

## **Memorandum of Agreement Between the City of Corpus Christi and Nueces County**

**WHEREAS**, Nueces County, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, herein “County, and the City of Corpus Christi, a home rule municipality found in Nueces County, Texas, herein “City”, are authorized by the Interlocal Cooperation Act, as set out in Chapter 791, Texas Government Code, to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement;

**WHEREAS**, in 1986, a stormwater master plan study partially funded by grants from the Texas Department of Community Affairs and the Texas Water Development Board was completed to control stormwater within the unincorporated areas of Nueces County; and

**WHEREAS**, Nueces County’s Public Works Department is tasked with developing a Master Drainage Plan to identify priority floodplain areas and a comprehensive study to determine factors affecting storm water drainage and infrastructure improvements to improve drainage throughout the county; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2007 Nueces County voted at a noticed meeting to issue a Request for Qualifications and Proposals to develop a Nueces County Master Drainage Plan. In October 31, 2007 a contract was awarded to Naismith Engineering, Inc. In February 17, 2010 Naismith Engineering presented the Nueces County Master Drainage Plan to Commissioners Court; and

**WHEREAS**, between 2001 and 2006, the City of Corpus Christi put significant resources into the development of a Consolidated Stormwater Master Plan which included some best management practices to reduce non-point source pollution from stormwater and combine existing area specific drainage plans into a single plan, but the city ultimately did not officially adopt this product; and

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Harvey made landfall as a Category 4 hurricane on the Texas coast on Friday, August 25, 2017, and battered and drenched Texas for days before finally moving out of the state. The heavy rains from Harvey caused catastrophic flooding throughout the Coastal Bend Region, the Houston area and Southeast Texas and was the first major hurricane to make landfall along the Middle Texas Coast since Hurricane Celia in 1970; and,

**WHEREAS**, many parts of Nueces County, including the cities of Corpus Christi and Port Aransas, were impacted by Hurricane Harvey’s winds, floodwaters and storm surges resulting in damage to homes, businesses, public infrastructure, and other facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Nueces County’s Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Action Plan, (HMAP) was adopted in 2018, which included Nueces County, Aqua Dulce, Bishop, Driscoll, Corpus Christi, Driscoll, Petronila, Port Aransas, Robstown, and The Corpus

Christi Port Authority and the County's HMAP addressed all hazards affecting the County, such as flood, thunderstorms, wildfires, drought and hurricane winds; and

**WHEREAS**, both the County and the City received allocations for Hurricane Harvey through the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for projects that address Local Acquisition and Buyout and projects that address Local Infrastructure using Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

**WHEREAS**, both the County and City desire to conduct an updated countywide drainage master plan to identify a wide-range of flooding, drainage, and water quality issues and establish best management practices to address them and to establish goals to: (1) Reduce flooding and mitigate flood damage, (2) improve water quality, (3) Promote best practices for land development, (4) Develop organizational and regulatory framework, and (5) Conduct public education and outreach

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the County and City agree to address the drainage needs in areas of mutual concern, as follows:

## **ARTICLE I OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS**

The County and City shall:

1. Pursue local, state and/or federal grant funding for a countywide drainage study, design, permitting, and construction and any other necessary authorizations for the implementation of strategies, initiatives, projects, repairs, improvements, policies, regulations, best practices, and other activities recommended by the study;
2. Work with other local, regional, state and/or federal agencies, jurisdictions, organizations, or entities affected by the activities above;
3. Work with the appropriate state and local officials or agencies to maximize the efficiency of HMAP or CDBG-DR allocations to accomplish the activities above; and
4. Select appropriate points of contact for applications, project development, strategic implementation, financial reporting and auditing as necessary to comply with relevant local ordinances, state and federal laws and regulations.

**ARTICLE II**  
**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

2.1 The Effective Date of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be date when the last signer below is shown to have signed the Memorandum.

WITNESS OUR SIGNATURES on the dates indicated below:

**The City of Corpus Christi**

By:

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Samuel Keith Selman, Interim City  
Manager

Date Signed:\_\_\_\_\_

**Nueces County**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed:\_\_\_\_\_