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PROGRESS REPORT

TEXAS COLONIAS SUB-GROUP

June 1992 - July 1993

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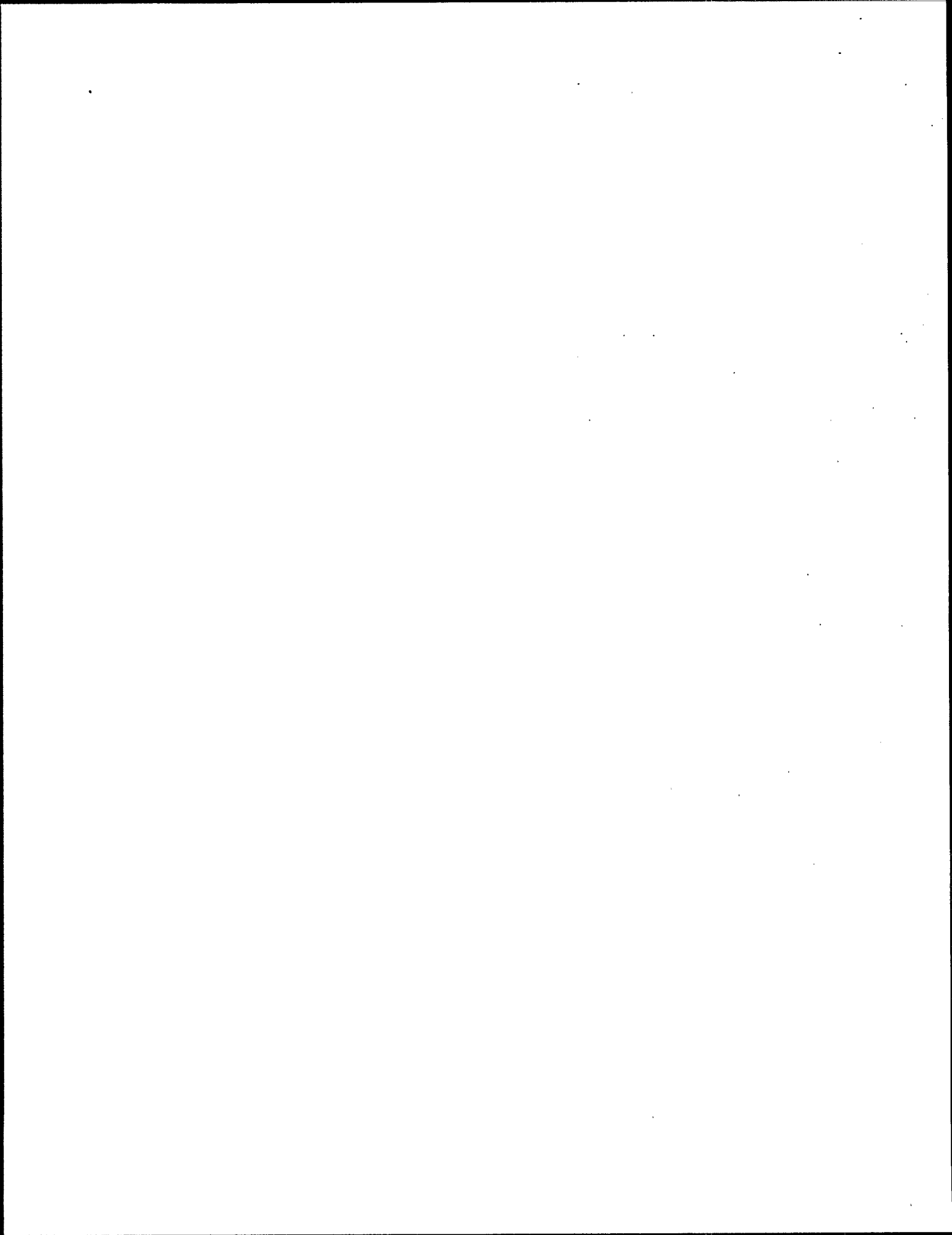
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#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The progress of the Texas Colonias Sub-group would not have been possible without the generous participation of the leadership, management and staff of the participating State and Federal agencies.



## **Progress Report Texas Colonias Sub-Group**

### **I. Purpose of the Texas Colonias Sub-group**

The purpose of the Texas Colonias Sub-group is to develop an integrated and coordinated approach to implementing financial and technical assistance for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure in the colonias along the Texas/Mexico border.

### **II. Progress Report Summary**

The Texas Colonias Sub-group has been a successful vehicle for integrating State and Federal agencies involved in financing drinking water and wastewater infrastructure for the colonias.

The Sub-group has also been successful in providing information to political subdivisions and colonia residents.

### **III. Background**

Colonias are generally rural neighborhoods and unincorporated subdivisions in or near cities in Texas and New Mexico along the U.S. - Mexico International Boundary. Colonias are characterized by substandard housing, inadequate plumbing and sewage disposal systems, and inadequate access to clean water. They are highly concentrated, impoverished and legally isolated from neighboring cities. The common thread is the potential and immediate health threat due to inadequate or lack of safe, potable water and sewage disposal.

There are approximately 1,193 colonias in Texas along the border with an estimated population of 279,863. Of this total, 165,616 or 59.2% reside in the four lower Rio Grande valley counties of Cameron, Willacy, Hidalgo and Starr. Hidalgo county has the highest identified population of 109,337 or 39% of the total colonia population. El Paso county, on the upper Rio Grande, has the second largest population with 47,827 or 17% of the total colonia population. Population densities range up to 23 persons per acre.

The Texas Water Development Board needs survey produced preliminary cost estimates for water and wastewater in the colonias. The total estimated cost to provide water and wastewater services to the colonias is approximately \$696

million (1992 dollars). Of this total, approximately \$147 million is needed for water service and \$467.3 million for wastewater service. The estimate also includes \$80.8 million for connection fees and indoor plumbing improvements needed by existing colonia residents.

#### **IV. Agencies Participating in the Colonias Sub-group**

The Texas Colonias Sub-group is chaired by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and is composed of representatives from: the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) and the Rural Development Administration (RDA), the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC), the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), the Texas Water Commission (TWC), the Texas Department of Health (TDH), the Governor's Border and Immigration Issues Office and, just recently, the Texas Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Division.

#### **V. Texas Colonias Sub-group Activities**

##### Information Exchange

The Texas Colonias Sub-group has provided a forum for Federal and State agencies involved in providing drinking water and wastewater funding assistance to the colonias to become aware of the extent of each agency's area of interest and program requirements. The Sub-group represents an opportunity to know the resources of each of the agencies and work toward solutions cooperatively on a continuing basis. The Sub-group meets, generally monthly, to exchange information. Summaries of the meetings held to-date appear in Appendix A.

Two management tools were created to assist in attaining the objectives of the Sub-group. A matrix which delineated each agency's authority and eligibility criteria (see Appendix B) and a consolidated project list (see Appendix C).

The matrix was initially used to depict each agency's requirements and limitations. This information has been incorporated into brochures (see Appendix D.) for use in explaining the programs to the public.

The project list indicates the funding agency, amount of assistance, the stage of assistance from pre-application through construction, and whether the project involves water or wastewater facilities. Each agency in the Texas Colonias Sub-group with funding authority provides input to

the Consolidated Project List. The list provides a tool to show what colonia water and wastewater projects are expected, which projects are in planning or under construction and the list can assist in coordination between interested agencies.

The Sub-group has facilitated networking between the staff of the funding agencies for project-by-project coordination. Regular meetings of the Sub-group, generally monthly, have engendered a cooperative spirit among the members. It is recognized that more can be accomplished working together than working separately. Continued contact between the funding agencies is encouraged to develop comprehensive and cost effective solutions. Communication, whether on a formal or an informal basis, has enhanced coordination between agencies and provided a mechanism for more comprehensive solutions to the water and wastewater problems in the colonias. Continued contact between the funding agencies will forge comprehensive and cost effective solutions, as an example, the Farmers Home Administration and the Texas Water Development Board coordination of projects in the lower Rio Grande valley.

The sharing of project related information between State and Federal agencies has been a major effort of the Sub-group. The project status report is updated, at least monthly, with current information as provided by FmHA/RDA, TDHCA and TWDB. This project status report serves as the primary coordinating tool between the agencies and provides information on drinking water and wastewater projects in the pre-application stage, application stage, planning stage and under construction. At this time (July 1993), approximately 95 projects representing over 150 colonias are being reported.

A coordinated approach to providing assistance will reduce the duplication of effort and target funds from agencies with unique authorities to the proper applicants. This coordinated approach may also reduce the confusion at the local level concerning the myriad of assistance programs and application requirements.

#### Outreach to Colonias and Local Government

In an effort to assure that the colonias residents and local officials were aware of available financial assistance, the Sub-group sponsored a series of workshops at five border locations. These workshops provided local leaders and colonias residents with information and options for funding assistance. Colonias residents, local government and non-governmental organizations were invited

to the five workshops to be informed of the various assistance programs available from State and Federal agencies. Brochures (see Appendix D) were prepared and distributed that described the programs available for water and wastewater assistance to the colonias, including a bilingual brochure for individuals, describing assistance available to the residents of the colonias.

The 1993 Texas colonias workshops were conducted in El Paso on April 8, in Eagle Pass on April 15, in Laredo on April 22 and in Harlingen and Rio Grande City on April 29. The Department of Housing and Urban Development funded the use of a consulting firm through an existing contract to assist the Sub-group. The consultant, The Communications Group (TCG), assisted by providing logistic and coordinating services for the workshops. News releases and public service announcements were sent to area newspapers, television and radio stations. Follow-up calls were made to confirm receipt of the material. Translation services were available at each location. Local reaction to the workshops was very positive. Local attendees were appreciative of the effort by the members of the Sub-group to familiarize them with the various and sometimes confusing assistance programs.

Two general subject areas were voiced as common concerns by workshop attendees that are related to the Sub-group's interests. The effect of the lack of platting in the colonias and what can be done to address the immediate lack of sanitation services during the implementation of the infrastructure support.

The lack of platting was a common problem expressed during the workshops. It was stressed at the workshops that platting is no longer a requirement for eligibility of any of the agencies' water and wastewater financial assistance. Without platting, however, subdivision improvements cannot be properly accomplished. This is a responsibility and task that has fallen on the counties in order to be able to bring in water and wastewater systems, roads, paving and drainage. Until recently, there were no funds to help pay for platting costs. However, in 1992, amendments to the Cranston-Gonzalez Affordable Housing Act added platting as an eligible activity.

It was also noted that the lack of approved development and platting becomes a critical issue when a city is under pressure to annex an area with colonias. If the city does annex a colonia subdivision it then incurs the financial responsibility for platting in order to provide water, sewer and other services. Even when the area is platted, there is a need to determine rights of way and easements,

all of which is a costly undertaking. Understandably, cities and counties are hesitant to assume such a burden when their resources are already strained.

The second concern was the issue of what intermediary measures could be taken during the implementation of the infrastructure support. Based on the fact that almost all of colonia residents are living with unsafe drinking water in barrels and cans and with unsanitary, overflowing cesspools, the residents specifically requested regulatory flexibility and funding assistance to drill water wells and to construct septic tanks.

At issue were governmental restrictions on the drilling of wells for community use, and the building of septic tanks. Some participants seemed to feel that since these systems were practical in former rural settings, they should be allowed now. It was explained that these regulations are meant to protect the health and welfare of individuals using or living near such systems and therefore must be enforced. These systems, when used for more than one household or in high density areas are no longer as safe as they were when they were built and used in sparse rural areas by individual households or farms. It was pointed out that a water well that serves more than one family could become, or be viewed as, a water authority with all of the applicable rules and regulations.

The Sub-group will explore the issue of intermediary or phased support for potable water and wastewater disposal during the implementation of the infrastructure support. There is a need that has been identified because the potential or immediate health threat from unsafe water containers and inadequate sewage disposal continues to exist during the implementation of the infrastructure support.

#### Technology Transfer

The Sub-group is in unique position to sponsor, or aid others, in conducting technical workshops and seminars on cost-effective, technology-based, approaches to the water supply and wastewater treatment issues in the colonias.

The Sub-group will provide a forum for State and Federal agencies to share information on comprehensive and affordable solutions. The information may concern low cost technology or local management structures.

## V. Continuing and Future Activities

The agencies represented in the Sub-group will continue to coordinate project-by-project activities. The Consolidated Project List will be used to facilitate the coordination.

The outreach and marketing effort for colonias assistance will be continued. Colonias residents and local leaders need information on funding assistance options.

The Sub-group will continue to provide a forum for information on unique or innovative technology applicable to the colonia environment.

Regional solutions to water and wastewater service will be encouraged. Cities with adjacent colonias should be encouraged to provide services where it would be more cost effective to increase treatment capacity of existing facilities than to build new plants.

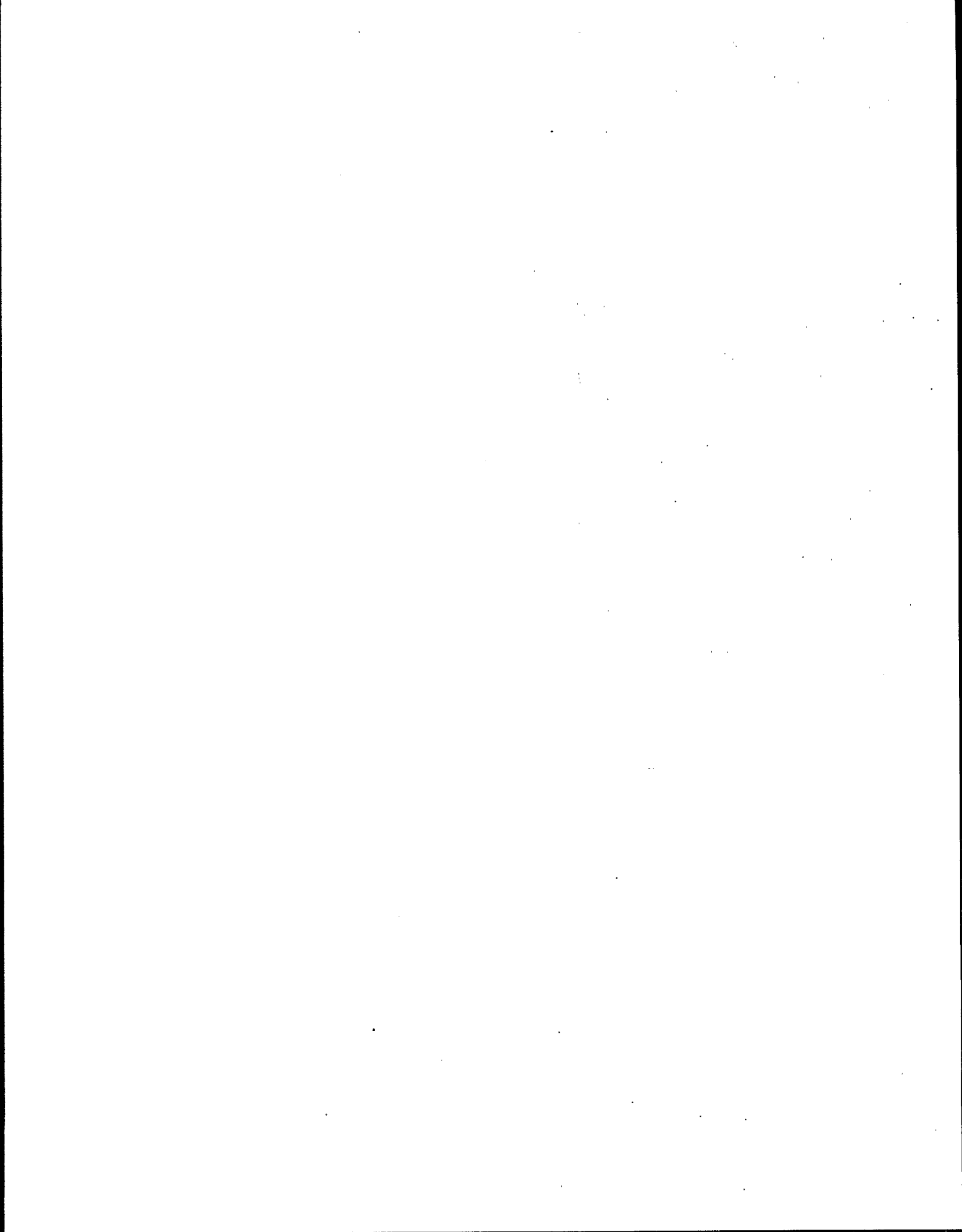
The Sub-group will pursue ways of implementing intermediate solutions until the permanent water and wastewater infrastructure can be built.

The Sub-group will pursue means that will increase compliance with the model subdivision rules and the platting and recording requirements. These may involve supporting or encouraging more aggressive local enforcement, review of existing rules or regulations and modify or add stipulations/conditions to financial assistance instruments.

APPENDIX A

TEXAS COLONIAS SUB-GROUP  
MEETING SUMMARIES

June 1992 - July 1993



TEXAS COLONIA SUBGROUP MEETING

MINUTES

JUNE 10, 1992

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

AUSTIN, TEXAS



The first Texas Colonia Sub-Group meeting was held on June 10, 1992, in the Texas Water Development Board Conference Room in Austin, Texas.

The attendees were:

Oscar Cabra Jr.	- EPA
Harold (Dick) Smith	- EPA
Marvin Waters	- EPA
Yusuf Farran	- IBWC
J. Gary Lightsey	- FmHA
Wayne Thorburn	- HUD
R.D. Smith	- HUD
Roy Moeller	- TWDB
David Juarez	- TWDB
Fernando R. Escarcega	- TWDB
Tom Brown	- TWDB
Gary Bechtor	- TWDB
Todd Chenoweth	- TWDB

#### INTRODUCTION

Mr. Cabra opened the meeting with an overview of the Border Plan Work groups and Sub-groups. He stated that there were six major work groups to address the environmental issues of the Border Plan.

