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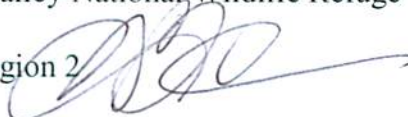
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LA-Reports
Revenue Sharing

AUG 19 2013

Memorandum

To: Refuge Manager, Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge

From: Acting Regional Realty Supervisor, Region 2 

Subject: Revenue Sharing Act Payment to Hidalgo County for Fiscal Year 2012

Attached is one check made payable to the county in which your station is located. The check for each county represents payment due for fiscal year 2012 (October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012) under provision of the amended Revenue Sharing Act (P.L. 950469).

Before delivering the check, you should type the example letter in this packet (first attachment), making appropriate date changes. The letter should be signed by the field station manager, and a copy mailed to your congressional representative. By supplying the information on the example letter, you will ensure that all agencies get a consistent explanation of why they are receiving the specified amounts on their checks.

The second attachment, County Compliance letter, should be signed by the county official and a copy mailed to the Regional Office.

The third attachment is the list of field stations receiving a hard copy check.

The fourth attachment is an EFT form to set the County up for EFT payments. Please have the County fill this out and return to the Realty Office via fax at 505-248-6803 as soon as possible.

Please deliver the attached check, the original of the above referenced letter, and the County Compliance letter, in person, at the earliest possible date, to the primary taxing agency in the county. When you deliver the check(s), please do the following:

1. Obtain a receipt. Keep the original receipt in your station files and send a copy along with a copy of the County Compliance letter to the Regional Office to the attention of MaryTherese One Bear, Division of Realty, advising of the date the check was delivered.
2. Arrange for news media coverage, as warranted, if the check is a significant amount.

3. Explain to the officials that the payment is made in accordance with P.L. 95-469, under provision of 50 CFR, Part 34.
4. Advise officials that the payment is to be distributed by them in accordance with Section 5(a) of the Act (P.L. 950469), as contained in 50 CFR 34.5(c), and that they must maintain records as contained in 50 CFR 34.5(d).
5. Explain to officials the payment computations. Also, review 50 CFR 34.5 (a) and (b), which outlines the formulas for payments on reserve areas and fee areas.

In addition to payments made to counties by the Service under provision of P.L. 95-469, you should also be aware that reserve areas administered solely or primarily by the Service are entitlement lands described in 50 CFR 34.4. For these areas, the Bureau of Land Management makes payments to the respective county under provision contained in 43 CFR 1880.

A copy of this memorandum with related attachments, less check, is being sent to other stations which are included in the respective county's total payment for informational purposes. Contact these other project leaders in regard to their participation with you in the delivery of the check.

If it is not practical for you to deliver the check(s) in person, deliver via certified mail (return receipt). However, if you mail the check(s), please provide the appropriate information outlined in 2, 3, 4 and 5 above. If you have any questions, please contact MaryTherese One Bear, Realty Specialist, at 505-248-7415.

Attachments

LIST OF STATIONS RECEIVING REVENUE SHARING CHECKS

TEXAS

Refuge Center


County

Santa Ana NWR
Lower Rio Grande Valley

Hidalgo

United States Treasury ¹⁵⁻⁵¹/₀₀₀ K 884,164,887


08 09 13 14160006 KANSAS CITY, MO 4030 24196797
000163174710 4030 24196797 M 0000FC13080701

Check No. 

Pay to the order of HIDALGO COUNTY, TX
C/O USFWS REALTY
500 GOLD AVENUE, SW
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87102

\$\$\$94026*00

VOID AFTER ONE YEAR

REGIONAL DISBURSING OFFICER 

Ref #FWS RRSA FY12 71208674

1400

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OFFICIAL HIDALGO COUNTY RECEIPT
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY TREASURER
NORMA G. GARCIA

Receipt No: 167839

Received From: DBM US TREASURY 08/27/13

Date 08/27/13

1 403024196797 US FISH & WILDLIFE REVENUE SHARING 3-1100-360-00-000-0-000 94,026.00

Total: 94,026.00

Check Total 94,026.00

Cash Total .00

Credit Total .00

Other Total .00

County Compliance with
Section VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
Pertaining to Refuge Revenue Sharing Payments

The undersigned assures that Hidalgo County will
administer payments (Name of County/Parish/Borough)

Under the Refuge Revenue Sharing Act (16 USC 715s) in accordance with Section VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252; 42 USC 2000d), and in compliance with the regulations issued pursuant thereto, which are contained in 43 CFR, Part 17.

Name

Title

8/27/13

Date

Please obtain signature of County Office and mail along with copy of the receipt for check to the Regional Office.

FIRST ATTACHMENT

Date: 8/27/13

County of: Hidalgo

Sirs:

Enclosed is U.S. Treasury Check number ⁸4030 2419679, dated 8-9-13, in the amount of \$ 94,026, representing the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service payment under authority of the Refuge Revenue Sharing Act of 1978, Public Law 95-469.

The Act authorizes payments to counties in which Service-owned land is located, based upon the following methods of computation, whichever is greater:

- a) Three-fourths of 1 percent (.75 percent) of the fair market (appraised) value of Fee lands located within the county;
- b) 75 cents per acre for Fee lands located within the county; or
- c) 25 percent of net receipts collected by the Service for certain activities permitted on Fee lands located within the county.

Funding is provided for these payments from net income from the sale of products or privileges on Service lands and appropriated funds from Congress. Some examples of receipts are oil and gas royalties, grazing fees, timber sales, etc. Since net receipts attributable to revenue collections do not provide sufficient funds to pay counties the amount due under the provisions of the Revenue Sharing Act (P.L. 95-469), Congress must appropriate funding to make up the difference.

Since 1980, there have been shortages in the revenue sharing fund and payments to counties have had to be reduced accordingly. Appropriations from Congress and collected receipts for fiscal year 1997 have again prevented full revenue sharing payments being made to the counties.

Please contact Bryan Wintan at Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge/National Fish Hatchery if you have any questions.

Enclosure