' compensation and liability coverage, as an employee of their employer.
- B. For a Member who becomes injured during any period in which a program under TEMAT is activated by the State of Texas, or during any TEMAT sanctioned training, the Jurisdiction shall immediately notify the Program Administrator and TDEM of the injury in writing, and TDEM shall reimburse the Jurisdiction the costs and expenses paid by the Jurisdiction to Member, including but not limited to, all related medical expenses, compensation, wages, pension contributions, and any benefits provided by the Jurisdiction. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.118(b), the Jurisdiction may seek reimbursement for all eligible costs and expenses as provided in this section by providing TDEM or the Program Administrator, whichever is applicable, adequate supporting documentation for the costs/expenses claimed, to include proof of pay provided by the Jurisdiction to the Member. Said reimbursement shall continue, in accordance with Texas Labor Code Section 408, until such time that the injured Member is medically cleared for return to work or in the event of permanent disability or death, until all obligations for payment to the Member or Member's beneficiaries are satisfied.

## **IX. CONDITIONS, AMENDMENTS, AND TERMINATION**

- A. This TEMAT MOU may be modified or amended only by the written agreement of all the parties.
- B. This TEMAT MOU may be terminated by any signing party, upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party.

- C. The state complies with the provisions of the Department of Labor Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended and with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor. To that end, the state shall not discriminate against any Member on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. In addition, the use of state or federal facilities, services, and supplies will be in compliance with regulations prohibiting duplication of benefits and guaranteeing nondiscrimination. Distribution of supplies, processing of applications, provisions of technical assistance, and other relief assistance activities shall be accomplished in an equitable and impartial manner, without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, or economic status.
- D. This TEMAT MOU is governed by the laws of the State of Texas (but not its conflict of laws statutes and principles). Pursuant to Section 85.18 (b), Texas Education Code, venue for a state court suit filed against any member of A&M System, or any officer or employee of A&M System is in the county in which the primary office of the chief executive officer of the system or member, as applicable, is located.
- E. The parties expressly acknowledge that the Program Administrators are agencies of the State of Texas and nothing in this TEMAT MOU will be construed as a waiver or relinquishment by any state agency administrator of its right to claim such exemptions, privileges, and immunities as may be provided by law.
- F. By executing this TEMAT MOU, all parties and each person signing on behalf of each party certifies, and in the case of a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation, each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, that to the best of their knowledge and belief, no member of A&M System or A&M System Board of Regents, nor any employee, or person, whose salary is payable in whole or in part by A&M System, has direct or indirect financial interest in the award of this TEMAT MOU, or in the services to which this TEMAT MOU relates, or in any of the profits, real or potential, thereof.
- G. Each party is responsible to ensure that employees participating in work for any member of A&M System have not been designated by a member of A&M System as Not Eligible for Rehire (NEFR) as defined in System policy 32.02, Section 4. Non-conformance to this requirement may be grounds for termination of this agreement. In event a system member becomes aware that a contracting party has any employees that are designated as NEFR under this TEMAT MOU, the nonconforming employee is immediately required to be removed from all performance duties upon demand by a system member.

#### **X. JURISDICTION DECLARATION OF PARTICIPATION IN TEMAT**

Jurisdiction agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of this TEMAT MOU and the program-specific guidance manual. Jurisdiction agrees to allow employees to serve as TEMAT Members for the approved TEMAT Programs checked below:

| TEMAT Program                                    | Check for Participation             | Jurisdiction Point of Contact Initials |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Incident Support Task Force (ISTF)               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                        |
| Public Works Response Team (PWRT)                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                        |
| Texas A&M Task Force I                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                        |
| State of Texas Incident Management Team (IMT)    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                        |
| Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                        |

