

NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
ON THE ENVIRONMENT
AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

County of El Paso
800 E. Overland St., Ste. 200
El Paso, Texas 79901

El Paso Inc.
February 28th, 2010

TO: All Interested Agencies, Groups and Persons:

Seventeen (17) days after this publication, the County of El Paso, Texas, intends to request the Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA) to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for Project No. 729035

Environmental Assessment Activities

Provide a first-time public water service connection to be served by the Lower Valley Water District to forty-three (43) households in the Wildhorse Valley and Hacienda Real colonia area in southeast El Paso County.

Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such a request of release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the County of El Paso has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). The reason for such a decision not to prepare such a Statement is based upon the fact that all environmental concerns could either be minimized or mitigated.

An Environmental Review Record for the proposed project has been made by the County of El Paso which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a statement is not required. The Environmental Review Record is on file and comments may be forwarded to Munzer Alsarraj, Program Coordinator of Planning & Development Dept, 800 E. Overland St., Ste. 200, El Paso, Texas 79901, and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Public Comments on Findings

All interested agencies, groups and persons, disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the County of El Paso to the address as set forth above. Such written comments must be received at the address specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered and the County will not request the release of funds or take administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the proceeding sentence.

Release of Funds

The County of El Paso will undertake the activities described above with Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I from its Program Year 2009 under grant numbered 729035 from the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The County of El Paso is certifying to TDRA that Mr. Anthony Cobos, in his official capacity as County Judge, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the County of El Paso may use the Block Grant funds, and it will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. TDRA will accept an objection to its approval only on one or more of the bases and the procedures described in 24 CFR Part 58.75. Objections are to be addressed to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs, P. O. Box 12877, Austin, Texas 78711.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the TDRA. No objections received later than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by TDRA.

Anthony Cobos, County Judge
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