

COUNTY *of* HIDALGO

Precinct No. 2



Hector "Tito" Palacios
County Commissioner

Dear Ms. Serna

It is our understanding that not all grant funds were expended for Round 1 Texas GLO ADisaster Recovery Projects, and that surplus grant funds are now available under the Flood Drainage Construction line item for Minnesota Drain.

As you know, Hidalgo County Precinct 2 supplemented the \$600,000 GLO Grant provided to the City of San Juan, Texas with additional funds and with Force Account labor and equipment, to expand the Minnesota Drainage Project in order to benefit a greater number of residents affected by the flooding that resulted from Hurricane Dolly. Precinct 2 has expended over \$1,000,000 in Force Account labor and equipment, as well as in the acquisition of real property and the necessary Right of Way.

Hidalgo County Precinct 2 has already expended substantial resources on the Minnesota Drainage Project and existing funds allocated to the Precinct are needed for other drainage projects throughout the Precinct. Given the severe funding limitations in Hidalgo County and in Precinct 2, it would be a hardship to use any more of the Precincts already limited funds for any remaining Minnesota Drainage Projects expenses given that surplus grant funds have become available.

The Precinct has outstanding Right of Way expenses that these surplus grant funds could cover and alleviate from the Precincts constricted budget. As discussed, if the surplus grant funds that are available can be transferred from the Flood Drainage Construction line item to create an Acquisitions line item for Minnesota Drain, Commissioner Palacios would appreciate it if you can request such a "Budget Amendment" which could further reduce the Precincts local contribution and allow us to resume other projects that have since been suspended.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Raul Silguero
Pct #2 Chief Administrator