

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ON THE ___TH DAY OF JULY 2019, THE HIDALGO COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT CONVENED IN REGULAR SESSION AND THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF THE SAID COURT FOR SUCH MEETING, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.041 ET SEQ. VERNON'S TEXAS CIVIL STATUTES (THE TEXAS OPEN MEETING ACT) TO BE CONSIDERED:

“DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE) PROPOSED SUBMITTAL OF A PROPOSED STUDY ENTITLED **LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT AND RESILIENCE PROJECT** TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS UNDER SECTION 7001 OF THE WATER RESOURCES REFORM AND DEVELOPMENT ACT (WRRDA) 2014”

WHEREAS, WHEREAS SECTION 7001 OF THE WRRDA 2014, AS AMENDED, REQUIRES THAT THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY ANNUALLY SUBMIT TO THE CONGRESS A REPORT THAT IDENTIFIES, FOR POTENTIAL CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION, COMPLETED FEASIBILITY REPORTS, PROPOSED FEASIBILITY STUDIES SUBMITTED BY NON-FEDERAL INTERESTS, PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO AUTHORIZED WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS OR FEASIBILITY STUDIES, AND PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM AUTHORITIES; AND

WHEREAS, THE ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS ON FUTURE WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT IS TO BE BASED, IN PART, UPON ANNUAL REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR AUTHORIZATION FROM NON-FEDERAL INTERESTS. THE PROPOSAL PERIOD FOR THE 2020 REPORT TO CONGRESS OPENS ON APRIL 29, 2019 FOR 120 DAYS. THE DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS IS AUGUST 27, 2019; AND

WHEREAS, WHEREAS CAMERON, HIDALGO AND WILLACY COUNTIES, IN COORDINATION WITH THE LOWER RIO GRANDE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (LRGVDC) REGIONAL WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RWRAC) AND THE LRGV TPDES STORMWATER TASK FORCE (TASK FORCE), A COALITION COMPRISED OF TWENTY SIX (26) LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, DO SEEK TO SUBMIT THIS PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP A HOLISTIC, REGIONAL HYDROLOGIC, HYDRAULIC AND WATERSHED CHARACTERIZATION FOR INCLUSION IN THE ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS ON FUTURE WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ; AND

WHEREAS, THE THREE COUNTIES THAT CONSTITUTE THE CORE OF THE LRGVDC'S SERVICE AREA NARROWLY AVOIDED MAJOR IMPACT BY HURRICANE HARVEY. THESE COUNTIES DID, HOWEVER SUFFER SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE DURING THE FLOODS OF JUNE 2018 AND 2019. EXHIBIT A IS A WHITE PAPER THAT DESCRIBES THE USACE REGIONAL INITIATIVE TO ADDRESS SYSTEMIC AND REPEATED FLOODING, WATER QUALITY IMPAIRMENTS AND ECOLOGICAL DEGRADATION WITHIN LRGV IN A HOLISTIC AND INTEGRATED FASHION; AND

WHEREAS, IF FUNDED, THE PRIMARY SPONSOR IS CAMERON COUNTY; AND

WHEREAS, IF FUNDED, THE CO-SPONSORS INCLUDE THE USACE, HIDALGO COUNTY, WILLACY COUNTY AND THE TASK FORCE; AND

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE HIDALGO COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT WISHES TO SUPPORT THE SUBMITTAL OF THE PROPOSED USACE PROJECT TO THE U.S. CONGRESS UNDER SECTION 7001 OF THE WRDDA ACT TO ADDRESS FLOOD PLANNING, MITIGATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE LRGV.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THIS ___TH DAY OF JULY 2019, BY THE CAMERON COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT.

NAME
Richard F. Cortez
County Judge

David L. Fuentes
Commissioner Precinct 1

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