

Seakist Early Notice & Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) Designated Floodplain & Wetland

To: All interested Agencies FEMA, TWDB, TCEQ, USACE, City of Port Lavaca, Calhoun County, Groups & Individuals of the Community at E. Maxwell Ditch.

This is to give notice that Calhoun County has determined that the following proposed action under CDBG MIT Program Contract # 24-065-152-F011 is located in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) Designated Floodplain & Wetland, & Calhoun County will be identifying & evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the FFRMS & Wetland & the potential impacts on the FFRMS & Wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690 and Executive Order 11990 in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management & Protection of Floodplains & Wetlands. The proposed project locations are within the Seakist subdivision of Pt Lavaca, Calhoun Co, TX.

Project Description: Calhoun County shall improve ditches; remove and replace culverts; install headwalls; splash pad; outfall; repair driveways; and complete associated appurtenances at Seakist Lane near Port Lavaca, TX. Total Approximate Area of Disturbance 2.43 Acres (See Table Below). **Purpose:** The current drainage system needs major upgrades including regrade/reshaping of the existing channel, upgraded road crossing structures, & an improved / clearly defined outfall structure with an emergency lined spillway. The purpose of this project is to alleviate excess runoff and flooding from severely large storm events. The homeowners, existing bluff and surrounding property will be protected from increased flows and rain events which in the past, have caused severe damage & flood inundation of property and homes. Project will benefit 101 persons of which 31 or 30.69% are low moderate-income persons.

Calhoun County Seakist Lane Flood & Drainage Project Locations TOTAL APPROXIMATE DISTURBANCE TABLE					
Location ID	Location: From / To	Length (lf)	Width (lf)	Disturbance Area (acres)	Lat / Long Point (DD)
CS1 Ditch	Cross-country from 940' NW of Seakist Lane & Seakist Road NO through easement 2,305'	2305	45	2.38	28.60097, -96.69770
CS2 Outfall	Cross-country from end of the Ditch 2,305' NO of Seakist Lane northward 200' to Lavaca Bay	215	10	0.05	28.59867, -96.70142
Total		2505		2.43	

Floodplain: The estimate of the FFRMS floodplain area was determined using freeboard value approach which incorporates the use of the FEMA floodplain maps and USGS 7.5-minute topographic maps for the project area. From review of FEMA NFHL FLOODMAP MAP PANEL 48057C0045E Effective Date 10/16/2014, it is estimated that approximately 0.1928 acres is located within the 1% annual chance flood hazard (Zone AE), 0.0008 acres are located within 1% annual chance flood hazard (Zone VE); (this project is functionally dependent); and approximately 1.3794 acres are located within the .2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Area. Total acres located within the floodplain is approximately 1.57 acres.

Wetlands: A review of the USFWS National Wetlands Inventory data has estimated that approximately 0.43 acres of this project may be located in the Wetland. The Wetland classifications include 0.146 acres identified as Freshwater Emergent wetland PEM1C (Palustrine/Emergent/Persistent/seasonally flooded) and 0.284 acres identified as Freshwater Pond PUBHh (Palustrine/Unconsolidated Bottom/Permanently/Diked/Impounded). All areas are for drainage improvements to ensure the continuous existing natural & beneficial functions of conveyance of flood water storage within residential areas and recreation within a coastal community.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in FFRMS floodplain & wetland & those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns & provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the FFRMS floodplain & wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, & methods to minimize & mitigate project impacts on the FFRMS floodplain & wetland. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The

dissemination of information & request for public comment about FFRMS floodplain & wetland can facilitate & enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks & impacts associated with the occupancy & modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in FFRMS floodplain & wetland, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by Calhoun County at the following address on or before June 10, 2026. Comments may be submitted to Calhoun County, 211 S. Ann Street, Suite 301 Port Lavaca, Texas, 77979, Attention Judge Lyssy, Phone 361.553.4600, or email to: vern.lyssy@calhouncotx.org weekdays during the hours of 8:30 A.M to 4:30 P.M. CST A full description of the project may also be reviewed weekdays 8:30 A.M to 4:30 P.M. CST at 211 S. Ann Street Suite 301, Port Lavaca, TX 77979. Comments may also be submitted via email at vern.lyssy@calhouncotx.org .

DATE: May 26, 2026