



**SAN JACINTO COUNTY
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

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ORDER OF VOLUNTARY EVACUATION FROM

UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS IN THE LOW-LYING AREAS ALONG THE TRINITY RIVER

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024 EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

WHEREAS, San Jacinto County is facing significant threats to life and property due to the heavy rainfall and flooding that has occurred from storm systems moving across the State;

WHEREAS, overnight San Jacinto County received significant heavy rainfall that caused flooding in low-lying areas and on roadways throughout the County;

WHEREAS, the Trinity River Authority has significantly increased discharge from the dam and the discharge is expected to increase which could exacerbate flooding in the low-lying areas along the Trinity River and below the dam; and

WHEREAS, The National Weather Service forecasts additional rainfall throughout the week which may cause further damage to public infrastructure and prevent access and safe passage on roadways, thus creating a public safety hazard;

WHEREAS, first responders may not be able to reach these residents should conditions worsen;

WHEREAS, the County Judge of San Jacinto County, Texas has determined that based on current infrastructure damage in the County and based on forecasts issued by the National Weather Service that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect life, as well as to protect or rehabilitate property, and are hereby ordered.

Now Therefore, it is hereby ORDERED by the County Judge of San Jacinto County, Texas,

1. The County Judge FINDS that a VOLUNTARY EVACUATION of persons residing in the unincorporated areas of San Jacinto County, Texas below the Lake Livingston Dam and along the Trinity River is necessary for the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response, or recovery;
2. A VOLUNTARY EVACUATION of persons from the unincorporated areas of San Jacinto County, Texas located below the Lake Livingston Dam and along the Trinity River is hereby ORDERED;
3. Unless any other order is issued to the contrary, this VOLUNTARY EVACUATION issued herein SHALL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY ON APRIL 29, 2024 at 11:40 A.M.
4. The issuance of this VOLUNTARY EVACUATION shall NOT preclude the County Judge from taking further actions the County Judge considers necessary for the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response, or recovery, and includes the following provisions;
5. Residents who evacuate are encouraged to first seek shelter with relatives, friends, or hotel/motel. If the resident has no other option available, shelter will be available at the San Jacinto County Shelter Located at 255 Live Oak St, Coldspring, Tx 77331.



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6. This ORDER shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of San Jacinto County, Texas; and

7. This ORDER shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance. It is hereby ORDERED on this, the 29th day of April 2024.

ORDERED this the 29th Day of April 2024.

Fritz Faulkner, County Judge
San Jacinto County, Texas

Attest: Dawn Wright
Dawn Wright, County Clerk

by: Michelle Clark
Deputy Clerk

SAN JACINTO COUNTY CLERK
SANDY L. POWERS, PROBATION, TP-2465

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