

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

April 10, 2026
Orange County
123 South 6th Street
Orange, Texas, 77630
(409)882-7070

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Orange County.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about April 27, 2026 Orange County will authorize the Orange County Drainage District to submit a request to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for the release of Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation funds under The Further Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act of 2018 (Public Law 115 -123) and Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act of 2019 (Pub. L. 116 -20), as amended, to undertake a project known as Tiger Creek Detention Pond for the purpose of flood mitigation and alleviation of flooding in Vidor, Texas and northwestern Orange County. The project is estimated to cost \$31,091,100.00, which will be fully covered using the GLO construction allocation of \$31,091,100.00.

The project site is located within Orange County, Texas, situated 4.9 miles northeast of Vidor, Texas. The approximate NAD83 geographical coordinates for the center of the project site are N 30.206518 and W 93.993890.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Orange County has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Orange County Courthouse, 123 South 6th Street, and on Orange County's Official Website at <https://www.co.orange.tx.us/> and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 5 : 0 0 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the following address: Orange County Judge John Gothia at Orange County courthouse, 123 South 6th Street, Orange, Texas 77630 and (409) 882-7070. Attention: The Honorable Judge John Gothia, Orange County Judge. All comments received by April 27, 2026 will be considered by Orange County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Orange County certifies to the GLO that John Gothia in his capacity as Orange County Judge consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. GLO's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Orange County Drainage District to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The GLO will accept objections to its release of funds and Orange County's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of Orange County; (b) Orange County has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the GLO; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Texas General Land Office at P.O. Box 12873, Austin, Texas 78711. Potential objectors should contact the GLO to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

John Gothia, Orange County Judge