



TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE
COMMISSIONER DAWN BUCKINGHAM, M.D.

October 14, 2026

Marcus Y. Stuckett, P.E., CFM
Executive Director
Harris County Flood Control District
9900 Northwest Freeway
Houston, TX 77092

Dear Executive Director Stuckett:

The Texas General Land Office (GLO) received your October 2, 2026, letter regarding CDBG-DR Contract No. 24-033-000-E072. We are pleased that the extension the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) granted in recognition of GLO's strong performance will give the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) the time needed to complete construction of all projects in your current CDBG-DR contract. The ability to complete these flood control projects will yield huge benefits for County residents.

The GLO continues to do everything in its power to keep this federal funding in Harris County for much-needed flood protection and mitigation projects. While we were willing to consider your proposed project swaps several months ago, Harris County has once again failed to follow through on its commitments. It has not provided the complete information required by HUD that the county committed to providing months ago and has not identified replacement projects for the swap.

Given Harris County's repeated inability to fully execute promised projects even within the newly available timeframe, the GLO cannot move forward with the project swaps. This decision is not based on administrative burden. Rather, Texas still has substantial unmet needs from Hurricane Harvey, and the state cannot risk funds lapsing back to HUD because of Harris County's eventual failure to complete these projects. We encourage HCFCD and Harris County to explore every available way to make the most of the one-year extension and deliver the greatest possible benefit to its residents.

Sincerely,

DAWN BUCKINGHAM, M.D.
Commissioner, Texas General Land Office