

Memorandum



DATE April 6, 2012

TO Trinity River Corridor Project Committee Members: Vonciel Jones Hill (Chair), Linda Koop (Vice Chair), Monica Alonzo, Scott Griggs, and Delia Jasso

SUBJECT **Public Law 84-99 Update**

On March 30, 2012, the City of Dallas (City) submitted to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) a request for a temporary extension of Public Law (PL) 84-99 for the period of May 31, 2012 through May 31, 2014 to remain eligible for rehabilitation assistance from the USACE.

Under PL 84-99, the Corps, acting for the Secretary of the Army, is authorized to undertake activities including emergency operations (flood response and post flood response) and rehabilitation of flood control works, such as levees and pump stations, threatened or destroyed by flood. The flood system if it is a federal flood system would be restored to its pre-disaster status at no cost to the Federal system owner.

The City's request for the extension of PL 84-99 is based on the following activities.

- On the Maintenance Deficiency Correction Period (MDCP) Plan items, the City has addressed 198 of 198 (100%). The last remaining items addressed by the City were submitted to the Corps in January 2012. Periodic Inspection Report No. 9 made reference to 230 deficiencies in the levees, of which 198 were to be addressed by the City. The 198 related O&M items are included in the MDCP plan. The other deficiencies not included in the MDCP are items to be addressed in the Feasibility Study the Corps is undertaking at this time.
- On the Levees' Emergency Action Plan, the City has developed inundation maps for the areas behind the levees to be used in monitoring the areas prone to flooding and in evacuation of these areas.
- On the Communications and Outreach, the City responded to inquiries via telephone calls, emails and webmail about the flood risks and how to contact their local and federal representatives for specific flood information. Also, the City lowered its Community Rating System (CRS) rating from 7 to 5 in FEMA's Community Rating System which provides property owners a 25% discount in their flood insurance. Of the 21,500 National Flood Insurance Program communities, less than 65 are rated CRS 5 or better.

- On the 100-Year Levee Remediation, the construction for approximately 3.5 miles of cutoff walls on the East and West Levees and improvements to the MSE walls at Rochester Levee was awarded in March 2012. The construction work is anticipated to begin in June 2012.

If you have additional questions, please let me know.



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