

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

San Jacinto County

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San Jacinto County, 1 State Hwy 150 Coldspring, TX 77331, (936) 653-2199

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by San Jacinto County, Texas.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 6/1/2021, San Jacinto County will submit a request to the Texas General Land Office for the release of Texas Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383), as amended, to undertake a project known as the San Jacinto County Hurricane Harvey Buyout Program 20-066-020-C135, for the purpose of purchasing properties from residents at fair market value in flood-prone areas and convert them open space. To restore the floodplain, structures on the buyout sites (to date 90 parcels) will be demolished and the sites returned to a natural state, allowing stormwater to flow through the area without the risk of endangering residents or property. San Jacinto County has been awarded \$11,807,489 in grant funds (project is solely funded by CDBG-DR funds). A tiering plan has been created and mitigation measures and strategies will be followed as appropriate for each site-specific and is outlined in the Environmental Review Record.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

San Jacinto 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 San Jacinto County Courthouse, 1 State Hwy 150 Coldspring, TX 77331, (936) 653-2199, and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, or may be requested via email at sjc.oem@co.san-jacinto.tx.us.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of the County Judge. All comments received by 5/31/2021 will be considered by San Jacinto County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

San Jacinto County certifies to GLO that Fritz Faulkner in their capacity as 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. GLO approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows San Jacinto County to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

GLO will accept objections to its release of funds and San Jacinto County's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual 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 of San Jacinto County approved by GLO (b) San Jacinto County 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 development process have committed funds, incurred costs, or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by GLO; 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, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Texas General Land Office – Community Development and Revitalization at P.O. Box 12873, Austin, Texas 78711-2873. Potential objectors should contact GLO to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Fritz Faulkner, County Judge