

October 15, 2020

Via First Class Mail & Email

USACE, Galveston District

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Re: Request for Extension of Comment Period – Buffalo Bayou and Tributaries Resiliency Study Interim Feasibility Report (the “Interim Report”)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Fort Bend County (the “County”) respectfully requests that you extend the public comment period on the Interim Report to December 31, 2020, which would allow 90 days for public comment on the Interim Report that was released on October 2, 2020. The County also requests the release of all models and data that USACE used or relied on to analyze the different alternatives and form the basis for the information and conclusions contained in the Interim Report.

The Buffalo Bayou and Tributaries Resiliency Study (the “Study”) covers the northeastern portion of the County that was impacted by the operation of the Barker Reservoir during Hurricane Harvey. Thousands of our County residents were devastated by flooding upstream from Barker Reservoir during Hurricane Harvey. As such, the County places significant importance on the final version of the Study, which is intended to help inform decision-makers in weighing the benefits and costs of projects to reduce flood risk. Providing the public with the requested 90 days and the supporting models and data, in addition to the virtual public meetings, is essential to provide you with meaningful and accurate input on the Interim Report.

The County appreciates your attention to this important matter and your consideration of our requests to extend the public comment period to December 31, 2020, and provide the back-up information necessary for a thorough review of the conclusions and study alternatives contained in the Interim Report.

Sincerely,