

**HIDALGO COUNTY
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 1967
FILED BY SENATOR CHUY HINOJOSA**

WHEREAS, the Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 (the "District"), created in 1908, is a conservation and reclamation district authorized by Article XVI, §59, of the Texas Constitution, operating under Chapters 49, 55, and 56 of the Texas Water Code; and

WHEREAS, the District has served Hidalgo County for over a century (created in 1908), providing drainage and flood control benefits to the population centers in the County, and facilitated economic development of the otherwise flood prone lands within the delta region of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District historically directed the voluminous brackish flood waters it captured and controlled through its infrastructure into the Gulf; and

WHEREAS, the District, and Hidalgo County as a whole, saw the benefit of reclaiming the brackish flood waters, treating the water to drinking water standards to provide a new water source for the citizens of Hidalgo County; and

WHEREAS, to demonstrate the District's ability to construct and operate a multi-purpose flood mitigation and drainage infrastructure project capable of controlling, diverting, capturing, and impounding floodwater, stormwater, agricultural runoff water, and treated wastewater effluent and, thereafter, treating and distributing the treated water for the purpose of creating an additional water supply source, in 2024, the District constructed and operated a "pilot project" funded by the Hidalgo County Drainage District known as the "Delta Reclamation Project"; and

WHEREAS, the District successfully demonstrated the viability of its Delta Reclamation Project as a multi-purpose flood mitigation and drainage infrastructure project capable of controlling, diverting, capturing, and impounding floodwater, stormwater, agricultural runoff water, and treated wastewater effluent by treating and distributing the treated water at scale for the purpose of creating an additional water supply source; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to construct and operate a full-scale version of the Delta Reclamation Project to maximize the benefits of its multi-purpose flood mitigation and drainage infrastructure project for the citizens of Hidalgo County; and

WHEREAS, Senator Chuy Hinojosa has consistently supported the District's efforts to protect and provide for the Citizens of Hidalgo County; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1967 amends the definition of a "Flood Project" that will make the Delta Reclamation Project eligible for participation in the Texas Flood Infrastructure Fund;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby express their support for the above-mentioned Senate Bill 1967, filed by Senator Chuy Hinojosa.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON April 01, 2025.

HIDALGO COUNTY

Richard F. Cortez, County Judge

Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk