

Lower Rio Grande Valley Regional Farmworker Housing Summit
Thursday March 24 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM &
Friday March 25 8:00 AM to Noon
Hidalgo County Housing Authority, 1800 North Texas Blvd, Weslaco TX

AGENDA

Thursday, March 24

1:00 PM WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- Welcome *Enrique Montalvo, MET Board Chair*
- Introductory Information on Summit and Farmworker Housing, *Kathy Tyler, MET*

1:30 PM KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS:

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- **Lower Rio Grande Valley: Demographics, Agricultural Economy, Changes, Expectations** *Saigiridhar Mullapudi, University of Texas Pan American*
- **Responses, Industry Outlook**, *Ray Prewett, Texas Vegetable Association (invited)*

2:45 PM HOUSING ROUNDTABLE

- Cesar Chavez Foundation (National Farmworker Service Center)
- MET, South Texas Economic Development Corporation, and South Texas Community College Partnership for green house construction
- USDA & TDHCA Funding Prospects for Section 502 and Sections 514/516

3:45 PM TOUR HOME BEING CONSTRUCTED IN WESLACO (refreshments)

Friday, March 25

8:00 AM WELCOME BACK (refreshments)

8:20 AM FARM LABOR HOUSING TOUR

- Introduction: Mike Lopez, Hidalgo County Housing Authority
- Tour and Questions & Answers

9:45 AM HOUSING ROUNDTABLE CONTINUED:

- CDC of Brownsville
- Others to be announced

10:30 AM NEWS & SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAMS: TDHCA, USDA

- TDHCA-Commissioned Rural and Farmworker Housing Study Status
- Agricultural Worker Housing Initiative, Senate Bill 825 introduced by Senator Lucio
- USDA Section 502 and TDHCA Housing Trust Fund Program
- 2011 Section 514/516 NOFA Expectations (UMOS assistance available)

11:45 AM-Noon CONCLUSIONS: Next Steps and Action Plans