



**FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Date: July 21, 2011

To: Delia Briones, County Clerk

From: Rosemary Neill

Re: Commissioners Court Agenda

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Please place the following item on the Commissioners Court agenda for July 25, 2011:

Approve and authorize the County Judge to execute the Site Specific Environmental Review Checklists for 10 homes under the Re-Construction activity of the Colonia Self Help Center Program Contract No. 710013.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "R. Neill", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Rosemary V. Neill  
Director

# Memorandum

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**To:** County Judge Veronica Escobar, Commissioner Anna Perez, Commissioner Sergio Lewis, Commissioner Willie Gandara Jr. and Commissioner Daniel Haggerty

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**Re:** Site Specific Environmental Review Checklist-Re-Construction Activity

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## **Action Item**

Approve and authorize the County Judge to execute the Site Specific Environmental Review Checklists for 10 homes under the Re-Construction activity of the Colonia Self Help Center Program Contract No. 710013.

## **Fiscal Impact**

No funds required.

## **Background Information**

The El Paso County Self Help Center Program is subject to CDBG and HUD regulations. As such, all funds dispersed under this program are subject to compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act 1969. The program's target area was given a broad environmental clearance on September 28, 2010. However, each individual program residence requires a site specific environmental clearance ensuring the construction activity proposed will not pose a threat to the environment.

The properties listed in the backup are for the re-construction activity under the Colonia Self Help Center program. Staff has assessed each property and has determined that construction of a new home poses no threat to the natural environment.

The attached forms require signature from the County Judge and submittal to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

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**EL PASO COUNTY CONTRACT NUMBER 710013**

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Location: 108 Kila, El Paso, Texas 79928 (Lakeway Estates Colonia)

This project is determined to be categorically excluded according to: [Cite section(s)] N/A

Date of Publication: 8/22/2010 Date of Issuance of Authority to Use Grant Funds: 9/28/2010

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Location: 15321 Kentwood, El Paso, Texas 79928 (Agua Dulce Colonia)

This project is determined to be categorically excluded according to: [Cite section(s)] N/A

Date of Publication: 8/22/2010 Date of Issuance of Authority to Use Grant Funds: 9/28/2010

The following Compliance Factors were evaluated in the Broad Review:

- a. Historic Preservation
- b. Sole Source Aquifers
- c. Endangered Species
- d. Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.
- e. Clean Air Act.
- f. Farmland Protection Policy Act
- g. Floodplain Management
- h. Coastal Zone Management Act
- i. Environmental Justice
- j. Water Quality
- k. State/Local Statutes
- l. Airport Clear Zones/Accident Potential Zones
- m. Comprehensive Plans and Zoning
- n. Compatibility and Urban Impact
- o. Slope
- p. Erosion
- q. Soil Suitability
- r. Hazards and Nuisances/Site Safety
- s. Energy Consumption
- t. Ambient Air Quality
- u. Visual Quality
- v. Historic, Cultural and Archaeological Resources

The following Compliance Factors will be part of the site specific review:

<b>Compliance Factors:</b> Statutes, Executive Orders, and Regulations listed at 24 CFR §58.5	Y/ N	Consultation, Review, Permits Required	Consistency Determination	Condition, Mitigation	Compliance Documentation <b>Appendix III</b> (all fields must be completed)
Floodplain Management [24 CFR 55, Executive Order 11988]	N				Project area is located outside any mapped flood hazard zones. See attached letter from the local flood plain management authority.
Wetland Protection [Executive Order 11990]	N				Project area is not located in a wetland. See pictures of the area and a clearance letter from TPWD.

Noise Abatement and Control [24 CFR 51B]	N				Project will not induce noise impact in excess of HUD standards, nor involves development of noise sensitive uses.
Explosive and Flammable Operations [24 CFR 51C]	N				Project is located at an Acceptable Separation Distance Project-ASD from any above ground explosive or flammable fuels and will expose neither people nor buildings to such hazards. See pictures of the area.
Toxic Chemicals and Radioactive Materials [24 CFR 58.5(i)]	N				Project area and adjacent properties are free of hazardous materials, contaminants, toxic chemicals, gasses and radioactive substances which could affect the health or safety of occupants. See pictures of the area.

PREPARER SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: 7-25-2011

PREPARER NAME: Irene G. Valenzuela, Program Coordinator, Family and Community Services

**RESPONSIBLE ENTITY AGENCY**

OFFICIAL SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: 7-25-2011

NAME, TITLE: Veronica Escobar, County Judge