THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF FORT BEND §

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE HARRIS COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT'S SECTION 7001 STUDY PROPOSAL AS AUTHORIZED BY THE WATER RESOURCES REFORM AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2014 (WRRDA) FOR FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE ADDICKS AND BARKER RESERVOIRS

WHEREAS, the Barker and Addicks Reservoirs were designed to contain flood waters within the boundaries of federally-owned lands; and

WHEREAS in 2017, Hurricane Harvey's rainfall and runoff exceeded the Reservoirs capacity resulting in private property damage throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, Fort Bend County ("the County") believes this scenario could reoccur and wishes to reduce the flood risk and the negative environmental impacts and harm to life and property created by a future and similar natural event; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to place itself in a better position for the next storm event and believes that maximizing flood facilities in the current flood mitigation inventory will lead to more positive outcomes during the next storm event; and

WHEREAS, recently, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) have extended the Buffalo Bayou and Tributaries Resiliency Study (BBTRS), initiated after Hurricane Harvey, which primarily focuses on a conveyance tunnel; and

WHEREAS, the County supports this effort and looks forward to the results of the BBTRS but believes that a complementary study, analyzing the excavation and or relocation of earthen material within the Reservoirs, might identify shorter term solutions that could be completed before the tunnel concept is finalized; and

WHEREAS, the County has not committed to serving as a local sponsor and is not required to support the costs of the feasibility study;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS that the County strongly believes that the proposed study should be approved and that it supports the HCFCD's proposed Section 7001 study and its goal to analyze and increase the storm water storage capacity of the Addicks and Barker Reservoirs.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this the day of July 2023.
KP George, County Judge
Vincent Morales, Commissioner Precinct 1 Grady Prestage, Commissioner Precinct 2
Andy Meyers, Commissioner Precinct 3 Dexter L. McCoy, Commissioner Precinct 4
Attest: Laura Richard, County Clerk Attest: Laura Richard, County Clerk

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