## XI. POINTS OF CONTACT

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| <p><b>Name:</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b></p> <p><b>Address Line 1:</b></p> <p><b>Address Line 2:</b></p> <p><b>City, State, Zip:</b></p> <p><b>Phone Number:</b></p> <p><b>Email:</b></p> | <p><b>TDEM</b></p> <p>Chief Nim Kidd</p> <p>Chair – Texas Emergency Management Council</p> <p>313 E Anderson Ln</p> <p>Building 3</p> <p>Austin, TX 78752</p> <p>512-424-2436</p> <p><a href="mailto:Nim.kidd@tdem.texas.gov">Nim.kidd@tdem.texas.gov</a></p> | <p><b>TEMAT Coordinator</b></p> <p>Kharley Smith</p> <p>ISTF Division Chief</p> <p>313 E Anderson Ln</p> <p>Building 3</p> <p>Austin, TX 78752</p> <p>512-424-2436</p> <p><a href="mailto:kharley.smith@tdem.texas.gov">kharley.smith@tdem.texas.gov</a></p> |
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| <p><b>Name:</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b></p> <p><b>Address Line 1:</b></p> <p><b>Address Line 2:</b></p> <p><b>City, State, Zip:</b></p> <p><b>Phone Number:</b></p> <p><b>Email:</b></p> | <p><b>Jurisdiction</b></p> <p>John Ferguson</p> <p>Mayor</p> <p>507 W O'Reilly Street</p> <p>PO Box 1899</p> <p>Presidio, TX, 79845</p> <p>(432) 229-3517</p> <p><a href="mailto:jferguson@presidio.tx">jferguson@presidio.tx</a></p> |
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## XII. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- A. This TEMAT MOU, with the rights and privileges it creates, is assignable only with the written consent of the parties.
- B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 321.013, acceptance of funds under this TEMAT MOU constitutes acceptance of the authority of the State of Texas, the Texas State Auditor's Office, or any successor agency (collectively, "Auditor"), to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds under Texas Education Code Section 51.9335(c). Jurisdiction shall cooperate with the Auditor in the conduct of the audit or investigation, including without limitation, providing all records requested.

- C. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 2107.008 and 2252.903, any payments owing to Jurisdiction under this TEMAT MOU may be applied directly toward certain debts or delinquencies that Jurisdiction owes the State of Texas or any agency of the State of Texas regardless of when they arise until such debts or delinquencies are paid in full.
- D. To the extent applicable, Jurisdiction shall use the dispute resolution process provided in Chapter 2260, Texas Government Code, and the related rules adopted by the Texas Attorney General to attempt to resolve any claim for breach of contract made by Jurisdiction that cannot be resolved in the ordinary course of business. Jurisdiction shall submit written notice of a claim of breach of contract under this Chapter to TDEM's designated official, who will examine the claim and any counterclaim and negotiate in an effort to resolve the claim.

### **XIII. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This TEMAT MOU terminates and supersedes any prior TEMAT MOU amongst TDEM, TEMAT Program Administrators, a TEMAT Employee Member, and Participating Jurisdiction. This TEMAT MOU, in addition to the related program-specific guidance manuals and State Mutual Aid Reimbursement Guidelines, reflects the entire agreement between the parties.

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TDEM and Jurisdiction hereby acknowledge that they have read and understand this entire TEMAT MOU. All oral or written agreements between the parties hereto relating to the subject matter of this TEMAT MOU that was made prior to the execution of this TEMAT MOU have been reduced to writing and are contained herein. TDEM and Jurisdiction agree to abide by all terms and conditions specified herein and certify that the information provided to the state is true and correct in all respects to the best of their knowledge and belief.

This TEMAT MOU is entered into by and between the following parties:

#### **TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: W. Nim Kidd  
Title: Chief, Texas Division of Emergency Management  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **JURISDICTION**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: John Ferguson  
Title: Mayor  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## LINE ITEM 6

### CITY OF PRESIDIO BUSINESS (NEW/OLD)

- j. Discussion / action to appoint one candidate from the Letters of Interest or to request Letters of Interest to the vacated City Council Unexpired-Term seat and set date for last day to receive letters if no letters have not been submitted. – City Secretary

## LINE ITEM 6

### CITY OF PRESIDIO BUSINESS (NEW/OLD)

- k. Discussion / action to take appropriate action to approve the setting of a possible City Administrator Interim and publishing the opening for a new City Administrator for the City of Presidio. – City Secretary
  - 1. Adjourn into executive session as Authorized by the Texas Government Code including, but not limited to section 551.074 (Personnel Matters), regarding agenda item 6k.
  - 2. Reconvene into open session and take such action as appropriate.