These six major work groups are:

- 1) Air - chaired by Region 9
- 2) Hazardous Waste - chaired by Region 6
- 3) Water - chaired by Region 9
- 4) Enforcement - chaired by EPA Headquarters
- 5) Emergency Response - chaired by EPA Headquarters
- 6) Pollution Prevention - chaired by Region 6

There are six sub-groups of the Water Work Group in Region 6.

They are:

- 1) Texas Surface Water Quality
- 2) Ground Water Protection
- 3) Public Water Supply
- 4) Texas Colonias
- 5) Laredo/Nuevo Laredo Wastewater Treatment Project
- 6) New Mexico Colonias

The core members of the Texas Colonias sub-group are:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Farmers Home Administration  
International Boundary & Water Commission  
Texas Water Development Board  
Texas Water Commission  
Texas Department of Health  
The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

In addition, the EPA Border Environmental Plan Public Advisory Committee was mentioned. The functions of the EPA Border Environmental Plan Public Advisory Committee are: 1) to serve as conduits for the public dissemination of information concerning specific projects and programs pursued under the Plan; 2) together with the Plan and with the Coordinators, serve as a clearing house for the receipt of public comments from area residents and others related to the Plan and its implementation; and, 3) promote community relation activities and right-to-know policies.

Attached is a copy of the News Release identifying the members of the committee, a copy of the New Mexico Environment Department's draft Report titled " Water and Wastewater Disposal Needs of Colonias in New Mexico", and a copy of the directory of the Region 6 sub-groups.

#### PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of this meeting was highlighted by Mr. Cabra. It was twofold:

- To develop an integrated and coordinated approach when providing financial assistance to the Colonias, because it is anticipated that during implementation of the Border Plan, obstacles to funding the Colonias' needs will arise that will require the sub-group to deliberate and resolve how best to expedite financial assistance to the Colonias consistent with the Border Plan.
- To agree upon the best approach for establishing coordinated efforts involving all sub-group member agencies. A group consensus reflected that a MOA or MOU should be developed and should recognize local officials roles and responsibilities.

Other subject areas were discussed:

#### CRITERIA FOR COLONIA ELIGIBILITY

- EPA believes there is a need to establish a matrix of colonia eligibility criteria as identified by all participating agencies. EPA drafted such a matrix from information contained in the TWDB Colonia Plumbing Loan Program, TWDB Economically Distressed Areas Program, and as best determined, the HUD County District Block Grant Program. The development of the matrix will help the sub-group with an integrated approach in providing assistance to the Colonias. Sub-group members will submit their respective eligibility criteria for financial assistance to the Colonias to EPA within two weeks from the date of this meeting.

#### PRIORITIES AND PRIORITY SYSTEMS

- EPA's concern is how to expedite assistance to the Colonias. EPA's 1993 budget includes \$50 million for wastewater needs for the Colonias, FmHA will provide \$25 million in 1993 for water projects, and HUD has set-aside \$5.7 million for Colonia assistance. With all these different funding sources, the sub-group will need to identify a program "Pooling Scheme" for both water and wastewater assistance so that we (participating agencies) can maximize the efficiency of the tax payer's dollar. HUD representatives requested that the local officials need to be involved in the coordinating efforts of the agencies and that it should be up to the local official to identify the assistance priorities in the Colonias. Sub-group members will submit their ideas and recommendations on the "Pooling Scheme" concept of each agency's authority to assist the Colonias to EPA within two weeks from the date of this meeting.

COLONIA DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

- - Valle Escondido Colonia in Cameron County was selected by the sub-group as the "Demonstration Project" that will consider the construction of a Microbial Rock Filter Plant as the Colonia's wastewater treatment plant. The initial design concept was to provide wastewater treatment only to 40 homes; however, the sub-group recommended that additional capacity be provided for future growth. This project will be the demonstration model of a "solution to a wastewater problem in a Colonia." IBWC will design, construct, and operate the wastewater plant for the first 3 years of operation.
- Since EPA will not be able to provide any funds until the early part of 1993 for the demonstration project, the TWDB will investigate if EDAP funds can be made available to a Federal Agency.

TEXAS COLONIA SUB-GROUP MEETING

SUMMARY

SEPTEMBER 2, 1992

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

AUSTIN, TEXAS



The second Texas Colonia Sub-Group meeting was held on September 2, 1992, in the Texas Water Development Board Conference Room in Austin, Texas.

The attendees were:

Oscar Cabra Jr.	- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Terry J. Turner	- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Wendy Gordon	- Texas Water Commission
Anthony Bennett	- Texas Water Commission
Ruth Cedillo	- Texas Dept. of Housing & Comm. Affairs
Fernando R. Escarcega	- Texas Water Development Board
Todd Chenoweth	- Texas Water Development Board
Neal Sox Johnson	- Farmer's Home Administration
J. Gary Lightsey	- Farmer's Home Administration
Kathy Little	- Senator Bentsen's Office
Gay Erwin	- Senator Bentsen's Office
Sandra Martinez	- Governor's Office
Sally Gutierrez	- Texas Department of Health

#### INTRODUCTION

Four binational work groups have been working since 1983 to implement the terms of the 1983 joint Mexican-U.S. comprehensive Border Agreement and its technical annexes. Those four work groups address air, water, hazardous waste and emergency response issues (pollution prevention and enforcement were added in 1991). The Presidents of Mexico and the United States directed SEDUE (now SEDESOL) and EPA to develop a plan. As a result of the Integrated Border Environmental Plan, each work group formed sub-groups to focus on high priority concerns in the border area.

The primary purpose of the Texas Colonias Sub-Group is to expedite solutions to the lack of potable water and the lack of wastewater treatment in the colonias.

Mr. Cabra opened the meeting with an overview of the status of the EPA's appropriations for FY 93. The Senate and the House have each passed different versions of an appropriations bill for EPA and the bills will have to go to a conference committee. The Department of Agriculture's appropriation (which includes \$25 million for the colonias) has been passed. The exact language was not available at the time of the meeting and there are questions as to how the \$25 million for the colonias will be implemented.

The opening of the Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Administration office in Levelland, Texas, was announced by Mr. Neal Sox Johnson.

Mr. Todd Chenoweth said that the Colonias Needs Assessment Report, produced by the Texas Water Development Board, is expected to be available in mid-September.

### Sub-Group Work Plan

#### Eligibility Matrix

The latest version of the eligibility matrix was distributed. The matrix is meant to provide a brief description of each agency's eligibility criteria as it may apply to financial assistance for the colonias.

#### Pooling Scheme

Mr. Cabra reiterated that the purpose of the sub-group is to facilitate coordination and networking between the various agencies which are capable of assisting the colonias to solve their sanitation problems. The sub-group will provide the means for each agency to share information on drinking water and wastewater projects in the pipe-line. The sub-group will also share observations on barriers that hamper or prevent the assistance to the colonias and suggest solutions to those problems. The networking between the funding agencies will maximize the benefit from each public dollar spent.

The members of the sub-group who represent funding agencies agreed to send information on their program's application process. Also lists of drinking water and wastewater projects will be sent to the EPA by September 11 for compilation into a master list. The projects will generally be in three categories: (1) Pre-Application for Assistance, (2) Application in Process and (3) Not Completed Construction. The information will be provided to the sub-group prior to the next meeting.

The sub-group members also agreed to share the obstacles they have experienced in implementing their programs in the colonias.

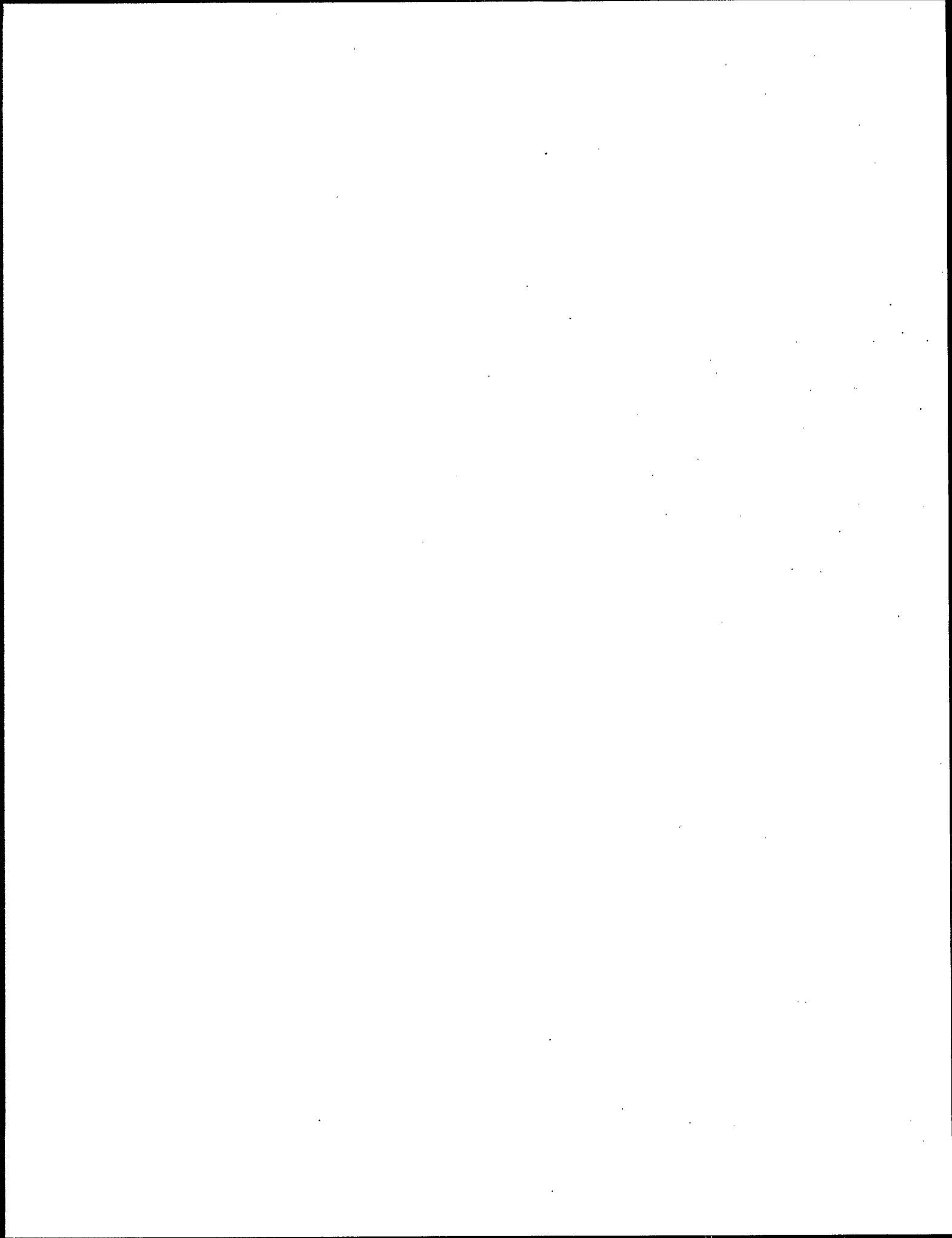
### Other Subjects Discussed

The Sub-group discussed the issue of regulating development by enforcement of sanitary codes and standards. Onsite wastewater treatment facilities (i.e. septic tanks, etc.) which handle more than 5000 gallons per day require a permit from the Texas Water Commission. Facilities which handle less than 5000 gallons per day only require a local (county) permit. These facts were brought out during a brief discussion of how the various agencies may consider the infrastructure sizing in colonias which have not been fully developed. This may be an issue for the sub-group to consider in a future meeting.

There was also a discussion with regards to statutory and regulatory requirements that prevent further exacerbation of the existing sanitation problems. It was reported that the Texas Attorney General has developed a training course for County Officials on existing State laws to assist them regulate development in unincorporated areas.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Texas Colonias Sub-Group will be Wednesday, September 30, at 10:00 am, in room 513f, Texas Water Development Board, Stephen F. Austin Building. The sub-group will discuss the compiled information and evaluate networking concepts that will enhance the utilization of the shared information.



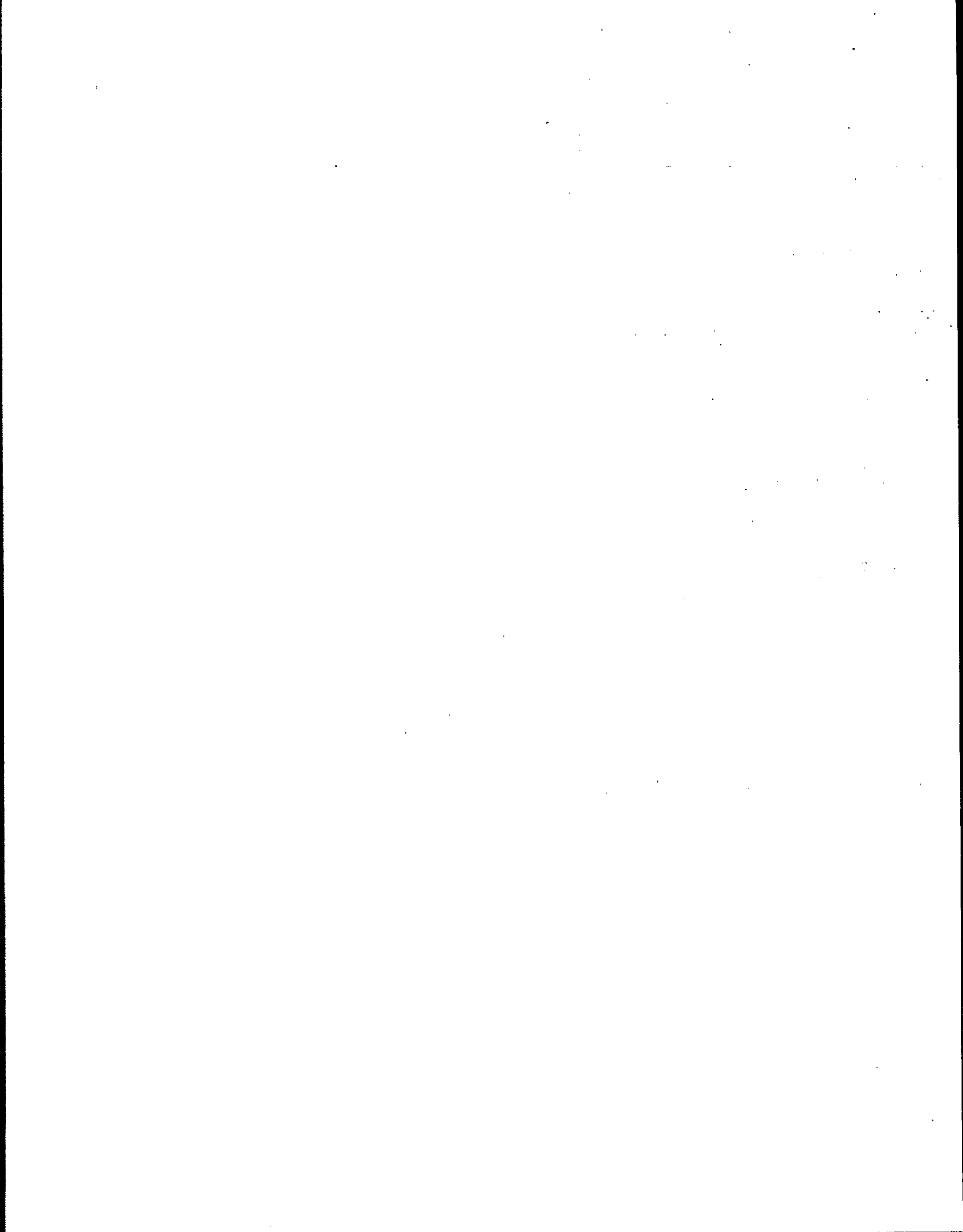
TEXAS COLONIA SUB-GROUP MEETING

SUMMARY

SEPTEMBER 30, 1992

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

AUSTIN, TEXAS



The third Texas Colonia Sub-Group meeting was held on September 30, 1992, in the Texas Water Development Board Conference Room in Austin, Texas.

The attendees were:

Oscar Cabra Jr.	- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Terry J. Turner	- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Neal Sox Johnson	- Farmer's Home Administration
J. Gary Lightsey	- Farmer's Home Administration
Eugene G. Pavla	- Farmer's Home Administration
M.J. (Mayo) Pena	- Farmer's Home Administration
Fernando R. Escarcega	- Texas Water Development Board
Todd Chenoweth	- Texas Water Development Board
Elizabeth Valdez	- Valley Interfaith
Andrea Abel	- Governor's Office

#### WORK GROUP PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the Texas Colonias Sub-Group is to expedite solutions to the lack of potable water and the lack of wastewater treatment in the colonias.

#### INTRODUCTION

Mr. Cabra opened the meeting with an overview of the status of the EPA's appropriations for FY 93. The Conference Committee has reported out an appropriations bill for EPA. Passage is expected soon.

#### Colonias Master List

The submissions by the sub-group members to the colonias master list are appreciated. As new information becomes available, a new list will be distributed.

#### Farmers Home Administration

Mr. Neal Sox Johnson and his staff briefed the sub-group on how the funds recently appropriated for FmHA use in the colonias will be used. Mr. Johnson provided information on funding levels, eligibility requirements and processing times for the programs under his direction.

