Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Floodplain and Wetland

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that Karnes County (County) has determined the following proposed action under the Texas General Land Office Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program, GLO Contract 24-065-115-E928, is located in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) Floodplain and Wetland, and the County will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and wetland, and the potential impacts on the floodplain and wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, and Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection.

Project Locations: Karnes County, TX

County Road 127: from approximately 2,046' SE of CR 127 @ CR 134 (28.77958, -97.72972), 100 LF, Choate, TX.

County Road 184: from approximately 760' north of CR 184 @ CR 189 (28.83305,-97.97103), 100 LF, Karnes City, TX.

County Road 207: from approximately 2,332' south of CR 207 @ CR 214, southward 88' (28.95139, -98.03922), Falls City, TX.

Project Description: Subrecipient shall acquire land; remove bridge and culverts; grade channel; install culverts, headwalls, aprons and erosion controls; relocate utilities; remove and replace road and complete associated appurtenances.

The extent of the floodplain was determined using the FFRMS Freeboard Value Approach. Approximately 0.25-acres of project activities will occur in the FFRMS floodplain on CR 127, and approximately 1.0-acre in the Riverine Wetland at all 3 locations. The beneficial values of the floodplain and wetland will not be adversely affected as the project will not enhance the natural flow of the drainage, and best management practices will be utilized during construction. Work in the wetland will be approached under the appropriate Nationwide Permit.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and wetlands, and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment, should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain and wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains and wetland can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains and wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the County on or before 5/7/25. Please submit your request to the County at michelle.salais@co.karnes.tx.us or by U. S. Mail to: Karnes County, 101 N. Panna Maria Avenue, Suite 101, Karnes City, TX 78118-3210, Attn: County Judge's Office. (830) 780-3732. A full description of the project will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail.

Date: 4/22/25