

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ON THE ___TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022, 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 TO PARTICIPATE AND SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE) STUDY ENTITLED **LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY WATERSHED ASSESSMENT** TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS UNDER SECTION 729 OF THE WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1986, AS AMENDED (33 U.S.C. 2267A) (HEREINAFTER “SECTION 729”), SECTION 202 OF THE WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2000, AS AMENDED AND SECTION 2010 OF THE WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2007, AS AMENDED”

WHEREAS, WHEREAS SECTION 729 OF THE WRRDA 1986, AS AMENDED, ALLOWS USACE TO STUDY THE WATER RESOURCES NEEDS OF RIVER BASINS AND REGIONS OF THE UNITED STATES INCLUDING NEEDS RELATING TO FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT AND WATERSHED PROTECTION; AND

WHEREAS, WATERSHED STUDIES SHOULD INFORM MULTIPLE AUDIENCES AND DECISION MAKERS AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT, AND PROVIDE A STRATEGIC ROADMAP TO INFORM FUTURE INVESTMENT DECISIONS BY MULTIPLE AGENCIES; AND

WHEREAS, CAMERON COUNTY SUBMITTED A LETTER OF INTENT ON MARCH 1, 2022 TO THE USACE GALVESTON DISTRICT OFFICE EXPRESSING INTEREST IN PARTNERING WITH USACE AS THE NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR FOR A WATERSHED ASSESSMENT STUDY UNDER SECTION 729; AND

WHEREAS, WHEREAS ON MARCH 10, 2022 IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT U.S. CONGRESS PASSED THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 GOVERNMENT SPENDING PACKAGE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE SECTION 729 WATERSHED ASSESSMENT; AND

WHEREAS, HIDALGO AND WILLACY COUNTIES, IN COORDINATION WITH CAMERON COUNTY, THE LRGV TPDES STORMWATER TASK FORCE (TASK FORCE), A COALITION COMPRISED OF TWENTY-SIX (26) LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, HAVE EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THIS PROJECT IN THE PAST; AND

WHEREAS, THE THREE COUNTIES THAT CONSTITUTE THE CORE OF THE SECTION 729 WATERSHED ASSESSMENT STUDY AREA NARROWLY AVOIDED MAJOR IMPACT BY HURRICANE HARVEY. THESE COUNTIES DID, HOWEVER SUFFER SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE DURING THE FLOODS OF JUNE 2018 AND 2019; AND

WHEREAS, THE CO-NON-FEDERAL-SPONSORS INCLUDE HIDALGO COUNTY AND WILLACY COUNTY WHOS SHARE OF THE NON-FEDERAL COST IS DISTRIBUTED AS DESPRIBED ON EXHIBIT A OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE HIDALGO COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT WISHES TO PARTNER WITH CAMERON COUNTY AS NON-FEDERALSPOSOR OF THE SECTION 729 WATERSHED ASSESSMENT TO ADDRESS FLOOD PLANNING, MITIGATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN THE LRGV.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THIS ___TH DAY OF NOVEMBER OF 2022, BY THE HIDALGO COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT.

COUNTY JUDGE

COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT 1

COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT 2

COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT 3

COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT 4