Some of the points Mr. Johnson made are:

- \$25 Million appropriated
  - targeted to the colonias
  - \$2 Million for individuals thru 504 Housing Program
  - \$23 million to recognized entities
    - 10,000 population or less
    - County can apply for grant
    - 70% per capita income
    - Unemployment rate
    - Maximum grant to individual is \$3500
      - Service line for wastewater (\$2000)
      - Service line for water (\$1500)
    - Significant health risk to major portions of population
    - Colonia designated by State or County as in existence on October 1, 1989.
    - Not limited to border counties
    - November target date
    - No new construction in floodplain however improvements to existing homes can be funded.
    - Evidence of ownership, deed purchase, purchase contract.
    - One - year appropriation.

#### Next Meeting

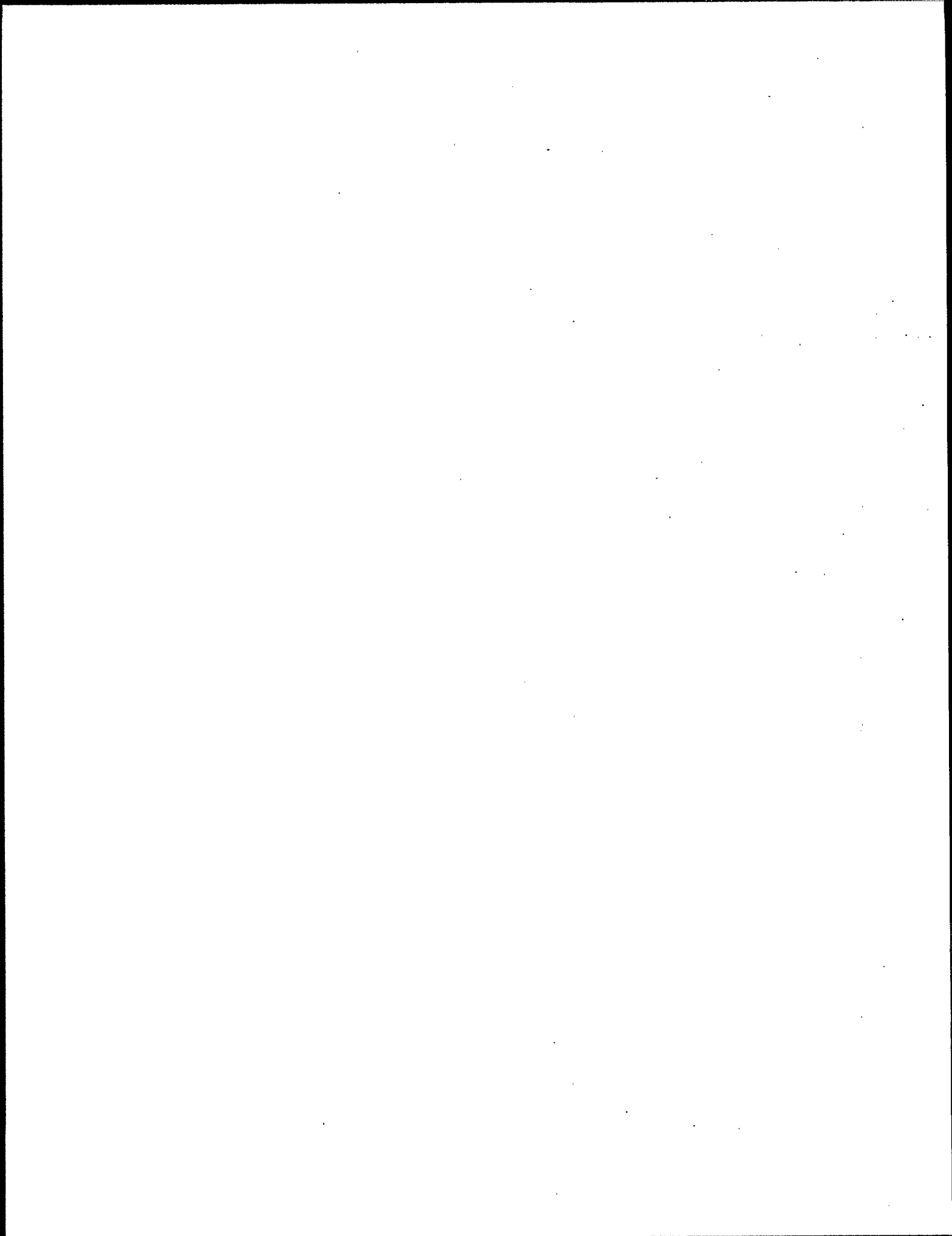
The next meeting of the Texas Colonias Sub-Group will be November 12, 1992, at 10:00 am, in room 513f, Texas Water Development Board, Stephen F. Austin Building.

SUMMARY

TEXAS COLONIA SUB-GROUP MEETING

NOVEMBER 13, 1992

SAM HOUSTON BUILDING  
AUSTIN, TEXAS



The fourth Texas Colonia Sub-Group meeting was held on November 12, 1992, in the 7th Floor Conference Room, Sam Houston Building, Austin, Texas.

#### Attendees

Oscar Cabra Jr.	- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Terry J. Turner	- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Fernando R. Escarcega	- Texas Water Development Board
Todd Chenoweth	- Texas Water Development Board
Steve Walden	- Texas Water Commission
Charles R. Maddox	- Texas Department of Health
Neal Sox Johnson	- Farmer's Home Administration
Andrea Abel	- Governor's Office
Wayne Thorburn	- Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
Paco Valentin	- Farmer's Home Administration
Ruth Cedillo	- Texas Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs
Jorge Arroyo	- Texas Water Commission

#### WORK GROUP PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the Texas Colonias Sub-Group is to expedite solutions to the lack of potable water and wastewater treatment in the colonias.

#### EPA Funding

Mr. Cabra opened the meeting with an outline of the plans for the administration of the recently passed funding for the colonias.

- \$50 Million for colonias
  - \$2 Million for planning and design only
  - wastewater only
  - Administered through grant to TWDB
    - grants to public entities and non-profit orgn.
  - One to one State match required
    - EDAP can serve as the match
  - Cross-cutter Federal requirements apply
  - Platting will not be EPA eligible
    - HUD funds are more appropriate
  - Colonias must have existed on November 1, 1989
  - General Criteria guiding the options
    - Get the money to the colonias as soon as possible
    - EPA desires award to TWDB as soon as possible - target is December, 1992.
      - discussions are underway on options for grant conditions.
    - New EPA regulations will not be needed - grant conditions will serve
    - TWDB is checking with State comptroller to see if State legislation is required.

### Colonias Project List

The sub-group members will update the project status list, include dates on which projects reached a certain status and return the marked-up lists to Mr. Cabra by December 11, 1992. New lists will be distributed one week before the next meeting.

### Corps of Engineers

Mr. Chenoweth asked if anyone had any information concerning a \$300,000 appropriation to the Corps of Engineers for work in the colonias as contained in the Omnibus Corps Water Bill. EPA will attempt to get information on the subject and report to the sub-group at the next meeting.

### Farmers Home Administration

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Valentin reported that proposed regulations concerning the \$25 Million for the colonias are expected in December. FmHA will provide the proposed regulations to the subgroup as soon as they are available.

### Meeting Schedule

The advisability of a regular meeting schedule was discussed. It was generally agreed that a regular meeting schedule is preferable. The sub-group members reached consensus that, starting in January, the meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 10:00 am to 12:00 at locations to be announced.

### Outreach - Communications Strategy

The sub-group members discussed the need for getting the word out to colonias residents and public bodies concerning the availability and sources of financial assistance.

Mr. Johnson agreed that publicity is necessary but cautioned that expectations should not be raised until the programs are ready to operate. Mr. Johnson also suggested that publicizing the various colonias assistance programs would be a good activity for the Rural Development Council.

Ms. Cedillo stated that the CDBG program usually holds public hearings in February and March. It would be very helpful to know the activities of the other agencies during that time.

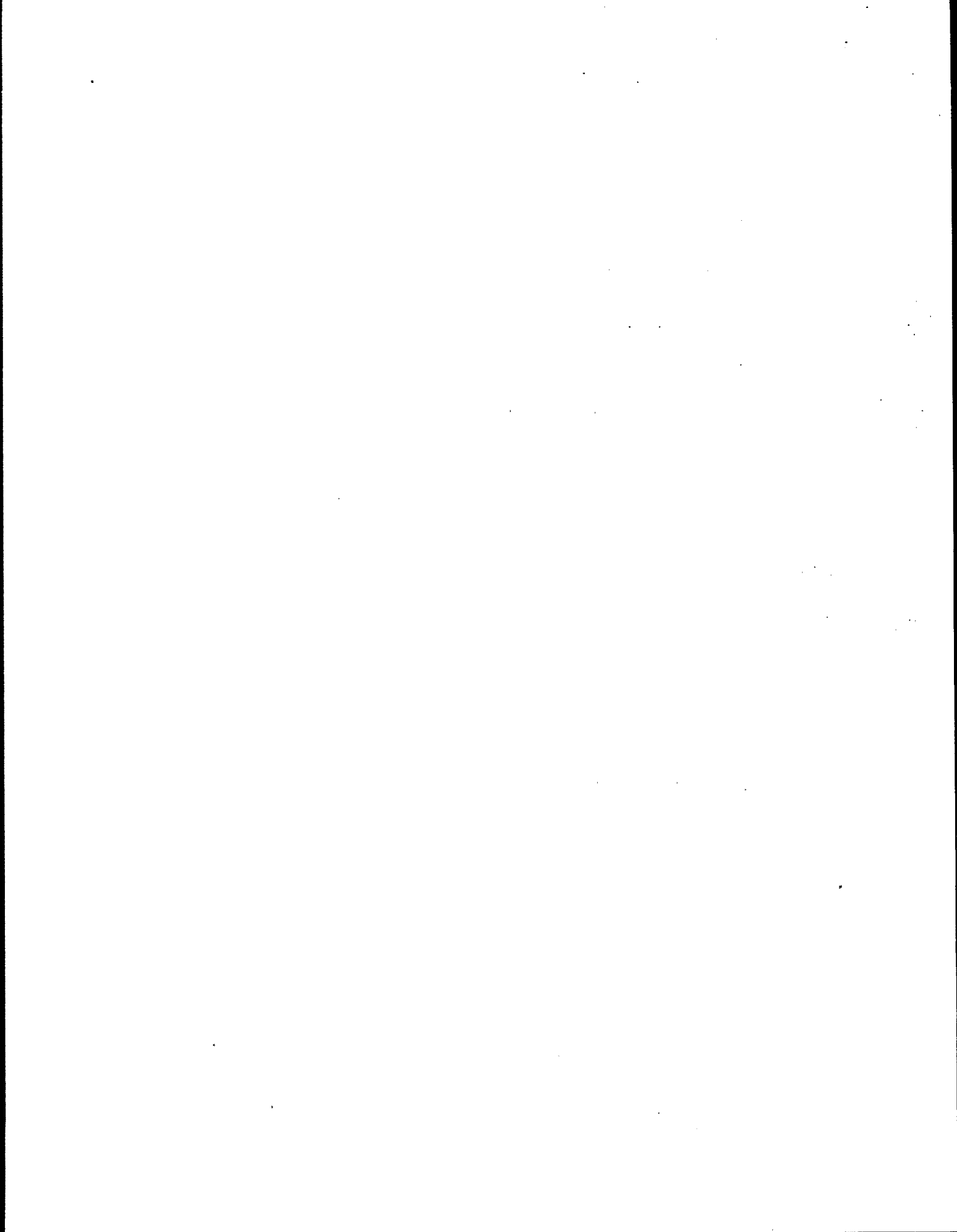
The sub-group generally agreed that early February would be a good time to hold the outreach seminars.

Mr. Thorburn will bring the idea of outreach seminar(s) to the Rural Development Council. The RDC's reaction should be known by the end of November.

The communications strategy options will be discussed further at the January meeting of the sub-group.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on January 13, 1993, at 10:00 am. The location is to be determined.

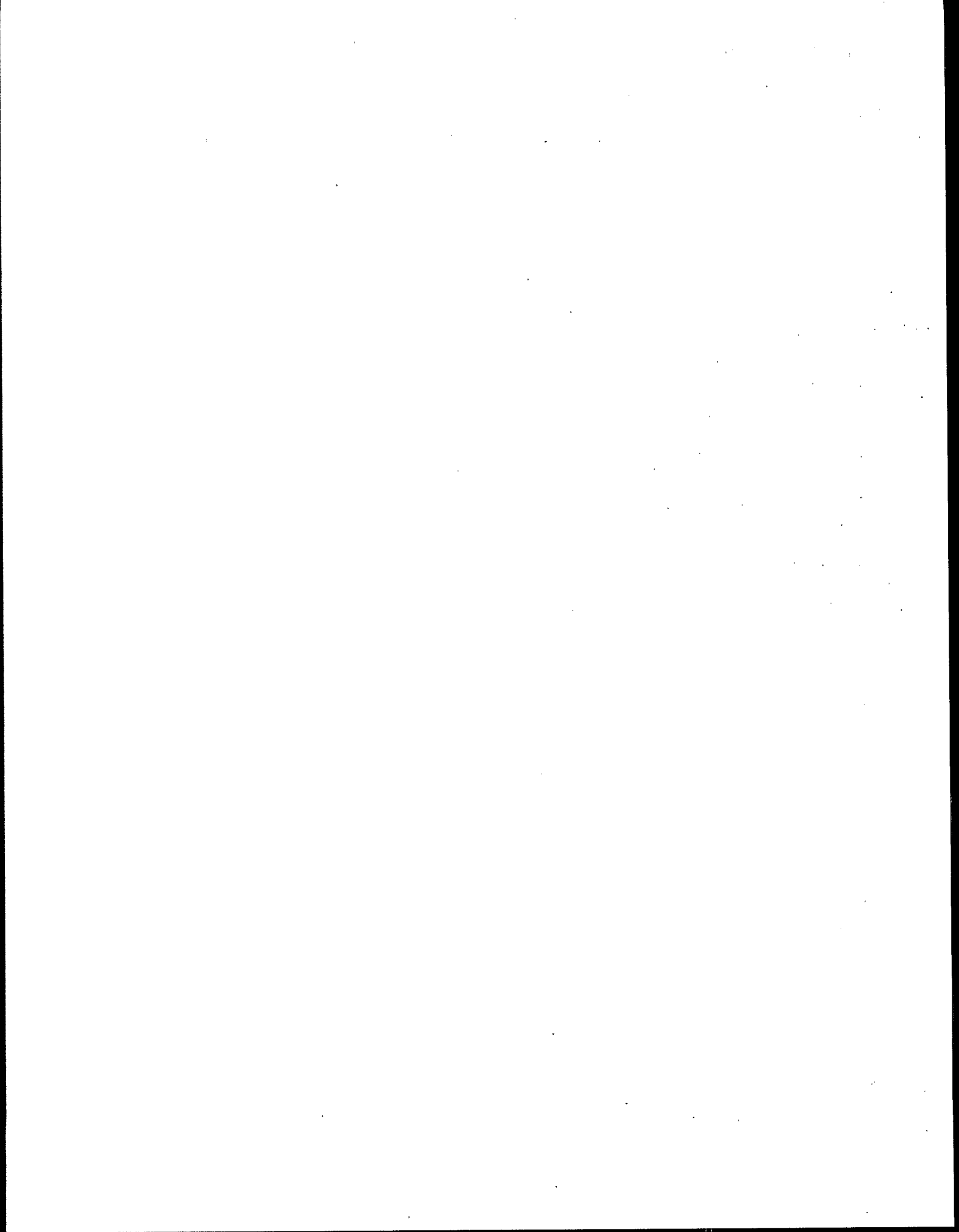


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TEXAS COLONIA SUB-GROUP MEETING

JANUARY 13, 1993

SAM HOUSTON BUILDING  
AUSTIN, TEXAS



The fifth Texas Colonia Sub-Group meeting was held on January 13, 1993 in the 7th Floor Conference Room, Sam Houston Building, Austin, Texas.

#### Attendees

Oscar Cabra Jr.	- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Terry J. Turner	- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Michael W. Meeham	- Farmer's Home Administration - Comm. Pgms.
Scooter Brockett	- FmHA - Rural Housing
Wayne Thorburn	- Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
David Juarez	- Texas Water Development Board
Tom Brown	- Texas Water Development Board
Andrea Abel	- Governor's Office
Sally C. Gutierrez	- Texas Department of Health
Ruth Cedillo	- Texas Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs
Ray Moeller	- Texas Water Development Board
Richard L. Lopez	- Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
Yusuf E. Farran	- International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) - U.S. Section

#### SUB-GROUP PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the Texas Colonias Sub-Group is to share, network and expedite solutions to the lack of potable water and wastewater treatment in the colonias as part of the implementation of the Integrated Border Environmental Plan.

#### EPA Funding

EPA awarded a \$50 million grant to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for assistance to the colonias on December 22, 1992. The TWDB will provide funds to the colonias through the Colonias Wastewater Treatment Assistance Program (CWTAP).

#### RDA Funding

The final draft of the regulations for administering the \$25 million by the Rural Development Administration are in the Office of Management and Budget.

#### HUD Funding

Grant awards from the FY 92 funds will be announced in March. Applications for FY 93 funds (\$7.4 million) will be due in late August 1993. Grant awards from the FY 93 funds are targeted for December 1993. The FY 93 funds do not have the requirements for platting and property assessments.

### Project List

The format and content of the consolidated project list was discussed. The status columns will be revised to include Pre-Application, Application, Planning and Construction phases. The Funded column will be deleted. A Comments column for the type of project will be added. The Amount column will contain the total assistance, not just the agency share. Where a named project contains more than one colonia, they will be listed under the project. Each agency should use the report by the TWDB Planning Division entitled Water and Wastewater Needs of Colonias in Texas as the primary reference.

