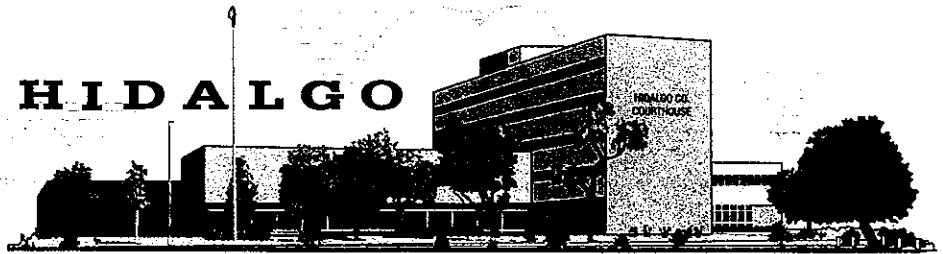


# COUNTY of HIDALGO



***SYLVIA S. HANDY***

**County Commissioner, Pct. 1  
1902 Joe Stephens Ave.  
Weslaco, TX 78596  
(956) 968-8733**

September 4, 2008

Agapito Vargas, C.A.P. Director  
Hidalgo County Border Colonias Access Program  
301 E. State St.  
Pharr, Texas 78577

Dear Mr. Vargas:

Precinct #1 was awarded fifteen population-allocation colonias and two competitive colonias under the TXDOT 3<sup>rd</sup> Call Border Colonia Access Program. We have been notified that Precinct # 1 might possibly have the option to substitute population-allocation projects with competitive projects that were not awarded. It is our understanding that that this option will be done through a special minute order that will be presented to the TXDOT Commission. We also understand that the value (cost) of the competitive projects should be the same as the population-allocation project that will be deleted. Below is a list of the colonias we seek to delete from population-allocation and the list of colonias we would like substituted for competitive approval.

**Population-Allocation Colonia for Deletion**

1) Indian Hills East                      \$ 1,260,219.00

**Competitive Colonias for Approval**

1) Brenda Gay                      \$ 109,956.41  
2) Chapa 2                      \$ 343,068.56  
3) L & P                      \$ 117,988.82  
4) Los Castillos                      \$ 81,524.23  
5) Mary Ann                      \$ 248,468.66  
6) Saenz                      \$ 67,018.91  
7) Valley View Est.                      \$ 144,923.44  
8) Colonia Boyce                      \$ 134,547.58  
**Total: \$ 1,247,496.61**

If you need any additional information, please contact me at the above contact number.

10/15/08

Sincerely,

Joseph Palacios  
Chief Administrator, Pct. 1

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## Hidalgo County Border Colonias Access Program

10 September 2008

Mario Jorge, TXDOT District Engineer  
Texas Department of Transportation  
600 West Expressway US 83  
Pharr, TX 78577

Dear Sharon:

Hidalgo County was awarded fifty-four (54) population-allocation projects and seven (7) competitive projects for a total of sixty-one projects under TXDOT's 3<sup>rd</sup> Call Border Colonia Access program. The County was advised during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Call project requirements held on August 2008 Workshop, of a possibly to substitute awarded population-allocation projects with non-awarded competitive projects.

Hidalgo County has decided to substitute some awarded population-allocation projects with un-awarded competitive projects. The reason for our decision is based on TXDOT's early assurances, Hidalgo County expected to have a chance to adjust its allocation applications after learning of its competitive awards, and it submitted its applications based on that strategy. With only one award for both allocation and competitive projects, the County now has several un-awarded projects (competitive applications) that it would like to swap with awarded population-allocation projects. The substitution of projects will be based on a dollar for dollar cost. The County will neither gain nor lose any appropriated funds.

The County understands that this option will take effect through a special minute as presented by TXDOT's local district office.

Precinct No.1 is requesting that in place of the allocation for Indian Hills East, TWDB# 1080932, (\$1,260,219.00) such should be directed instead to Brenda Gay, TWDB# 1080120 - \$109,956.41; Chapa 2, TWDB# 1080958 - \$343,068.56; Colonia Boyce, TWDB# 1080232 - \$134,547.58; L & P, TWDB# 1080362 - \$117,988.82; Los Castillos, TWDB# 1080423 - \$81,524.23; Mary Ann, TWDB#1080895 - \$248,468.66; Saenz, TWDB# 1080181 - \$67,018.91 and Valley View, TWDB# 1080779 - \$144,923.44. It is our understanding that any remaining balances will be re-distributed back to the County.

Precinct No.3 is requesting that in place of the allocations for Randolph Barnett #1, TWDB# 1080600, (\$90,610.00); Regal Estates, TWDB# 1080606 - (\$191,110.00); Jardin Terrace Subdivision, TWDB# 1080348 - (\$185,510.00); Havana Lomas #4, TWDB# 1080310 - (\$133,601.00); Blue Star Enterprises #2, TWDB# 1080111 - (\$287,214.00); Dude Hill #1, TWDB# 1080234 - (\$88,335.00); Havana Lomas #5, TWDB# 1080311 - (\$90,150.00); Ramirez Subdivision, TWDB# 1080587 - (\$76,910.00); Ramirez Subdivision #2, TWDB# 1080588 -



COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3  
County of Hidalgo

Joe M. Flores  
County Commissioner Pct. No. 3

MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Agapito Vargas, Jr. Hidalgo County BCAP Director  
Hidalgo County BCAP

**FROM:** Joe M. Flores, Commissioner  
Hidalgo County Precinct #3

**DATE:** September 5, 2008

**RE:** TXDOT 3<sup>rd</sup> Call Project Substitutions

Precinct #3 would like to substitute population-allocation projects with competitive projects not awarded.  
Please delete the awarded projects:

Randolph Barnett #1	\$90,610.00
Regal Estates	\$191,110.00
Jardin Terrace Subdivision	\$185,510.00
Havana Lomas #4	\$133,601.00
Blue Star Enterprises #2	\$287,214.00
Dude Hill #1	\$88,335.00
Havana Lomas #5	\$90,150.00
Ramirez Subdivision	\$76,910.00
Ramirez Subdivision #2	\$70,560.00
Ramirez Subdivision #3	\$66,122.00

Please substitute the following competitive projects:

Loma Linda Heights Subdivision	\$650,747.00
Casa de los Vecinos Subdivision	\$621,779.00

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at (956)585-4509.