

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 10/13/2026: 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 #CDV25-0322, is located in the Federally Protected 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 water service improvement project to rehabilitate the existing standpipe; rehabilitate one of two water storage tanks; completely replace the other water storage tank; and all associated appurtenances. The rehabilitation of the standpipe will occur at the corner of Battle Street and Putnam Street in Cayanosa Colonia. The two water storage facilities proposed for improvements are located at the end of Stephan Lane outside Cayanosa Colonia. All project activities are located in Pecos County, Texas. The purpose of the project is to improve the County's existing water storage infrastructure and water service for the entire water service area, including Cayanosa and Imperial Colonia residents.

Water Plant:

According to the FEMA Estimated Base Flood Elevation (estBFE), the BFE within the project area is 2,602.4 feet. Applying the required three-foot freeboard results in a Federally Protected Floodplain elevation of 2,605.4 feet. Therefore, the Federally Protected Floodplain is defined as the area at or below an elevation of 2,605.4 feet. According to elevation data obtained from the USGS National Map, ground elevations within the approximately 0.52-acre Water Plant project area range from approximately 2,601.4 to 2,604.2 feet above mean sea level. Based on this information, the entire Water Plant project area, approximately 0.52 acres, is located within the Federally Protected Floodplain.

Standpipe:

According to the FEMA Estimated Base Flood Elevation (estBFE), the BFE within the project area is 2,616.8 feet. Applying the required two-foot freeboard results in a Federally Protected Floodplain elevation of 2,618.8 feet. Therefore, the Federally Protected Floodplain is defined as the area at or below an elevation of 2,618.8 feet. According to elevation data obtained from the USGS National Map, ground elevations within the approximately 0.2-acre Standpipe project area range from approximately 2,617.2 to 2,618.2 feet above mean sea level. Based on this information, the entire Standpipe project area, approximately 0.2 acres, is located within the Federally Protected 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 10/28/2026 by Pecos County at 103 W. Callaghan, 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. Comments may also be submitted via email to gina.marquez@co.pecos.tx.us; judge@co.pecos.tx.us CC:; kayce.carroll@grantworks.net.