Updates to the project list/status report, from TWDB, TDHCA and FmHA, are due to Mr. Cabra by February 1.

TWDB (Tom Brown) will coordinate with FmHA and TDHCA to develop a map locating the projects on the list.

### Assistance Outreach Workshops

Planning for the assistance outreach workshops was discussed. It will be preferable that the RDA regulations be available before the workshops are held.

The workshops will concentrate on the new funding availability for water supply and wastewater treatment. It was the general consensus of the sub-group that the workshops should be specific and focused on the water supply and wastewater subjects and that extending the subject matter would reduce the effectiveness. The following locations were proposed: Brownsville, Rio Grande City, McAllen, Laredo, Del Rio and El Paso.

Mr. Cabra will check on day of the week preferences in the local areas. It is expected that some of the meetings will be held in the evenings and that Mondays will not be appropriate due to local government meetings. Mr. Cabra will provide a draft logistical plan prior to the next sub-group meeting.

### Corps of Engineers

In response to Mr. Chenoweth's question at the last meeting, the \$300,000 appropriation to the Corps of Engineers contained in the Omnibus Corps Water Bill is for construction cost estimates on IBWC projects. The Corps was also authorized \$5 million to provide assistance to colonias, however no funds were appropriated for the purpose.

### Next Meeting

Meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 10:00 am to 12:00. The next meeting will be on February 10, 1993, at 10:00 am. in Room 513F, Stephen F. Austin Building, 1700 N. Congress Avenue (Texas Water Development Board).

### Action Items

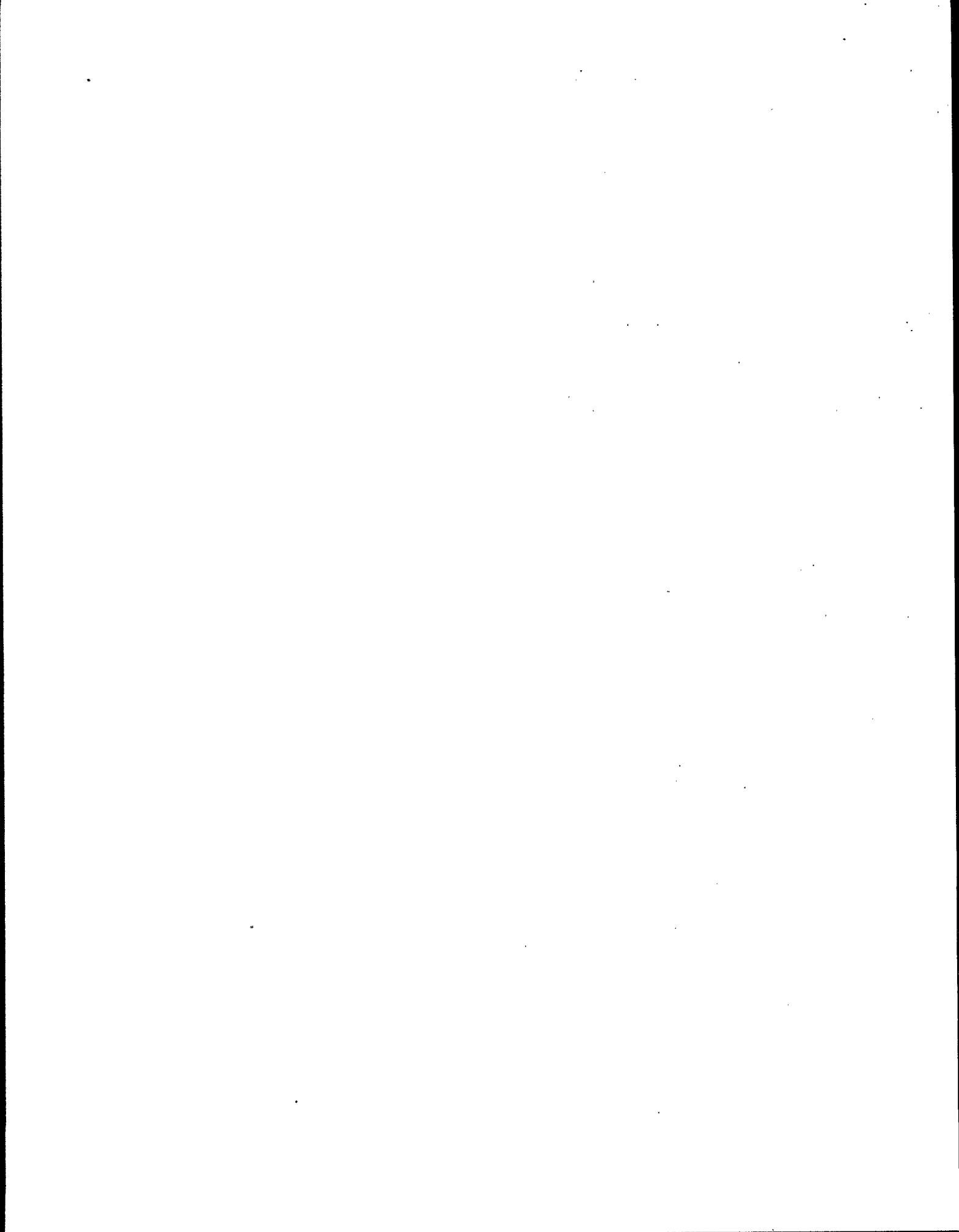
Sub-group members are requested to submit specific agenda items, consistent with the purpose and objectives of the sub-group by February 1.

Updates to the project list/status report, from TWDB, TDHCA and FmHA/RDA, are due to Mr. Cabra by February 1.

FmHA/RDA will provide copies of the new regulations as soon as they are available.

Mr. Cabra will check with local officials on preferred days for the workshops.

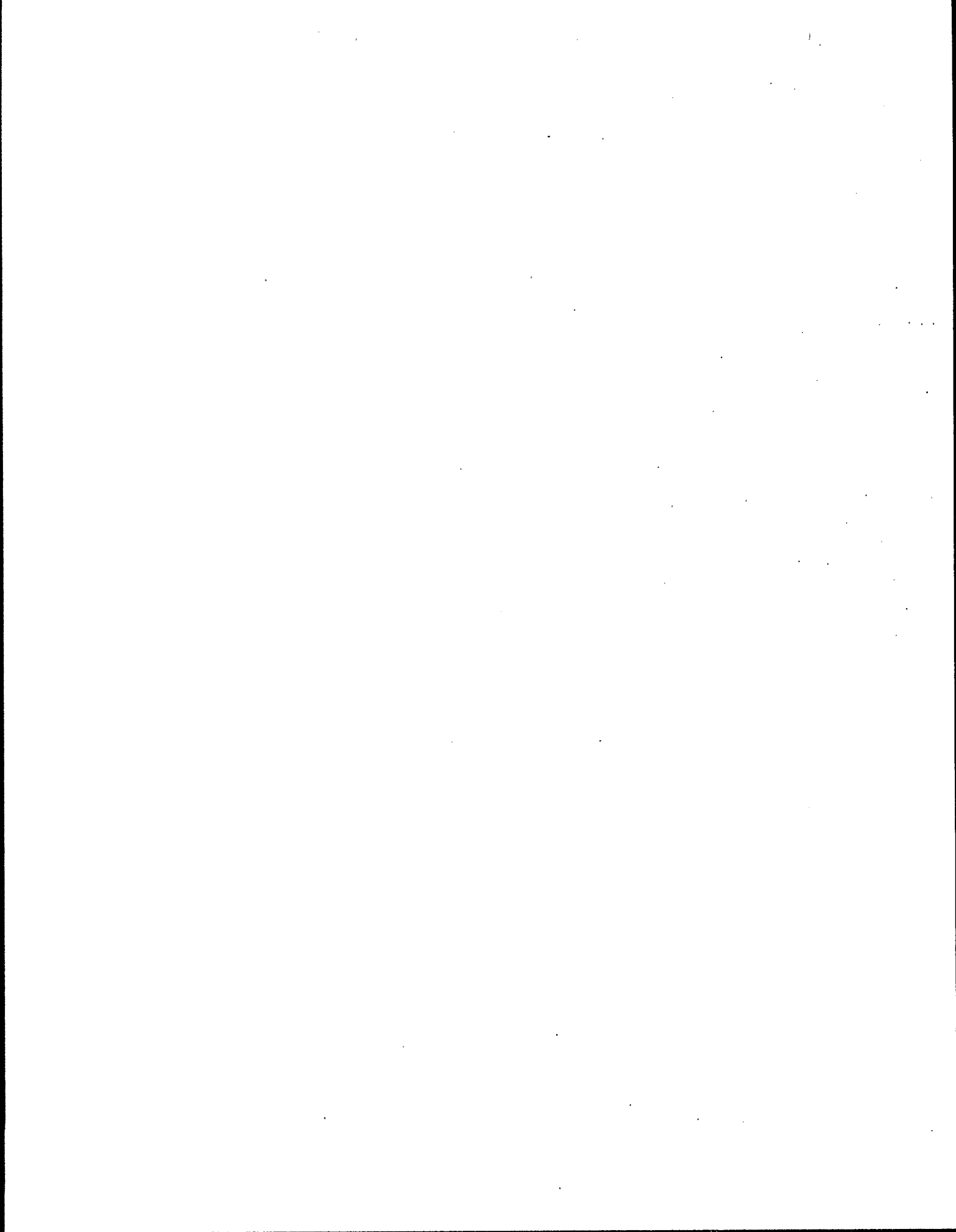
Mr. Cabra will provide a draft logistical plan for the workshops prior to the next sub-group meeting.



SUMMARY

TEXAS COLONIA SUB-GROUP MEETING

FEBRUARY 10, 1993



The sixth Texas Colonia Sub-Group meeting was held on February 10, 1993 in the 4th Floor Conference Room, Stephen F. Austin Building, Austin, Texas.

#### Attendees

Oscar Cabra Jr.	- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Terry J. Turner	- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Paco Valentin	- Farmer's Home Administration/Rural Development Administration
Andrea Abel	- Governor's Office
David Juarez	- Texas Water Development Board
Steve Walden	- Texas Water Commission
Dalinda Moreno Newby	- Texas Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs
Doug Holcomb	- Texas Water Commission
Ruth Cedillo	- Texas Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs
Fernando R. Escárcega	- Texas Water Development Board
Carol Limayo	- Texas Water Commission
Terry Buchanan	- Texas Water Commission. Environmental Assessments Division
Sally C. Gutierrez	- Texas Department of Health
Neal Sox Johnson	- Farmer's Home Administration
Harold L. Carter	- Farmer's Home Administration - PSS
Kenton Kirkpatrick	- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Alan Jones	- Texas Water Commission
M. J. (Mayo) Peña	- Farmer's Home Administration
Richard L. Lopez	- Dept. of Housing and Urban Development

#### SUB-GROUP PURPOSE

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#### Assistance Outreach Workshops

Planning for the assistance outreach workshops was discussed. The objectives of the workshops will be: (1) Provide an overview of new funding for colonias water and wastewater projects, and (2) Enable prospective recipients of financial assistance for colonias water and wastewater projects to receive specific information on how to obtain the funds.

A contractor will be available (through H.U.D.) to assist in the logistics for the workshops including: printing of the brochures, arranging for the local facilities, translation services, etc.

After some discussion, considering the preferences of the local leaders for evening meetings, and considering known conflicts with other events, the group decided on the following schedule:

April 8	-	El Paso (evening)
April 15	-	Eagle Pass (evening)
April 22	-	Laredo (evening)
April 29	-	Rio Grande City (afternoon)
April 29	-	Harlingen (evening)

The content of the workshop brochures was discussed. There will be a handout containing a summary of each assistance program available to local governments and non-profit entities and another handout containing information on the various assistance programs available to individual residents. The information summaries will contain basic information about the subject program and the contact names, addresses and phone numbers for further application information. The Sub-group members will provide their material for the handouts to Mr. Cabra by FAX (214-644-6490) not later than February 19. Mr. Cabra will provide the material to the contractor who will prepare drafts of the brochures which Mr. Cabra will provide to the Sub-group for their approval.

Mr. Cabra will provide a draft list of invitees to the Sub-group for recommended additions or deletions. It was suggested to add the Agriculture Extension Service to the mailing list.

Mr. Cabra will provide a draft news release and Spanish language radio/TV public service announcement to the Sub-group.

Each of the agencies participating in the workshop should limit the presentation describing their program to not more than 20 minutes. A short time period will be allowed after each presentation for questions and then a longer period will be provided for questions after all of the presentations have been completed. One-to-one discussions after the main program will be encouraged.

### Project List

The format and content of the consolidated project list was discussed. It is extremely important that the colonias are accurately reflected in the list. If a named project contains several colonias, they should be named under the project (i.e. Military Highway). Updates to the project list/status report are welcome at any time and may consist of a mark-up of the list. Please FAX any revisions to Mr. Cabra at (214) 655-6490.

### Interagency Project Coordination

Consistent with the objectives of the Sub-group, it was agreed that the staff of the Texas Water Development Board, Farmer's Home Administration, Rural Development Administration, and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs would set up a meeting to discuss coordinating project-by-project funding activities in the colonias. This coordination will provide more comprehensive coverage and fit the various programs to the water and wastewater needs in the colonias while reducing the possibility of duplication of effort.

### Next Meeting

Meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. The next meeting will be on March 10, 1993, at a location to be determined.

### Action Items

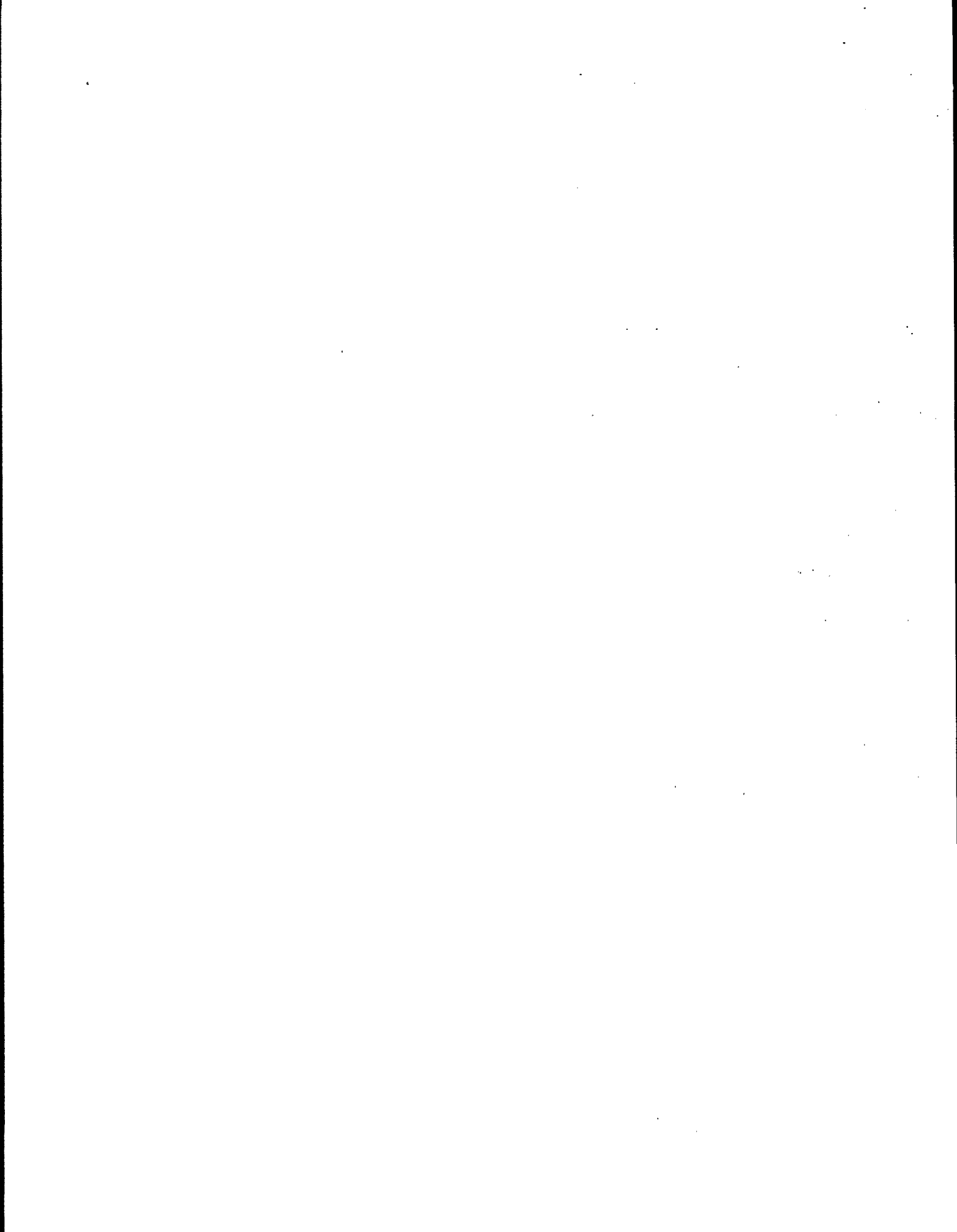
Sub-group members are requested to submit specific agenda items, consistent with the purpose and objectives of the sub-group by March 1.

Sub-group members (FmHA, RDA, TDHCA and TWDB) will provide program descriptive material for the outreach workshops to Mr. Cabra by February 19 and updates to the consolidated project status list as they occur.

Mr. Cabra will provide a draft list of the workshop invitees to the Sub-group.

Mr. Cabra will provide draft copies of the workshop brochures to the Sub-group.

