# COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

May 16, 2019 301 Jackson Street Suite 602 Richmond, Texas 77469 281-341-4410

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

### REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 04, 2019 Fort Bend County will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), as amended to undertake the following:

#### **Project Nature/Scope**

This project will allow the City of Arcola to have its own water plant. The purpose of this water system project is to provide approximately 1,260 citizens with a clean and reliable water source of sufficient quality to meet local, state and national drinking standards. This project will be constructed on a 1.03-acre tract of land owned by the City near the intersection west of F.M. 521 and south of Hwy 6. It is sized to provide in the range of 500 to 800 connections. The site is laid out in such a manner that additional components of the plant can be expanded to serve ultimately 2000 connections as development occurs in Arcola.

## **Project Location**

Arcola is located near the eastern edge of Fort Bend County. Texas State Highway 6 passes through the city. Downtown Houston is 22 miles to the north.

#### **Funding Sources**

\$550,000 CDBG \$28,025 City Funds

# FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Fort Bend County has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Fort Bend County Community Development Department, 301 Jackson, Suite 602, Richmond, Texas 77469 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Fort Bend County Community Development Department. All comments received by June 03, 2019 will be considered by Fort Bend County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenters should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

#### RELEASE OF FUNDS

Fort Bend County certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that

KP George in his capacity as Fort Bend County Judge consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Fort Bend County to use Program funds.

# **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and Fort Bend County's Certification received by June 19, 2019 or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the County of Fort Bend approved by HUD; (b) the County of Fort Bend has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HUD, 1301 Fannin St., Suite 2200, Houston, Texas 77002. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

KP George Fort Bend County Judge