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Public Notice: Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a FFRMS Floodplain or Wetland

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Texas General Land Office (GLO) as required under Part 58, has determined that the following proposed action under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)-Disaster Recovery (DR) and Mitigation (MIT) programs and HUD Grant Numbers B-17-DM-48-0001 and B-18-DP-48-0001 is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain and wetlands. As such, GLO will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the FFRMS floodplain and wetland and the potential impacts on the FFRMS floodplain and wetlands from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690 and/or Executive Order 11990 in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The proposed project is located east of Greenhouse Road at 29.87518 N / -95.70047 W in Cypress, Harris County, TX. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the 0.2 Percent Annual Chance Flood Approach.

The proposed action involves the expansion of three existing stormwater detention basins (SWDB) and construction of a fourth SWDB to increase the available detention volume to over 600 acre-feet of storage under HCFCD Project ID U520-01-00-E004/5 (Dinner Creek). The proposed action also includes construction of new equalizer piping/structures between the basins as well as a new intake weir and gated outlet structure along Dinner Creek and riprap repair for bank stabilization. The proposed action includes an impact area of 104 acres, of which there are 2.58 acres of palustrine wetland impacts, approximately 22 acres of 100-year floodplain impacts, and approximately 1.8 acres of floodway impacts. The impacted wetlands and floodplain provide the following natural and beneficial functions: flood risk reduction/floodwater storage, wildlife habitat, and water quality enhancement through filtration. Neither provide recreational, educational, scientific,



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cultural, or historic value. The proposed action is needed to alleviate flooding within the Langham Creek/Addicks Reservoir watershed and to remove the 100-year floodplain from approximately 30 multi-family structures (approximately 200 residences) identified downstream of the basin.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in the FFRMS floodplain and wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the FFRMS floodplain and wetlands, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about FFRMS floodplains and wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in FFRMS floodplains and wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by GLO at the following address on or before January 23, 2025:

Texas General Land Office Community Development & Revitalization (CDR) Division PO Box 12873, Austin TX 78711-2873 (254) 289-7248 ATTN: Jet M. Hays, Deputy

A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M at the address above and at: <u>C-38-Dinner-Creek-Stormwater-Detention-Basin-U520-01-00</u>. Comments may also be submitted via email at <u>env.reviews@recovery.texas.gov</u>.