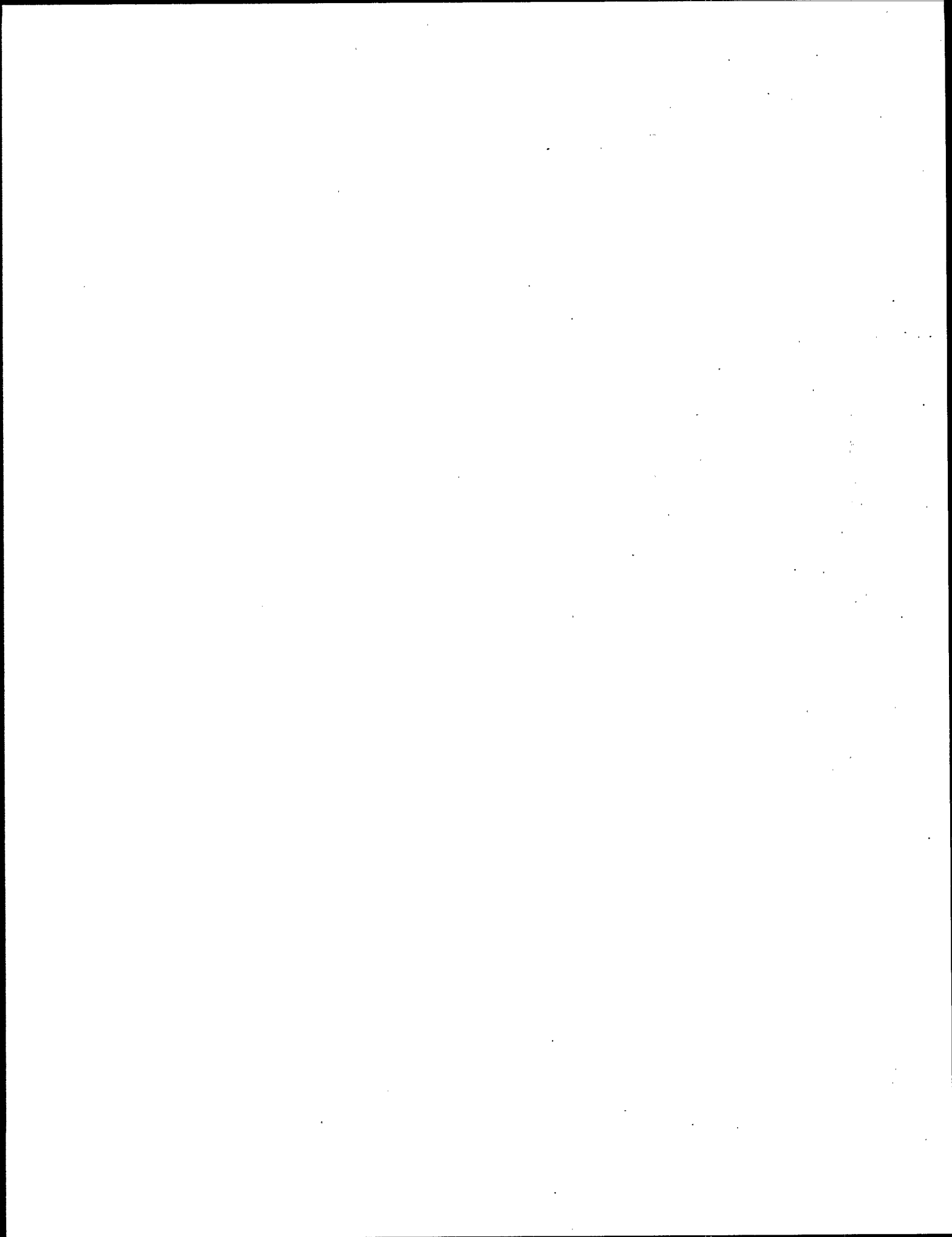
Mr. Cabra will provide a draft of the news release and the public service announcement on the workshop to the Sub-group.



SUMMARY

TEXAS COLONIA SUB-GROUP MEETING

MARCH 10, 1993



The seventh Texas Colonia Sub-Group meeting was held on March 10, 1993 in room 513F, Stephen F. Austin Building, Austin, Texas.

#### Attendees

Oscar Cabra Jr.	-	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Terry J. Turner	-	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Shawna Roesch	-	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Sally C. Gutierrez	-	Texas Department of Health
Jorge Arroyo	-	Water Util. Div., Texas Water Commission
Carol Limayo	-	Water Util. Div., Texas Water Commission
David Juarez	-	Texas Water Development Board
Fernando R. Escárcega	-	Texas Water Development Board
Dalinda Moreno Newby	-	Texas Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs
J. Gary Lightsey	-	Farmer's Home Administration/Rural Development Administration
Lorraine Clements	-	Rural Development Administration
Scooter Brockett	-	Farmer's Home Administration
Melvin G. Wrenn	-	Texas Water Commission

#### Sub-Group Purpose

The primary purpose of the Texas Colonias Sub-Group is to share, network and expedite solutions to the lack of potable water and wastewater treatment in the colonias as part of the implementation of the Integrated Border Environmental Plan.

#### Project List

The most recent revision of the colonias status list was distributed. The Sub-group members were requested to FAX any revisions, as they may become necessary, to Mr. Cabra at (214) 655-6490.

#### Financial Assistance Outreach Workshops

Final arrangements for the financial assistance outreach workshops were discussed. The workshop location/time list was distributed and is enclosed with this summary. The objectives of the workshops will be: (1) Provide an overview of new funding for colonias water and wastewater projects, and (2) Enable prospective recipients of financial assistance for colonias water and wastewater projects to receive specific information on how to obtain the funds.

Participating agencies are to advise Mr. Cabra, by March 17, who will be speaking for their agency at each of the workshops. Draft brochures and agenda will be distributed during the week of March 15 with return comments due by March 19.

Public service announcements and press releases will be done by the contractor (through H.U.D.). The participating agencies expressed no particular concerns in dealing with the media.

#### Interagency Project Coordination

Consistent with the objectives of the Sub-group, the staff of the Texas Water Development Board, Farmer's Home Administration, Rural Development Administration, and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs are discussing coordinating, on a project-by-project basis, funding activities in the colonias. This coordination will provide more comprehensive coverage and fit the various programs to the water and wastewater needs in the colonias while reducing the possibility of duplication of effort.

#### Technical Assistance Available to the Colonias

The sub-group agreed that it should determine what technical assistance is available, and needed, and what the sub-group can do to coordinate or improve it.

Specific areas of concern expressed include the immediate health concerns of the people in the colonias and the technical assistance that may be able to help alleviate some of the problems like the use of unsanitary containers to carry water. The prioritization of the technical needs so that help can be given to areas where it can benefit the most is also a concern. Consideration needs to be given to the costs of running the facilities built so that areas do not build facilities that they cannot afford to run and maintain. In doing this the engineers involved in colonias projects need to be worked with in determining size of the projects because the fee paid to the engineer is based upon cost of the project.

In relation to this issue the EPA will send to the members of the sub-group a booklet that deals with wastewater treatment and disposal for small communities. It is a technology transfer booklet that was prepared by the EPA.

Mr. Cabra indicated that it appeared that the sub-group should pursue technical assistance for the colonias in water areas and that he will suggest agenda items for the next meeting based on the previous discussion including:

- interim health issues
- remote colonias assistance
- technology issues (supplying regulating agencies' useful information)
- kind of technical assistance in each agency (to avoid overlaps)

Several examples of existing efforts to provide technical assistance to the colonias were provided by the attendees:

TWDB can provide technical assistance through their Economically Distressed Areas Program (EDAP).

TDHCA indicated that there is a U.S. Housing and Urban Development grant proposal for technical assistance.

TWC responded that short-term funding (maybe until the end of the fiscal year) through contractors may be available to water supply corporations and water districts. This is currently tentative.

FmHA has two contracts with the Community Resource Group to assist operation of facilities.

TDH has some engineers in the Valley that can provide technical assistance, although they have little time to assist others.

#### Report on Texas Colonias Sub-Group

The EPA will prepare a report on the accomplishments of the Texas Colonias Sub-Group. A draft copy of the report will be sent to sub-group members for comments, and final copies will be distributed. Additionally the report will address where the sub-group wants to go following the accomplishments achieved in the area of organization of financial assistance available to the colonias.

#### Next Meeting

Due to the workshops, there will not be a Sub-group meeting in April. Meetings are normally held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. The next meeting will be on May 12, 1993, in the 7th floor conference room of the Sam Houston Building at 201 E. 14th Street in Austin, Texas.

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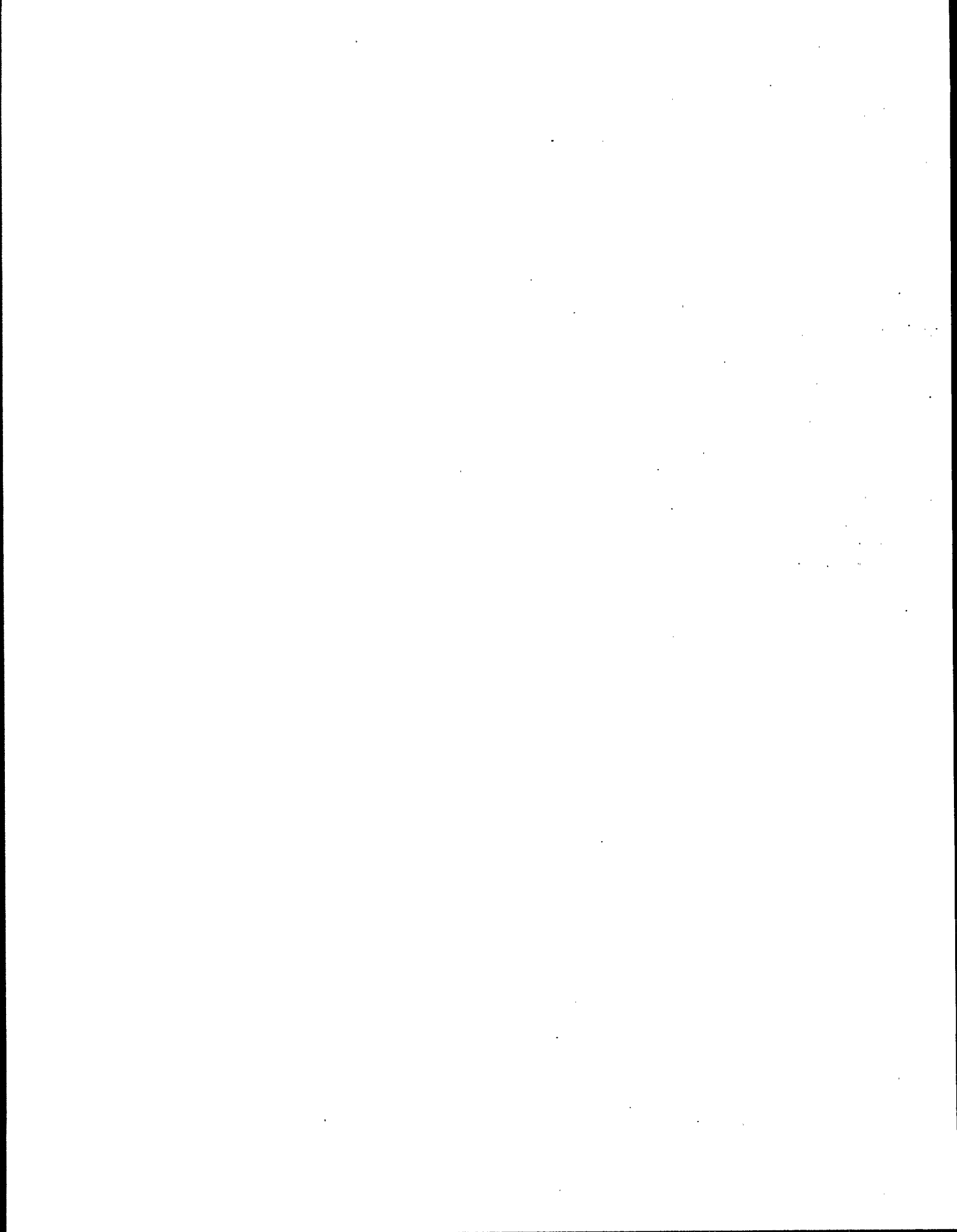
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SUMMARY

TEXAS COLONIA SUB-GROUP MEETING

MAY 12, 1993



The eighth Texas Colonia Sub-Group meeting was held on May 12, 1993 in the 7th floor conference room, Sam Houston Building, Austin, Texas.

#### Attendees

Oscar Cabra Jr.	-	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Terry J. Turner	-	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Ignacio Madera, Jr.	-	Texas Water Development Board
Fernando R. Escárcega	-	Texas Water Development Board
Ruth Cedillo	-	Texas Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs
J. Gary Lightsey	-	Farmer's Home Administration/Rural Development Administration
Doug Holcomb	-	Texas Water Commission
Sandra Martinez	-	Governor's Office
Andra Abel	-	Governor's Office
Sterling Harris	-	General Land Office
Will Ed Winters	-	Texas Water Development Board - Engineering
Lorraine Clements	-	Rural Development Administration
Carol Limaye	-	Water Util. Div., Texas Water Commission

#### Sub-Group Purpose

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#### Financial Assistance Outreach Workshops

The financial assistance outreach workshops conducted during April were discussed. The workshops assisted local residents and local leaders in understanding the various programs that are available to assist them. Local issues consistently arose during the workshops, particularly need for the local government to take responsibility for applying for assistance on behalf of the colonias and to enforce development regulations. The Sub-group needs to consider what incentives there are for local leaders to apply for assistance to the colonias. The Texas Attorney General's Office will be invited to the next Sub-group meeting to discuss the model development regulations and their enforcement.

Interrelated with the lack of impetus of local governments is the issue of platting. The residential lots in many colonias are not platted and recorded. The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) explained that financial assistance for getting property platted is available which is a key eligible activity for political subdivisions applying for assistance.

The workshops demonstrated how coordination between the State and Federal agencies can be effective. The workshops were well received by local leaders and citizens. The workshops served to clarify program requirements for obtaining assistance and to contradict incorrect understandings at the local level. In summary, the objectives of the workshops were met, i.e. to provide an overview of new funding for colonias water and wastewater projects and to enable prospective recipients of financial assistance for colonias water and wastewater projects to receive specific information on how to obtain the funds.

#### TDHCA/HUD Demonstration Projects

An overview of the concept of the two demonstration projects was presented by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). The concept involves two comprehensive projects which will address first time water supply, wastewater, streets, drainage, etc. in two colonias. Funding will come from part of the 10% CDBG allocation to the colonias and is expected to be \$1 million per project. The TDHCA expects to issue an application guide in a few weeks.

The Sub-group discussed the possibility of working with TDHCA in the demonstration projects. This multi-agency participation could, in-effect, leverage the available funding to address a project in a more complete approach, i.e. TWDB - wastewater, FmHA - drinking water and TDHCA - drainage, streets, etc. The concept was favorably received by the Sub-group and will be discussed in more detail at future meetings. TDHCA provided a draft description of the demonstration project program and asked for comments by May 21.

#### TWDB/EPA Colonias Planning Activity

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) described their regional and rural planning initiatives funded by the Colonias Wastewater Treatment Assistance Program.

Funding is being utilized for two planning activities. A regional wastewater planning for colonias and a wastewater planning assistance for rural colonias.

- The TWDB Planning Division will develop preliminary wastewater facility plans for border areas with the greatest concentration of colonias, e.g., Cameron, Hidalgo, and El Paso Counties. Emphasis will be placed on identifying and evaluating regional and sub-regional projects which address wastewater service needs of two or more colonias.
- The planning activity for the rural communities is geared to rural or remote colonias that are not well-suited for

regional or local systems. Emphasis will be placed on identifying appropriate small-scale wastewater treatment and disposal technologies that are suitable for varying site-specific conditions, e.g., population density, soils, etc. In addition, emphasis will also be placed on developing area-wide capabilities for the construction, operation, and maintenance of small-scale decentralized wastewater facilities, e.g., county-wide maintenance districts.

