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**Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed  
Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

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McCulloch, County Clerk

This is to give notice that McCulloch County has determined that the following proposed action under the Community Development Block Grant administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) and ERR #(CDV21-0347), is located in the 100-year floodplain, and McCulloch 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, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management.

**Description of Aggregated Project (must include work to be funded by TxCDBG):**

Water Distribution System Improvements:

Rochelle WSC is proposing to make improvements to its water distribution system.

- replace all the existing meters with new AMI/AMR meters and systems.
- replace old water lines that are prone to leaks and breaking and use the new waterline to loop the system.
- install approximately 140 new water meters throughout the system.
- install approximately 8,350 LF of 4" PVC pipe
- install 4 gate valves/boxes and 2 connections.

Acquisition

None

Professional Services including Grant Administrator and Project Engineer activities.

LOCATION:

All work will occur in the Town of Rochelle, McCulloch County, Texas in the following locations:

Water line improvements:

- U.S. Hwy 190

Meter Replacement:

- Throughout the Town

**FLOODPLAIN**

According to FEMA, the project area has not been mapped.

According to the GLO Environmental Review Mapping Application, no FEMA mapping data is available.

According to the USGS Flood Inundation Mapper, no mapping data exists.

According to McCulloch County, they have no Floodplains Administrator and, after reaching out to the USDA/NRCS, they were unable to find any flood information for the project area.

Because of the lack of floodplain information, it was determined that the 8-Step Process would be required as some areas of the project may occur within areas which are prone to flooding.

Area of Disturbance: 3.834 acres

**Natural and beneficial values potentially adversely affected by the activity:**

1. The natural resources of the floodplain include water, biological, and societal resources. The proposed project will have minimal impacts to the floodplain as the project involves minimal ground disturbance within the floodplain.
2. After consultation with the USFWS, review of the County Lists of Endangered and Threatened Species for the County and on-site inspections of the project site, it was concluded that the construction of the facilities will have no quantifiable impact on plant and animal life. Only native plants are to be used in the floodplain and on the site.
3. Societal resources should also be considered during the design process. The designs are meant to complement the natural features of the area and to offer an aesthetically pleasing structure. The site will not have an effect on agricultural lands.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, 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. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and requests 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. Third, 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 by McCulloch County at the following address on or before **December 8, 2023**, (a minimum 15 calendar day comment period will begin the day after the publication and end on the 16<sup>th</sup> day after the publication): **McCulloch County Courthouse, 199 Courthouse Sq, Brady, TX 76825, Attention: Margarita Gutierrez-Moreno, Administrative Assistant**. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. at the same address. Comments may also be submitted via email at [todd@texasenvironmentals.com](mailto:todd@texasenvironmentals.com).

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