

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

Date of Notice: 7/23/2026

Pecos County, 103 W. Callaghan Street, Fort Stockton, TX 79735, 432-336-2792

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Pecos County.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 8/11/2026 Pecos County will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture - Office of Rural Affairs (TDA-ORA) for the release of Texas Community Development Block Grant 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 Pecos County CFC25-0321 – waterline replacement project, for the purpose of Administrative and Engineering Fees and Services and 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 approximately 8,020 linear feet south and then approximately 6,250 linear feet west of the intersection of Highway 18 and FM 1450 to approximately 5,100 linear feet southwest. Additionally, construction methods may vary between open-cut and bore/directional boring, where required. Pecos County has been awarded \$1,000,000.00 in grant funds and shall contribute \$0.00 in match funds.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Pecos 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 Pecos County Courthouse, 103 W. Callaghan Street, Fort Stockton, TX 79735 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. A digital copy of the ERR may be obtained by contacting Gina Marquez, Judge's Assistant via email gina.marquez@co.pecos.tx.us or by phone a 432-336-2792.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of the County Judge. Comments may also be submitted via email to gina.marquez@co.pecos.tx.us. All comments received by 8/10/2026 will be considered by Pecos County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Pecos County certifies to TDA-ORA that Joe Shuster 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. TDA-ORA approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows Pecos County to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

TDA-ORA will accept objections to its release of funds and Pecos 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 Pecos County approved by TDA-ORA (b) Pecos 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 TDA-ORA; 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 Annessa Lewis, Environmental Review Specialist of The Texas Department of Agriculture - Office of Rural Affairs, via email at CDBG_EnvReview@TexasAgriculture.gov. Potential objectors should contact TDA-ORA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Joe Shuster, County Judge