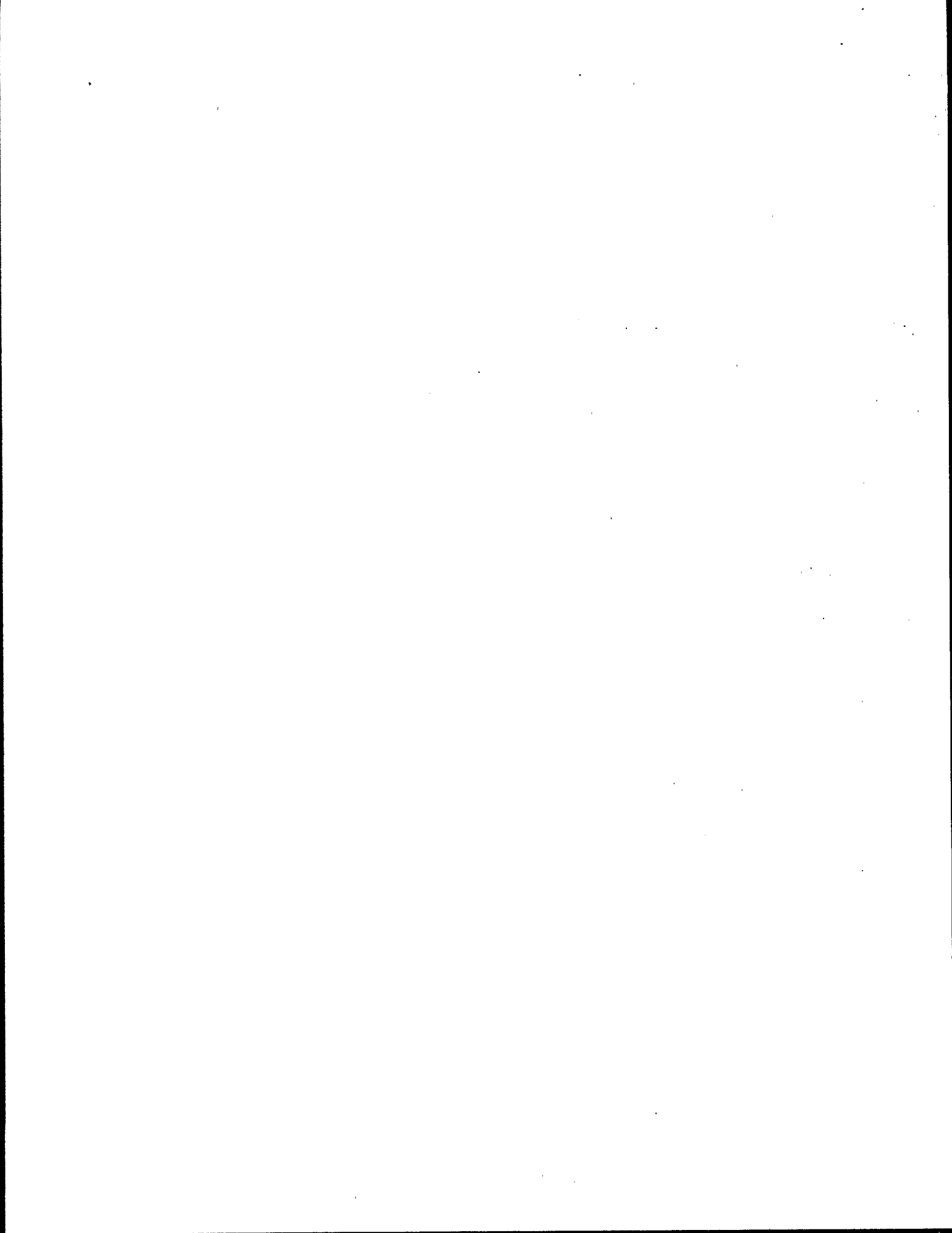
The TWDB can share the results of these regional and rural planning programs with the other agencies for a coordinated solution to the problems.

#### Interagency Project Coordination - Project List

The consolidated project list was distributed. The list is maintained for use by the Sub-group members and others as a tool to provide information, on a project-by-project basis, of drinking water and wastewater funding activities in the colonias by all of the agencies involved. This coordination will provide comprehensive coverage and fit the various programs to the water and wastewater needs in the colonias while reducing the possibility of duplication of effort. It is important that the listing and status of projects be kept current for the maximum benefit of the users. The Sub-group members are requested to FAX any revisions, as they may become necessary, to Mr. Cabra at (214) 655-6490.

#### Next Meeting

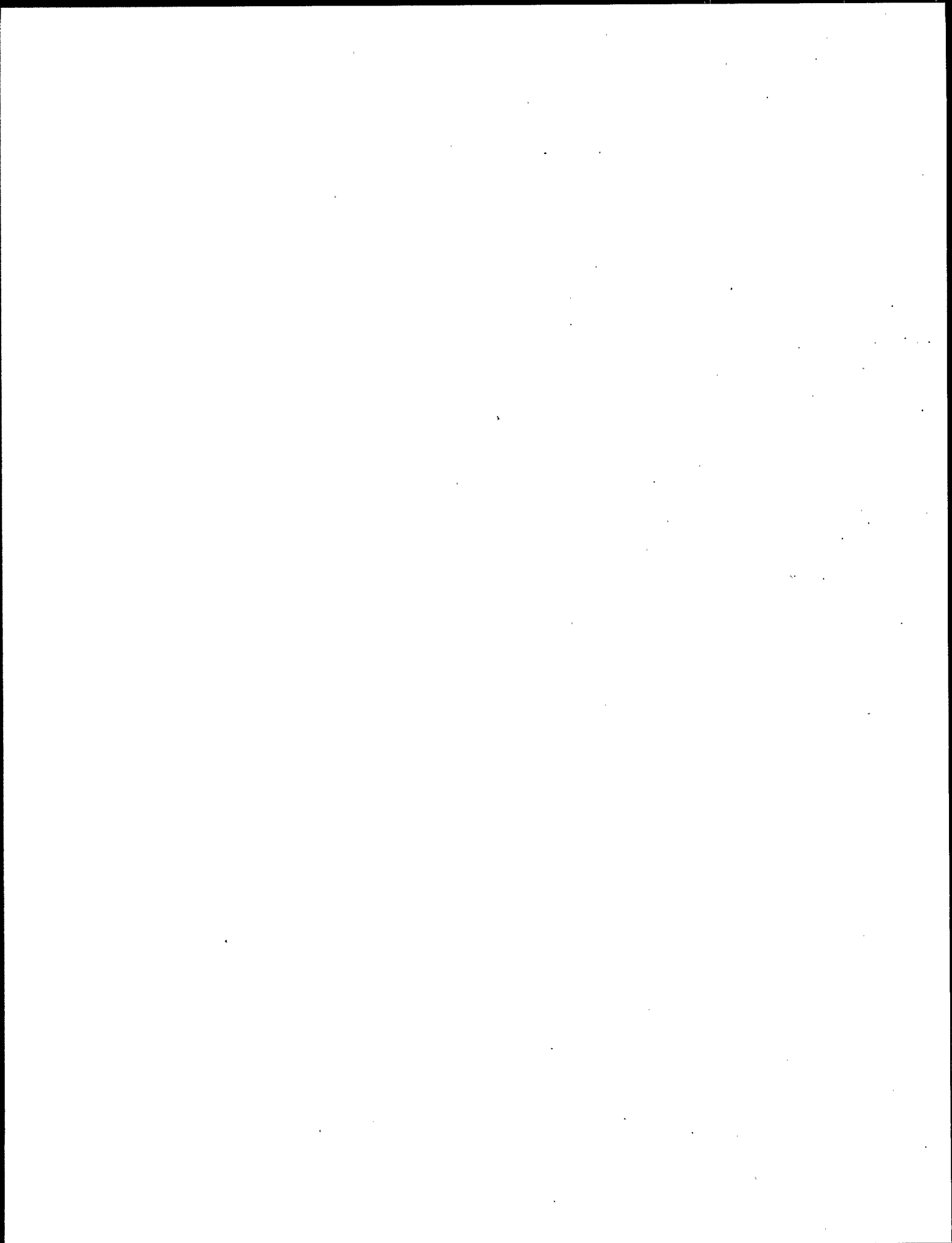
Meetings are normally held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. The next meeting will be on June 9, 1993, in the 4th floor engineering conference room (Room 412B) of the Stephen F. Austin Building (Texas Water Development Board) at 1700 N. Congress Avenue in Austin, Texas.



SUMMARY

TEXAS COLONIA SUB-GROUP MEETING

JUNE 9, 1993



The ninth Texas Colonia Sub-Group meeting was held on June 9, 1993, in the 4th floor conference room, Stephen F. Austin Building, Austin, Texas.

#### Attendees

Oscar Cabra Jr.	-	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Terry J. Turner	-	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Roy L. Moeller	-	Texas Water Development Board, Eng. Div.
Ignacio Madera, Jr.	-	Texas Water Development Board, EDAP
Wynelle Leeth	-	State Auditor's Office
Gary Laneman	-	Texas Water Development Board, Planning Div.
Esther Chavez	-	Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division
Andrea Abel	-	Governor's Office
Ronney W. Radle	-	Farmer's Home Administration
George Ellis	-	Farmer's Home Administration, State Dir.
J. Gary Lightsey	-	Farmer's Home Admin./Rural Development Admin.
Carol Limaye	-	Texas Water Commission, Water Util. Div.
David Galvan	-	Texas Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs

#### COLONIA DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

The Sub-group welcomed Ms. Esther Chavez from the Office of the Attorney General (AG) of Texas, Consumer Protection Division. Ms. Chavez discussed the model rules for the regulation of subdivisions and the AG's efforts to enforce compliance with the rules.

By way of background, it was explained the subdivision model rules provide local governments with the mechanism to require developers to provide potable water and sewage services. Until September 1989, counties did not have the authority to require potable water and sewage services in subdivisions. All that was required was that the subdivision be platted and recorded and have minimal roads and drainage.

In 1989, the Texas legislature passed legislation that provided authority to regulate subdivision development, specifically addressing the potable water and sewage problem in the colonias created by unscrupulous developers. The legislation, commonly referred to as "Senate Bill II", encompassed a two-pronged approach: (A) For "new" colonias, (After September 1, 1989): (1) It require developers to provide potable water and sewage services; (2) authorized the TWDB to promulgate "model subdivision rules"; and, (3) empowered counties to enforce against non-compliant developers. (B) For "existing" colonias (prior to September 1989): (1) the TWDB requests, as a requirement for eligibility to an Economically Distressed Areas Program (EDAP) grant/loan, the county must adopt the model subdivision regulations; and, (2) provides authority to enjoin and collect civil penalties.

The Texas Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Division has placed greater emphasis and priority in the enforcement against non-compliant developers. Not only is the AG, Consumer Protection Division, directly involved, but it is also emphasizing and encouraging enforcement at the local level. In discussing enforcement at the local level, the AG representative pointed out the various "avenues" available to monitor or ascertain non-compliance with the applicable regulations by the developers. Some of the "avenues" were: (1) the platting and deed recording process; (2) the permitting process for on-site sewage disposal; (3) the process for establishing an address; and, (4) the electric utility service, since the electric utility cannot provide service without an address. It was also pointed out that utilities cannot provide services to a lot that did not have utilities prior to 1989. Also, if a county waives the requirement for a developer to provide water and sewage, then the county becomes responsible for providing the services. As an aid to local enforcement, the AG's Office has conducted workshops to provide training and assistance to local prosecutors. There is another proposed workshop to be hosted by the AG scheduled for October 7, 1993. Ms. Chavez requested the participation of the Sub-group to provide financial assistance information. The Sub-group agreed to participate at the AG workshop.

Ms. Chavez presented the different scenarios that arise when trying to litigate against alleged non-compliers for colonias that were developed prior to 1989. The first scenario is where the colonia was developed prior to 1989 and was properly recorded and approved. Under this scenario, there is not much that can be done with regards to litigating the lack of potable water and sewage services. The second scenario is where the colonia was developed prior to 1989, not approved and legally recorded, and the developer is not legally available. Under this scenario, litigation is highly improbable due to the absence of the developer. The third scenario is where the colonia was developed prior to 1989, not approved and legally recorded, and the developer is legally available. Under this scenario, litigation can be pursued against the developer and seek mitigation for the lack of potable water and sewage services.

With regards to subdivisions established prior to September 1, 1989, H.B. 2079 was passed by the Texas legislature this year relating to the enforcement of certain public health and safety laws. In essence, the Act: (1) provides the AG authority to enforce local health and safety codes, (2) directs the TWDB to amend the model rules to provide criteria for potable water and sewage services for subdivisions that were not platted or recorded prior to September 1, 1989; and, (3) provides injunctive relief and penalty authority for violations of public health and safety codes. This Act will become effective September 1, 1993.

Another non-compliance issue which is common among the colonias is multiple dwellings or partitioning of the lot by the resident to accommodate additional family members. While this is not a developer non-compliance issue, it is a significant problem that primarily impacts on-site sewage disposal. When an on-site sewage disposal is locally approved, the approval is based on the size of the lot and the expected flow. The illegal extra dwellings or partitioning of the lot creates additional flow and/reduced space, causing the system to fail. The regulation of construction of multiple dwellings or lot partitioning is a local issue that is difficult to enforce. This problem might be mitigated when planning and designing the sewage disposal project.

A discussion was held with the regards to each Agency's stipulations and conditions placed on their financial assistance grants and/or loans. The Texas Water Development Board, which administers both the EDAP and EPA programs, requires the adoption of the model rules by the county prior to approval of the financial assistance. In addition, the EDAP and EPA funding is available only to colonias that existed prior to November 1989. The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) stipulates in their assistance requirements the recipients comply with all State laws. The representative from the FmHA volunteered and agreed to meet with the AG's Consumer Protection Division to explore ways to strengthen their stipulations and conditions to enhance compliance with State laws. This is another example of the Sub-group membership's willingness to cooperate with each other in it's efforts to improve the sanitation conditions in the colonias.

There was also consensus by the Sub-group to invite the AG's Office to participate in the Sub-group. Ms. Chavez indicated their willingness to become a member.

#### NEXT MEETING

Meetings are normally held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Due to schedule conflicts, there will be no meeting in July. The next meeting will be on August 11, 1993.

The meeting will be held in the 4th floor engineering conference room (Room 412B) of the Stephen F. Austin Building (Texas Water Development Board) 1700 N. Congress Avenue in Austin, Texas.



## APPENDIX B

### ELIGIBILITY MATRIX



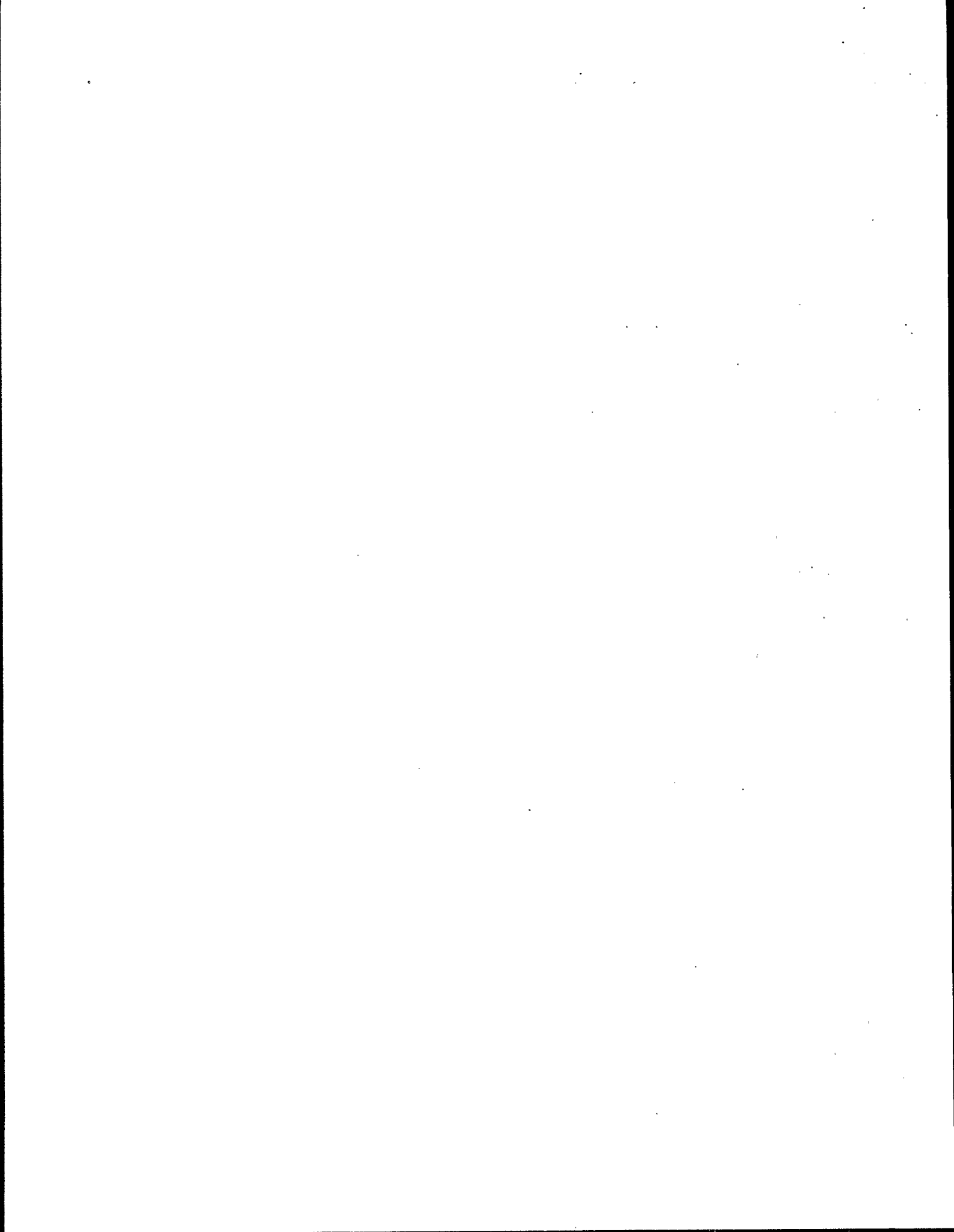
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LOCATION	Texas		Texas		FmHA	
	IBEP	Colonias Plumbing Loan Prog.	Econ. Distressed Area Prog.	Community Dev. Block Grant	Water & Waste (WMD)	
	"...within 100 kilometers ... of the international boundary	An area located in a designated county.	Counties contiguous to border and counties with per-capita income 25% below State average and unemployment 25% above State average.	A "... community that is within 150 miles of the border."	Rural areas & towns of less than 10,000 population	
DESIGNATION	"Housing developments ..."	Residence occupied prior November 9, 1989.	"... 80% of the dwellings to be served ... were occupied on June 1, 1989."	"... is designated by the State or county in which it is located as a colonia ..." and "... was in existence and recognized as a colonia before the date of enactment of this Act."	Water, sewer, and solid waste capital improvements, guaranteed loans or direct loans and grants	
	"... unincorporated subdivisions ..."					
CHARACTERISTICS	"... settlements ..."					
	"... residents typically use septic tanks and privies which do not meet public health standards."	"... households do not have water or wastewater facilities that meet minimum state standards."	"An area in which water or sewer services are inadequate to meet minimal needs of residential users, in which financial resources are inadequate to provide water supply or sewer services that will satisfy those needs ..."	"... is determined ... on the basis of objective criteria, including lack of potable water supply, lack of adequate sewage systems, and lack of and sanitary housing..."	Applicant must be Public Body or Nonprofit corp. (N.P.) unable to get credit elsewhere at reasonable rates and terms.	

