

### Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a FFRMS floodplain and a wetland

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals on 4/15/2026: This is to give notice that Jim Wells County has determined that the following proposed action under the Community Development Block Grant Program administered by the Texas General Land Office (GLO) and ERR #(24-065-170-F085), is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain and a wetland, and Jim Wells County will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and wetland and the potential impacts on the floodplain and wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. Jim Wells County proposes a water improvements. The County proposes to acquire land; install waterline, fire hydrants, services, and meters; repair driveways and pavement; and complete associated appurtenances. Project activities will be occurring in two locations in Alice, Jim Wells County, Texas. The two tables below encompass the location details.

#### Meadow Ridge/Oak Meadow Waterline Extension:

<b>Project Location (Along a Street)</b>	<b>Project Location Description and Coordinates</b>	<b>Proposed HUD Performance Measures</b>
County Road 3831	From the intersection of County Road 3831 and County Road 383 southward to dead-end of County Road 3831 street. Latitude: 27.72071 Longitude: -98.03384	1,100 Linear Feet (LF)
County Road 382 / County Road 383	From the intersection of County Road 665 and County Road 382 southward 2,950 feet, thence eastward along County Road 383 to the entrance of the plant. Latitude: 27.72275 Longitude: -98.03986	5,224 LF

#### CR 117 and CR 111 Waterline Extension:

<b>Project Location (Along a Street)</b>	<b>Project Location Description and Coordinates</b>	<b>Proposed HUD Performance Measures</b>
County Road 117 / County Road 111 Easement	From approximately 1,971 feet east of the intersection of Howell Road and Highway 281 eastward to US-281 Business, thence southward along US-281 Business to County Road 111, thence westward to the dead-end of County Road 111, thence northward through easements to County Road 117. Latitude: 27.77560 Longitude: -98.08312	5,400 LF

Acquisition for utility easements is required for all areas in the CR117 and CR111 location and only the south side of CR 382 for the Meadow Ridge/Oak Meadow location. The purpose of the project is to provide adequate access to water for the surrounding community. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the 0.2 percent flood approach. According to FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel No. 48249C0310D effective date 8/15/2017, approximately 0.30 acres of the proposed project, specifically the Meadow Ridge/Oak Meadow Waterline Extension, is located within the FFRMS floodplain. According to FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel No. 48249C0240D effective date 8/15/2017, approximately 0.01 acres of the proposed project, specifically the CR 117 and CR 111 Waterline Extension, is located within the FFRMS floodplain. According to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) National Wetlands Inventory, the proposed project, specifically Meadow Ridge/Oak Meadow Waterline Extension, is also located within approximately 0.005

acres of designated wetland code R4SBCx wetland. All other project locations do not overlap and impact a wetland feature. The natural and beneficial functions and values of the floodplain and wetland 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. Since the project involves improvements in areas surrounded by existing facility, it will have minimal impact to the natural and beneficial functions and values of the floodplain and wetland. 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 4/30/2026 by Jim Wells County at 200 North Almond Street, Alice, Texas 78332, 361-668-5826. Attention: Pedro Trevino, 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 [Pedro.Trevino@co.jim-wells.tx.us](mailto:Pedro.Trevino@co.jim-wells.tx.us) CC: [Hannah.Lovato@GrantWorks.net](mailto:Hannah.Lovato@GrantWorks.net).