

Hidalgo County

Resolution in support of United States Army Corps of Engineers

Whereas section 729 of the WRDA 2020, as amended, requires that the Secretary of the Army annually submit to the Congress a report that identifies, for potential congressional authorization, proposed watershed studies submitted by non-federal interests, proposed modifications to authorized water resources development projects or feasibility studies, and proposed modifications to environmental infrastructure 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 1st August 27, 2019; and

Whereas Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy counties, 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 assessment for inclusion in the annual report to Congress on future water resources development; and

Whereas the three counties that constitute the 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 Hurricane Hanna in 2020, and recent unnamed storms in May 2021. 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;

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 Commissioners Court wishes to support the submittal of the proposed USACE project to the U.S. Congress under section 7001 of the WRDA act to address flood planning, mitigation and infrastructure projects in Hidalgo County and the LRGV.

Approved this 1st day of June, 2021.



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