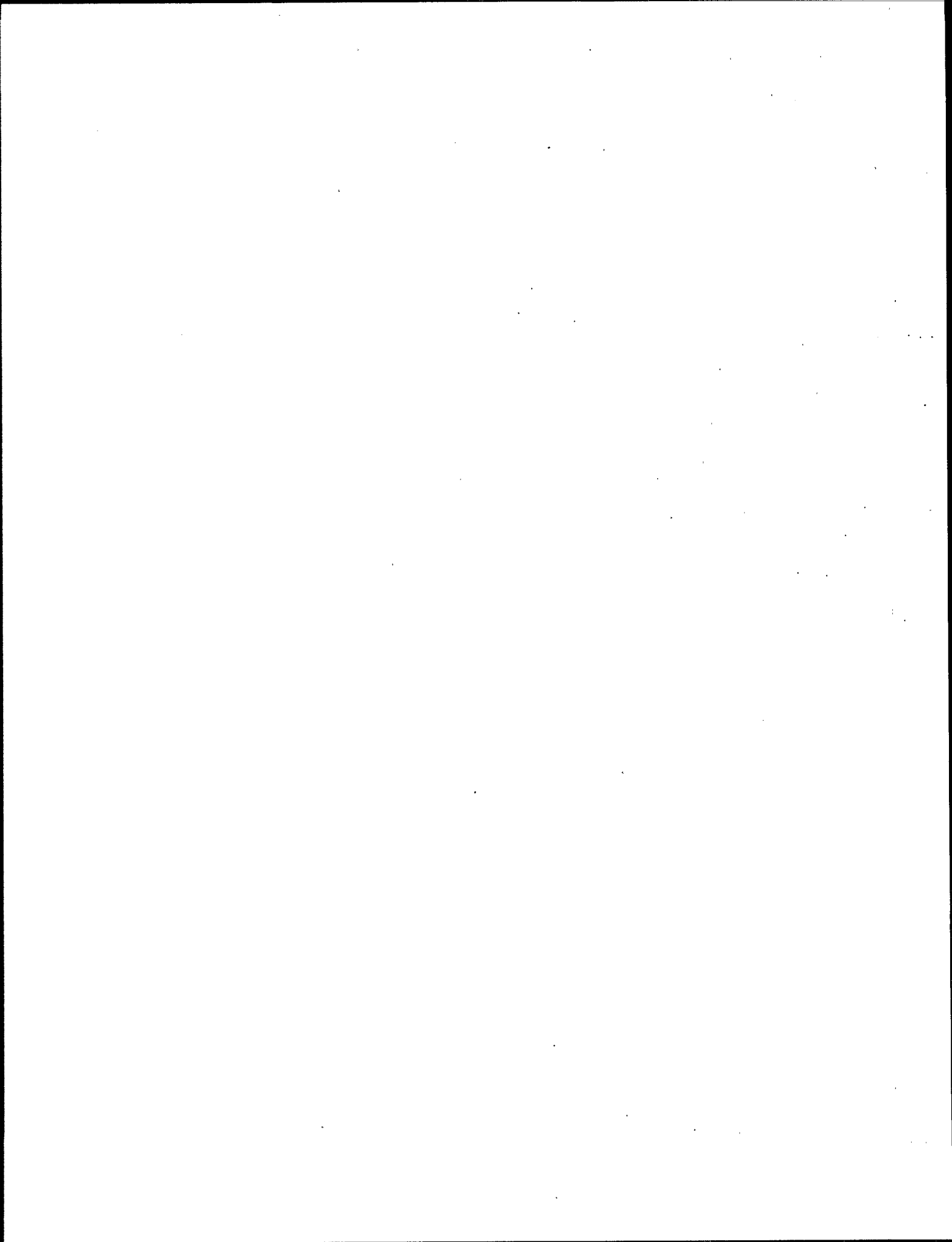
FmHA Community Facilities (CF)	FmHA Ind. Devel. Grant (IDG)	FmHA Emergency Grant (Em Gr)	FmHA Sect. 502 Sing. Fam. Housing	FmHA Sect. 504 SF Rural Housing
Rural areas & towns of less than 20,000 population	Rural areas & towns up to 50,000 pop. Priority to econ. distressed communities and towns less than 25,000 population	Rural areas and towns not to exceed 5000 population	Rural areas up to 10,000 pop. Cities between 10k and 20k if not within MSA and lack mortgage credit for low and moderate income households.	Rural areas up to 10k pop. Cities between 10k and 20k if not within MSA and lack mortgage credit for low and moderate income households.
Guaranteed and direct loans only to construct, enlarge or improve C.F. for health care, public safety (jails, fire trucks, etc.) and public services (libraries, roads, industrial parks, etc.	Grants to finance and develop small and emerging private business enterprise	Grants to assist rural residents that have experienced a significant decline in quantity or quality of water as a result of an emergency, to obtain Safe Drinking Water Act standards	Loans to construct/purchase single family residences and make home repairs. Must be modest in size, design and cost.	Loans to repair/modernize single family residences. Grant funds may be used only for repairs and improvements to remove health or safety hazards.
Applicant must be Public Body or N.P. corp. unable to get credit elsewhere at reasonable rates and terms.	Applicant must be Public Body or N.P. corp.	Applicant must be Public Body or N.P. corp. that has a median household income (MHI) less than the statewide nonmetropolitan MHI.	Applicant must be a low income individual without adequate housing, unable to obtain credit from private sources and have a satisfactory credit history.	Applicants must own and occupy single family dwellings in need of repair, be unable to obtain credit, have satis. credit history and very low income. Grant applicants must be at least 62 years old.

FmHA	FmHA	FmHA	FmHA	FmHA
Sect. 515 Rural Rental Housing	Sect. 514 & 516 Grants/Loans	Cranston-Gonzalez Loan Pgm.	Business & Indus. Loans	Sect. 306C Grants to Indiv.
Rural areas up to 10k pop. Cities between 10k and 20k if not within MSA and lack mortgage credit for low and moderate income households.	Farm Labor areas where there is a serious lack of farm labor housing for home base or migrant farm workers	Colonias areas within 150 miles of the U.S./Mexico border in standard metropolitan areas not exceeding 1 million in population.	Rural areas 7 cities up to 50k population. Priority to towns of less than 25k pop. Suburbs and urbanizing areas surrounding cities of over 50k pop. are ineligible.	Rural areas and any town of less than 10k population.
Loans to construct Multiple Family Housing Rental Units. Must be modest in size, design and cost.	Grants to construct housing. Insured loans for home repairs. Apartments must be modest in size, design and cost.	Insured loan to construct or purchase single family housing/apartment units for low to moderate income residents.	Not required to be related to agriculture. May be Manufacturing, retail, wholesale, services and processing.	Colonias designated or recognized by State or county as existing before October 1, 1989.
Applicant may be an individual or organization unable to obtain credit from private sources, have satis. credit history and have the necessary experience or resources to operate the rental of the units.	Applicant may be a farmer, Association of Farmers, or Non-profit or private organization unable to obtain credit from private sources, have satis. credit history, and have the necessary experience and resources to operate the rental of the units.	The single family housing applicant or Multi Family Housing sponsor must be without sufficient resources to develop housing for single family or multi-family use.	Applicant can be individual, partnership, corporation, cooperative trust or other legal entity or Indian tribe. 51% must be U.S. citizens or legal residents.	Grants to individuals for connection to water service and/or construction of bathroom not to exceed \$3500 or for connection to sewer and/or construction of bathroom not to exceed \$4000 or combination not to exceed \$5000.



## APPENDIX C

### CONSOLIDATED PROJECT LIST



## Texas Colonias Projects

07/30/93

COUNTY	PROJECT/COLONIAS	AGENCY	PROGRAM	AMOUNT (\$)	STATUS	APPLICATION	UPDATED
Brewster	Marathon US & SS	FmHA	FmHA	112,600	Planning	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	Study Butte WSC	FmHA	FmHA	1,057,000	Planning	Drinking water	07/93
	Study Butte WSC	TDHCA	TCDP	288,000	Construction	Drinking water	07/93
Brooks	Cantu Addition	TDHCA	TCDP	248,500	Construction	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	Flowella (La Parrita)	TDHCA	TCDP	486,700	Planning	Drinking water	07/93
Cameron	Arroyo Alto	TDHCA	TCDP	600,000	Construction complete	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	Arroyo Alto	TDHCA	TCDP	300,000	Construction	Drinking water	07/93
	Dakota Road						
	Jaime Lake						
	Cameron Park	TDHCA	TCDP	71,600	Planning studies		07/93
	Cameron Park						
	Cameron Park	TWDB	EDAP	4,068,929	Construction	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
			CWTAP	2,041,071			
	Cameron Park						
	E. Rio Hondo WSC	FmHA	FmHA	1,415,500	Application	Drinking water	07/93
	Fred and Juarez Adams	TDHCA	TCDP	300,000	Construction complete	Wastewater	07/93
	Fred & Juarez Adams						
	Hacienda Gardens	TDHCA	TCDP	275,675	Construction complete	Drinking water	07/93
	Hacienda Gardens						
	Hacienda Gardens	TWDB	EDAP	238,900	Plans and Specs	Wastewater	07/93
			CWTAP	238,900			
	Hacienda Gardens						
	Las Palamas (A)	TDHCA	TCDP	500,000	Planning	Wastewater	07/93
	Las Palamas						
	Las Palamas (B)	TDHCA	TCDP	142,471	Planning	Wastewater	07/93
	Las Palamas						

COUNTY	PROJECT/COLONIAS	AGENCY	PROGRAH	AMOUNT (\$)	STATUS	APPLICATION	UPDATED
	Hil. Hwy WSC (A)	FmHA	FmHA	3,450,000	Construction	Drinking water	07/93
	Hil. Hwy WSC (B)	FmHA	FmHA	1,600,000	Construction	Wastewater	07/93
	Hil. Hwy WSC (C)	FmHA	306	420,000	Application	Wastewater	07/93
	Hil. Hwy WSC (D)	FmHA	306	8,530,000	Planning	Wastewater	07/93
	Bluetown						
	El Calaboz						
	El Ranchito						
	Iglesia Maria						
	La Paloma						
	Lago						
	Las Rusias						
	Los Indios						
	San Pedro						
	Santa Maria						
	Venadito						
	Villa Cavazos						
	Zacatel						
	Olmito	TWDB	EDAP	29,550	Planning	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	Olmito						
	Rio Hondo City	FmHA	FmHA	580,800	Construction	Wastewater	07/93
	Rio Hondo City						
	Santa Rosa	TWDB	EDAP	38,250	Planning	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	Santa Rosa						
Dimmit							
	Asherton/Carr/Catarnia	TWDB	EDAP	24,750	Planning	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	Asherton						
	Carrizo Hills						
	Catarnia						
Duval							
	Duval Co	TDHCA	TCDP	297,890	Construction	Wastewater	07/93
	Buena Vista						
	Cadena						
El Paso							
	El Paso Co	TDHCA	TCDP	250,000	Construction complete	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93

COUNTY	PROJECT/COLONIAS	AGENCY	PROGRAM	AMOUNT (\$)	STATUS	APPLICATION	UPDATED
	Glorieta						
	Las Aves						
	Plaza Bernal						
	Valle Villa						
	Westway						
	El Paso Co	TWDB	CPLP	2,000,000	Loan made 5/93	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	El Paso LVMA (A)	FmHA	FmHA	1,504,300	Construction	Drinking water	07/93
	Sparks						
	El Paso LVMA (B)	FmHA	306	1,540,000	Planning	Wastewater	07/93
	Sparks						
	El Paso LVMA (C)	FmHA	306	803,700	Application	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	El Paso LVMA (D)	FmHA	306	3,310,000	Application	Wastewater	07/93
	San Elizario						
	El Paso LVMA (E)	FmHA	306	1,508,000	Application	Drinking water	07/93
	San Elizario						
	Las Azaleas	TDHCA	TCDP	250,000	Construction	Drinking water	07/93
	Las Azaleas						
	San Elizario	TWDB	EDAP	251,275	Planning	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	San Elizario						
	Socorro	TWDB	EDAP	150,060	Planning	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	Socorro						
	Socorro Phase II	TWDB	EDAP	5,648,505	Plans and Specs	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
			CWTAP	5,371,495			
	Socorro						
	Socorro-Bauman	TWDB	EDAP	1,600,000	Construction	Drinking water	07/93
	Socorro						
	Tornillo WSC	FmHA	FmHA	472,900	Planning	Drinking water	07/93
	Tornillo WSC	TWDB	EDAP	24,750	Planning	Wastewater	07/93
	Westway	TWDB	EDAP	1,245,907	Construction	Drinking water	07/93
	Westway						
Frio	Frio Co	TDHCA	TCDP	300,000	Construction	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	Big Foot						
	Hill Top						
	Moore Community						

COUNTY	PROJECT/COLONIAS	AGENCY	PROGRAM	AMOUNT (\$)	STATUS	APPLICATION	UPDATED
Gillespie	Gillespie Co Stonewall Community	TDHCA	TCDP	300,000	Construction	Drinking water	07/93
Hidalgo	Alamo	TWDB	EDAP	24,000	Planning	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	Alamo						
	Alton	TWDB	EDAP	40,435	Planning complete	Wastewater	07/93
	Alton						
	Edinburg	TWDB	CPLP	903,200	Loan made 5/93	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	Edinburg (Faysville)	TWDB	EDAP	36,000	Planning	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	Edinburg						
	El Paraiso	TWDB	EDAP	179,631	Planning complete	Wastewater	07/93
	El Paraiso						
	Hidalgo Co (A)	TDHCA	TCDP	500,000	Construction	Drinking water	07/93
	Bar 8						
	Catherine						
	Country Village						
	Country Village #2						
	Mile 10 1/4						
	Old Rebel Heights I						
	Old Rebel Heights II						
	Palm Lake						
	Seminary Estate						
	Tierra Maria						
	Tom Gill Rd						
	Hidalgo Co (B)	TDHCA	TCDP	300,000	Construction	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	El Charro						
	Tom Weekly						
	Hidalgo Co (C)	TDHCA	TCDP	37,850	Planning studies	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	La Joya	TWDB	EDAP	79,500	Planning	Wastewater	07/93
	La Joya						
	Lull	TWDB	EDAP	1,450,000	Construction complete	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	Lull						

COUNTY	PROJECT/COLONIAS	AGENCY	PROGRAM	AMOUNT (\$)	STATUS	APPLICATION	UPDATED
	Madero/Granjeno	TWDB	EDAP	1,528,375	Plans and Specs	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	Granjeno		CWTAP	1,528,374			
	Madero						
	Mercedes	TWDB	EDAP	45,750	Planning	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	Mercedes						
	North Alamo WSC (A)	FmHA	FmHA	4,900,000	Application	Drinking water	07/93
	North Alamo WSC (B)	FmHA	FmHA	3,000,000	Construction	Drinking water	07/93
	North Alamo WSC (C)	FmHA	306	2,344,100	Application	Wastewater	07/93
	San Carlos						
	North Alamo WSC (D)	FmHA	306	1,971,000	Application	Wastewater	07/93
	Hargill						
	Palmview	TWDB	EDAP	56,250	Planning	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	Penitas	TWDB	EDAP	40,500	Planning	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	Penitas						
	Pharr	TWDB	CPLP	1,250,000	Loan made 12/92	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	Pharr (Las Milpas)	TWDB	EDAP	38,400	Planning complete	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	Pharr						
	San Juan	TWDB	EDAP	48,750	Planning	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	San Juan						
	Westaco	TWDB	EDAP	80,663	Planning	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	Westaco						
Hudspeth							
	Acala	TDHCA	TCOP	20,000	Planning studies		07/93
	Acala						
	Huspath Co WCID	FmHA	FmHA	1,136,000	Planning	Wastewater	07/93
	Sierra Blanca	TWDB	EDAP	26,000	Planning complete	Wastewater	07/93
	Sierra Blanca						
Jim Hogg							
	Jim Hogg WCID #2 (A)	FmHA	FmHA	1,229,500	Application	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	Jim Hogg WCID #2 (B)	FmHA	FmHA	835,000	Construction	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	Jim Hogg WCID #2 (C)	FmHA	FmHA	83,500	Construction	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93

COUNTY	PROJECT/COLONIAS	AGENCY	PROGRAM	AMOUNT (\$)	STATUS	APPLICATION	UPDATED
Jim Wells	Rancho Allegre	TDHCA	TCDP	264,085	Construction	Wastewater	07/93
	Rancho Allegre						
Kleberg	West Riviera	TDHCA	TCDP	500,000	Planning	Wastewater	07/93
	West Riviera						
Maverick	Eagle Pass (Eidson Rd)	TWDB	EDAP	11,070,000	Construction	Wastewater	07/93
	Eagle Pass						
	La Herradura	TDHCA	TCDP	385,000	Construction complete	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	La Herradura						
	Maverick Co	TDHCA	TCDP	52,481	Construction	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	Maverick Co						
	Seco Mines						
	Siesta Acres						
	Quemado	TWDB	EDAP	28,125	Planning	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	Quemado						
	Quemado Radar Base	TDHCA	TCDP	73,500	Planning studies		07/93
	Quemado Radar Base						
Pecos	Pecos Co	TDHCA	TCDP	299,999	Construction	Wastewater	07/93
	Balanger						
Presidio	Candelaria	TDHCA	TCDP	300,000	Construction	Drinking water	07/93
	Candelaria						
	Presidio Co (A)	TDHCA	TCDP	500,000	Construction	Drinking water	07/93
	Presidio Co (A)						
	Redford						
	Presidio Co (B)	TDHCA	TCDP	300,000	Construction	Drinking water	07/93
	Presidio Co (B)						
	Ruidosa						

