

Emergency Operations Center: Recovery Phase Hidalgo Co. EOC Report

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The Hidalgo County Emergency Operations Center held a conference call with municipal officials today at 11:30 a.m. This is an update of regional and local issues:

Situation Report

- Weather Report
 - Partly cloudy skies; minimal rain
 - Mexico experiencing major rain
- Lives lost: None
- Flooding
 - Las Brisas has major street flooding otherwise only localized flooding; no water in homes
 - Willacy County drainage may be compromised (ie, overflowing)
 - Edcouch Elsa may be impacted by Willacy Co. drainage

Regional Assessment

- County will conduct regional assessment via two helicopters
- Assessment will permit regional deployment of resources
 - Weslaco EMC notifying Hidalgo Co. EOC of Las Brisas flooding

Shelters

- Regional shelters (like Hoge Academy and La Villa High School) will remain operational
 - People currently housed in Hoge: 30
- Local shelters throughout Hidalgo County are closing

Floodways and Drainage

- IBWC may be permitting water from Cuchillo Dam in Mexico to flow into Rio Grande River west of Rio Grande City.
- This may impact Ansalduas Dam and Rio Grande Valley Floodway

Other

- Hidalgo Co. will begin spraying to mitigate mosquitos
- Approximately 31,000 sandbags were distributed
- Public Information: City Hall switchboard is operational; City's website was disrupted due to transition with Brownsville Library and down utility lines