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Mosquito Control Partners,

On June 20, 2018 Hidalgo County Judge Ramon Garcia formally announced a Local Disaster Declaration due to the severe weather that impacted our County. In addition, on June 21, 2018 the Governor of Texas issued a State of Disaster Declaration for Hidalgo County along with five other counties. Governor Abbott, Senators Cornyn, and Cruz have formally requested that the President of the United States approve a Federal Disaster Declaration for Hidalgo and Cameron Counties.

Our response efforts in Hidalgo County have transitioned into a recovery mode; the primary areas of concern are public health and disease prevention. The need for County wide collaboration in dealing with our increasing problems with mosquito control have become emergent. The County had thousands of acres of residential development and commercial businesses underwater which encompassed areas of higher population density. The significant increase in mosquito activity is impeding on the recovery efforts being provided by the recovery teams i.e. Muck/Gut teams, water pumping crews, public health teams, first responders, feeding crews, & various support teams.

Therefore, in order to best serve our county, residents, we must unify our vector control response to expedite recovery efforts, and reduce the potential health threat from mosquitos. Diseases such as Zika, Dengue, Chikungunya, and West Nile Virus have been locally confirmed in the past within our County. To help eliminate our mosquito problem, Hidalgo County Health & Human Services is encouraging our municipalities to work in a unified effort.

Respectfully,

Eddie Olivarez
Chief Administrative Officer