

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

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals on 6/18/2026: This is to give notice that Pecos County has determined that the following proposed action under the Community Development Block Grant Program administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) and ERR #(CFC25-0321), is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain, and Pecos County will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. Pecos County proposes a waterline replacement project. The County proposes to replace an existing six-inch (6") asbestos water line with 10,000 linear feet of 10-inch water transmission line that will tie-in to existing water lines at project limits, which will include valves, fittings, restraints, blow-offs/air release, and trenching, bedding, backfill, compaction, surface restoration, testing/disinfection, boring as necessary, and all associated appurtenances. Project activities will occur along an existing pipeline easement from a point located approximately 5,250 linear feet south and then approximately 3,420 linear feet east of the intersection of Highway 18 and FM 1450 to a point southwest approximately 8,020 linear feet south and then approximately 6,250 linear feet west of the intersection of Highway 18 and FM 1450. All activities will be occurring north of Fort Stockton, Texas in Pecos County, Texas. If funds allow, the project location will extend approximately 5,100 linear feet southwest from the project endpoint that is approximately 8,020 linear feet south and then approximately 6,250 linear feet west of the intersection of Highway 18 and FM 1450. Additionally, construction methods may vary between open-cut and bore/directional boring, where required. The purpose of the project is to replace waterlines and provide adequate water services to the surrounding community. The extent of the floodplain was determined using the freeboard value approach (FVA). According to the Estimated Base Flood Elevation and the project location elevation, the proposed project is within approximately 6.9 acres of the 100-year Floodplain, and the alternative project location is within approximately 3.5 acres of the 100-year Floodplain. The natural and beneficial functions and values of the floodplain potentially affected by the proposed activity include floodwater storage and conveyance, groundwater recharge, erosion control, surface water quality maintenance, biological productivity, fish and wildlife habitats, harvest for wild & cultivated products, recreational, educational, scientific, historic, and cultural opportunities. There are three primary purposes for this notice: (1) People who may be affected by activities in floodplains 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, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts; (2) An adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas; and (3) As a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk. Written comments must be received on or before 7/6/2026 by Pecos County at 103 W. Callaghan Street, Fort Stockton, TX 79735, 432-336-2792. Attention: Joe Shuster, County Judge. A full description of the project may also be reviewed during regular business hours at the same address as above. Comments may also be submitted via email to judge@co.pecos.tx.us and Gina.marquez@co.pecos.tx.us CC: Hannah.Lovato@GrantWorks.net.