COUNTY	PROJECT/COLONIAS	AGENCY	PROGRAM	AMOUNT (\$)	STATUS	APPLICATION	UPDATED
	Redford	TDHCA	TCDP	500,000	Planning	Wastewater	07/93
	Redford						
	Utopia	TDHCA	TCDP	500,000	Planning	Drinking water	07/93
	Utopia						
Reeves							
	Green Acres (Lindsay)	TDHCA	TCDP	375,000	Planning	Wastewater	07/93
	Green Acres(Lindsay)						
	Reeves Co	TDHCA	TCDP	300,000	Construction	Wastewater	07/93
	Green Acres						
San Patricio							
	Dodd	TDHCA	TCDP	220,335	Construction	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	Dodd						
	Hidalgo	TDHCA	TCDP	444,800	Planning	Drinking water	07/93
	Hidalgo						
	San Patricio Co (A)	TDHCA	TCDP	427,500	Construction	Wastewater	07/93
	Edroy						
	San Patricio Co (B)	TDHCA	TCDP	300,000	Construction	Wastewater	07/93
	J. G. Gonzalez						
	San Patricio Co (C)	TDHCA	TCDP	300,000	Construction complete	Drinking water	07/93
	Buena Vistas						
	Buena Vista Sub.						
	Dodd Subdivision						
	La Colonia Sub.						
	Rancho Chico Sub.						
	San Patricio Co (D)	TDHCA	TCDP	300,000	Construction	Wastewater	07/93
	Buena Vistas						
	Rancho Chico						
Starr							
	Falcon Rural WSC	FmHA	FmHA	50,000	Construction	Drinking water	07/93
	Rio WSC	FmHA	FmHA	500,000	Planning	Drinking water	07/93
	Starr Co	TDHCA	TCDP	281,915	Construction	Drinking water	07/93
	Colonia Zarate						

COUNTY	PROJECT/COLONIAS	AGENCY	PROGRAM	AMOUNT (\$)	STATUS	APPLICATION	UPDATED
	Starr Co WCID #2 (A)	FmHA	FmHA	1,976,000	Planning	Drinking water	07/93
	Starr Co WCID #2 (B)	FmHA	FmHA	10,640,000	Application	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	Union WSC	FmHA	FmHA	2,342,000	Planning	Drinking water	07/93
Terrell							
	Sanderson	TDHCA	TCDP	56,750	Planning studies		07/93
	Sanderson						
	Sanderson	TWDB	EDAP	51,675	Planning	Wastewater	07/93
	Sanderson						
Uvalde							
	Gonzalez subdivision	TDHCA	TCDP	203,907	Construction	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	Gonzalez						
Val Verde							
	Cienegas Terrace	TDHCA	TCDP	282,364	Construction complete	Drinking water	07/93
	Cienegas Terrace						
	Cienegas Terrace	TWDB	EDAP	2,261,384	Plans and Specs	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
			CWTAP	1,248,618			
	Cienegas Terrace						
	Val Verde Co	TDHCA	TCDP	283,066	Construction complete	Drinking water	07/93
	Paisano						
	Val Verde Park						
	Val Verde Park Est.						
	Val Verde Park Estates	TWDB	EDAP	36,000	Planning	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	Val Verde Park Est.						
Webb							
	Bruni	TDHCA	TCDP	235,420	Planning	Drinking water	07/93
	Bruni						
	Largo Vista	TDHCA	TCDP	35,750	Planning studies		07/93
	Largo Vista						
	Mirando City WSC (A)	FmHA	FmHA	394,000	Planning	Drinking water	07/93

COUNTY	PROJECT/COLONIAS	AGENCY	PROGRAM	AMOUNT (\$)	STATUS	APPLICATION	UPDATED
Willacy	Mirando City WSC (B)	FmHA	306	1,555,000	Application	Wastewater	07/93
	Rio Bravo	FmHA	FmHA	3,986,000	Application	Wastewater	07/93
	Rio Bravo						
	S.H. 359/Mines Road	TWDB	EDAP	51,425	Planning	Drinking water	07/93
Zapata	Sebastian	TDHCA	TCDP	281,976	Planning	Wastewater	07/93
	Sebastian						
	Sebastian	TWDB	EDAP	3,020,000	Plans and Specs	Wastewater	07/93
	Willacy Co	TDHCA	TCDP	93,200	Construction	Drinking water	07/93
Zavala	La Sara						
	Lyford South						
	Ronoville						
Zapata	Zapata Co (A)	TDHCA	TCDP	288,922	Construction	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	Medina Addition						
	Zapata Co (B)	TDHCA	TCDP	500,000	Construction	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	Medina Additon						
Zavala	Batesville	TWDB	EDAP	23,625	Planning	Drinking and Wastewater	07/93
	Batesville						
	Chula Vista	TDHCA	TCDP	374,921	Planning	Drinking water	07/93
	Chula Vista						
Zavala	La Pryor	TDHCA	TCDP	46,500	Planning studies		
	La Pryor						
	La Pryor	TWDB	EDAP	22,488	Planning	Wastewater	07/93
	La Pryor						
Zavala	Zavala Co	TDHCA	TCDP	500,000	Construction	Drinking water	07/93
	Loma Alta						
TOTAL AMOUNT				\$126,664,487			

(A), (B), ... following the project name denotes different projects with the same name funded by the same agency.

CPLP = Colonia Plumbing Loan Program

CWTAP = Colonia Wastewater Treatment Assistance Program

EDAP = Economically Distressed Areas Program

FmHA = Farmers Home Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture

RDA = Rural Development Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture

TCDP = Texas Community Development Program

TDHCA = Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

TWDB = Texas Water Development Board

## APPENDIX D

### WORKSHOP BROCHURES



**Total Funding Available:**

\$23,000,000 (for the Texas-New Mexico area)

**Where to Apply:**

District offices of Farmers Home Administration

**Contact:**

Community Programs Chief  
Temple, TX  
817-774-1306

**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS  
TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OFFICE**

**Program Name:**

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)/Colonia Fund

**Eligible Applicants:**

- Counties

**Eligible Funding Activities:**

- Construction, acquisition, or improvements to water supply and wastewater collection and treatment works, including all necessary engineering work.
- These funds may also be used for planning and housing rehabilitation.

**Special Requirements:**

Colonias must be in counties within 150 miles of the Texas/Mexico Border and show a lack of potable water, lack of an adequate sewer system or lack of safe and decent housing.

**Application Funding Limits:**

- For Projects: \$500,000
- For Planning: \$100,000

**Total Funding Available:**

\$7.4 million

**Deadline:**

To be announced

**Contact:**

Texas Community Development Program Office  
Ruth Cedillo  
CDBG Program Director  
512-475-3882

## Texas Colonias Sub-Group

Environmental Protection  
Agency, Region 6  
Chair

Farmers Home Administration

Rural Development  
Administration

Texas Water Development Board

Texas Dept. of Housing &  
Community Affairs

## Financial Assistance for Colonias Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

April 8, 1993 El Paso  
April 15, 1993 Eagle Pass  
April 22, 1993 Laredo  
April 29, 1993 Rio Grande City  
April 29, 1993 Harlingen

## TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

### *Program Name:*

Economically Distressed Areas Program (EDAP)

### *Eligible Applicants:*

- Political subdivisions including:

- Cities
- Counties
- Water Districts
- Not-for-Profit Water Supply Corporations

### *Eligible Funding Activities:*

Combination Loan/Grant for areas within the counties of Atascosa, Brewster, Cameron, Coryell, Dimmitt, Duval, El Paso, Frio, Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kinney, LaSalle, Maverick, Newton, Presidio, Reeves, Sabine, Starr, Terrell, Val Verde, Webb, Willacy, Zapata and Zavala.

- Construction, acquisition, or improvements to water supply and wastewater collection and treatment works, including all necessary engineering work.
- The program will not fund on-going operation and maintenance of the system.

### *Special Requirements:*

County must adopt model rules for the regulation of subdivisions and prepare an on-site sewage system feasibility map prior to application for financial assistance.

Applicant must fund at least 25% of the costs of the Facility Plan: one-half of the applicant's share must be cash and one-half can be in-kind contributions. 100% funding may be considered for hardship cases.

Upon completion of facility plan, a pre-application conference for construction financial assistance will be held with Board staff.

The applicant must provide a finding from the Texas Department of Health that a nuisance dangerous to the public health and safety exists resulting from water supply and sanitation problems in the area to be served if the amount of grant financial assistance required exceeds 50% of the total financial assistance requested.

### *Total Funding Available:*

\$250,000,000

### *Contact:*

Texas Water Development Board Office  
Economically Distressed Areas Program  
512-475-2068

### *Program Name:*

Colonia Wastewater Treatment Assistance Program

### *Eligible Applicants:*

- Political Subdivisions including:

- Cities
- Counties
- Water Districts
- Not-for-Profit Water Supply Corporations

### *Eligibility Funding Activities:*

Grants to fund design and construction of wastewater treatment facilities for unincorporated colonias in existence as of November 9, 1989.

### *Special Requirements:*

Funds will only be used for Border counties with unincorporated colonias within 100 kilometers (approximately 62 miles) of the international boundary that comply with applicable Economically Distressed Areas Program special requirements.

### *Total Funding Available:*

\$100,000,000 (\$50 million from EPA and \$50 million from State)

### *Contact:*

Texas Water Development Board Office  
Economically Distressed Areas Program  
512-475-2068

## RURAL DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION/ FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION

### *Program Name:*

Section 306C

Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants to Entities

### *Eligible Applicants:*

Public entities such as:

- Municipalities
- Counties
- Special Purpose Districts
- Indian Tribes
- Not-for-Profit Corporations

### *Eligible Activities:*

- Construct, enlarge, extend or otherwise improve community water and/or waste disposal systems. "Otherwise improve" would include extending service lines and/or connecting residence's plumbing to system.
- Make loans and grants to individuals for extending service lines and/or connecting residences to the applicant's system.
- Make improvements to an individual's residence when needed to allow use of the water and/or waste disposal system.

### *Application Limits:*

Reasonable cost

# Texas Colonias Sub-Group

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Farmers Home Administration

Rural Development  
Administration

TX Water Development Board

TX Dept. of Housing &  
Community Affairs

## Financial Assistance for an Individual's Water and Wastewater Needs

April 8, 1993 El Paso  
April 15, 1993 Eagle Pass  
April 22, 1993 Laredo  
April 29, 1993 Rio Grande City  
April 29, 1993 Harlingen

### TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

*Program Name:*  
Colonia Plumbing Loan Program

*Eligible Applicants:*

- Political subdivisions including:
  - Cities
  - Counties
  - Water Districts
  - Water Authorities
- Not-for-Profit Water Supply Corporations in the counties of Cameron, Hidalgo, Zapata, Starr, Webb, Maverick, Val Verde, Terrell, Brewster, Presidio, Hudspeth and El Paso. Political subdivisions receiving funds can then make low-interest plumbing loans to qualifying colonia residents (has owned the residence receiving assistance prior to November 9, 1989 and meets low to moderate income requirements).

*Eligible Activities:*

- Connecting residences to water distribution or sewer collection systems (including provision of septic tank systems which meet code requirements)
- Plumbing facilities including bathroom sink, shower, bathtub, toilet, hot water heater and kitchen sink
- Construction of bathroom
- Connection fees, design costs, and applicable permit fees
- Replacing existing plumbing with low-flow fixtures

*Special Requirements:*

- Refer to TWDDB for technical requirements.

*Application Limit:*

- \$4,000 per qualifying household unless applicant can show that the average cost will exceed this limit. Applicants may borrow \$4,000 for each of the assisted households plus costs approved by the Board. Some monies may be used for administrative costs.

*Total Funding Available:*

\$15 million (funded by Environmental Protection Agency, EPA)

*Deadline:*

Applications will be accepted at any time subject to availability of funds.

*Contact:*

Texas Water Development Board  
Colonia Plumbing Loan Program  
512-475-2068

### FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION

*Program Name:*  
Section 306C  
Water and Waste Disposal Grants to Individuals

*Eligible Applicants:*

Individuals who reside in colonias and:

- Own a dwelling in a colonia
- Are below federal poverty income guidelines
- Are not delinquent on any federal debt
- Colonias which have been designated by the State or county and have been determined to lack a potable water supply, adequate sewage systems, decent, safe and sanitary housing, and have existed and was recognized as a colonia before October 1, 1989. A colonia must be located in a rural area, which includes unincorporated areas and any town of less than 10,000 people.

*Eligible Activities:*

- Extending service lines from system to the residence
- Connecting service lines to residence's plumbing
- Connecting charges or fees
- Paying for plumbing and related fixtures such as bathtub, sink, commode, kitchen sink, water heater, and outside spigot
- Construction and/or partitioning off a portion of the dwelling for a bathroom

*Application Limit:*

- Connection to water service lines and/or construction of bathroom - \$3,500
- Connection to sewer service lines and/or construction of bathroom - \$4,000
- Lifetime assistance to any individual for Section 306C grants may not exceed \$5,000

*Where to Apply:*

County offices of the Farmers Home Administration

*Contact:*

Chief, Housing Program  
Temple, TX  
817-774-1305

# Texas Colonias Sub-Group

Environmental Protection  
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## Asistencia económica a personas con necesidades de instalaciones de agua potable y drenaje

8 de abril, 1993 El Paso  
15 de abril, 1993 Eagle Pass  
22 de abril, 1993 Laredo  
29 de abril, 1993 Rio Grande City  
29 de abril, 1993 Harlingen

### TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

**Nombre del Programa:**  
Colonias Plumbing Loan Program  
(Programa de préstamos de plomería a colonias)

**Quien puede solicitar fondos:**  
• Subdivisiones políticas municipales incluyendo:

- Ciudadanos
- Condados
- Distritos de agua
- Autoridades de agua
- Corporaciones de suministro de agua sin fines pecuniarios en los condados de Cameron, Hidalgo, Zapata, Starr, Webb, Maverick, Val Verde, Terrell, Brewster, Presidio, Hudspeth y El Paso. Las subdivisiones políticas que reciban fondos podrán hacer préstamos de bajos intereses a los habitantes de colonias que reúnan los requisitos para gastos de plomería. Un habitante de colonia que reúna los requisitos: ha sido dueño de la residencia que va a recibir asistencia desde antes del 9 de noviembre, 1989 y es una persona de bajos o moderados ingresos

**Que actividades reúnen los requisitos de TWDB:**

- Conexión de la residencia a las líneas de agua potable o colección de aguas negras (incluyendo fosas sépticas)
- Gastos de instalaciones como lavabo, regadera, tina de baño, inodoro, fregadero y calentador de agua
- Construcción de un cuarto de baño
- Gastos de conexión, diseño y permisos
- Cambio de plomería a instalaciones "low-flow" que usan menos agua

**Requisitos especiales:**

- Consulte a TWDB para otros requisitos técnicos

**Cuántos fondos pueden ser adquiridos con esta solicitud:**

- \$4,000 por cada residencia que reúna los requisitos. Hay posibilidad de que se haga una excepción si el solicitante demuestra que el costo promedio para cada casa sobrepasa este límite. Las subdivisiones políticas solicitantes pueden pedir \$4,000 por cada residencia que reúna los requisitos, mas otros costos que TWDB apruebe. Cierta cantidad podrá ser utilizada para gastos administrativos.

**Fondos Disponibles:**

\$15 millones (financiados por el Environmental Protection Agency, EPA)

**Plazo:**

Las solicitudes se aceptaran en cualquier momento siempre y cuando existan fondos disponibles.

**Para mas informacion:**

Texas Water Development Board  
Colonias Plumbing Loan Program

### FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION

**Nombre del Programa:**  
Section 306C  
Water and Waste Disposal Grants to Individuals  
(Fondos para agua y drenaje para el individuo)

**Quien puede solicitar fondos:**

Los habitantes de colonias que:  
• Son dueños de una vivienda en una colonia  
• Están por debajo de lo que el gobierno clasifica por "nivel de pobreza"

• No tienen ninguna deuda federal pendiente  
La colonia deberá haber sido designada por el estado o condado como tal, y deberá haber sido determinada que carece de agua potable, sistema de drenaje, viviendas decentes, seguras e higiénicas y que ha existido y ha sido reconocida como colonias antes del 1 de octubre, 1989. La colonia deberá estar situada en un área rural que puede incluir áreas no incorporadas y cualquier población con menos de 10,000 habitantes.

**Que actividades reúnen los requisitos de FDA/FmHA:**

- Extender las líneas de servicio desde la vivienda hasta el sistema
- Conectar líneas de servicio a la plomería de la vivienda
- Cargos de conexión
- Gastos de plomería e instalaciones como tina de baño, inodoro, lavabo, calentador de agua y llave exterior
- Construcción de un cuarto de baño

**Cuántos fondos pueden ser adquiridos con esta solicitud:**

- Conexión al sistema de aguas y/o construcción de un baño - \$3,500
- Conexión al sistema de drenaje y/o construcción de un baño - \$4,000

• La cantidad de asistencia total para cualquier persona en relación al programa Section 306C no podrá exceder \$5,000

**Donde hacer la solicitud:**

Oficinas del condado del Farmers Home Administration

**Persona Contacto:**

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