

October 28, 2010

Honorable Dan Gattis
County Judge
Williamson County Courthouse
701 South Main Street, Suite 101
Georgetown, TX 78626

RE: Upper Brushy Creek Water Control and Improvement District
Request for Support for a Flood Protection Grant Application

As you may be aware, the Upper Brushy Creek Water Control and Improvement District (District) maintains 23 dams (21 are rated as high-hazard potential) in Southern Williamson County. The District's boundaries encompass approximately 187 square miles and overlay the Cities of Leander, Cedar Park, Austin, Georgetown, Round Rock, and Hutto to varying degrees. For the past seven years the District has been focusing its efforts on modernizing the 21 high-hazard potential dams. As of this date, sixteen of the dams have been modernized, three are under construction, and the remaining two dams will be completed in the near future.

As part of the District's future contribution to regional flood control within its boundaries, the Board of Directors (Board) is considering submitting an application to the Texas Water Development Board for a grant under the Flood Protection Planning Program. The Flood Protection Planning Grant (FPPG) would be used to partially fund a basin-wide flood study and analysis to identify problems related to creek flooding, to identify potential regional solutions, and to estimate the benefits and costs of those regional solutions. *The FPPG will fund up to a maximum of 50% of the cost for the study - the District is considering fully funding the remaining costs of the study if the Cities and County will provide resolutions of support for the application and study.*

The resolutions are important for several reasons. First, the grants are competitive and supporting resolutions will improve the chances of the District receiving a grant. More importantly, if there are local objections there is no reason to pursue the grant for a regional study. Second, although the District will take the lead role in the development of the study, the Board wants to know that the Cities and County will participate in the development/review of the study and potential regional solutions. Finally, the District would like to know that the Cities and County will be willing to participate in development of regional solutions identified in the study if there are problems identified within their jurisdiction(s).

Applications for the grant are due in January 2011. The District will decide at the November 12, 2010 Board Meeting if they will pursue the grant or not based on interest of the Cities and the County. The District does not need a formal resolution before that meeting; however, to help with the decision, the Board would like to know if your community will provide a resolution of support or if your community has any objections prior to the meeting. If you are in support we would like to request an official resolution by December 10, 2010 - the last Board Meeting for this calendar year.

If you could respond to me or Mr. Mike Erdmann (General Manager) no later than Friday, November 5, 2010 we will include your feedback in the Board Packet.

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