



## COUNTY JUDGE

Fort Bend County, Texas

The Honorable KP George  
County Judge

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February 5, 2019

Chief W. Nim Kidd  
Texas Division of Emergency Management  
5805 N. Lamar Boulevard  
P.O. Box 4087  
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RE: In support of Fort Bend County MUD No. 140 FEMA Application

Dear Chief Kidd:

Fort Bend County Commissioners Court fully supports Fort Bend County MUD No. 140's application to the Texas Division of Emergency Management for approximately \$15.2 million in FEMA Hazard Mitigation funding for a Levee Protection Project.

This project plays a critical role in protecting the following communities, which are located along FM 359 near the Brazos River: River's Edge (MUD 140), Rio Vista (MUD 145), DRS Rd. and Shadow Grove. A majority of this area is located within the 100-year floodplain. These neighborhoods flooded in both 2016 and 2017. Tens of millions of dollars' worth of damage was done to hundreds of homes and FM 359, an important north-south traffic and evacuation route during serious weather events, was temporarily closed.

The Brazos River Authority's "Lower Brazos River Floodplain Protection Planning Study" was funded by a Texas Water Development Board grant and completed in 2018. It lists this project as one of only five prioritized "Proposed Flood Mitigation Levees" for the Lower Brazos River Basin. Affected residents also strongly support the application and have stated that the project is a "desperate need" and a "priority mitigation project" for the county.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "KP George", written over a white background.

KP George  
County Judge