

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

June 24, 2025

Polk County
410 East Church Street
Livingston, TX, 77351
Ph: 936-327-6813

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Polk County (County).

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 10, 2025, County will submit a request to the Texas General Land Office (TGLO) for the release of CDBG MIT program funds awarded under the Further Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2018 (Public Law 115-123), enacted on February 9, 2018, for necessary expenses for Activities authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. § 5301 et seq.) related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, economic revitalization, mitigation, and affirmatively furthering fair housing, in accordance with Executive Order 12892, in the most impacted and distressed areas resulting from major declared disasters that occurred in 2015, 2016, or 2017 pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. § 5121 et seq.), to undertake a project known as Polk County 2023 Water Improvements for the purpose of Soda WSC Plant #3 infrastructure improvements under contract# 24-065-044-E536/ B-18-DP-48-0002.

Project Title: Soda WSC GLO17-32544-P

Activity: MIT: Public Facilities and Improvements-Non-Covered Projects-UMN

Activity Type: Water Improvements

Project Description:

County shall install one EACH 100,000-GAL ground storage tank (GST) , painting / finishing, piping and insulation, valves, electrical & controls. Includes rock foundation with steel retainer ring. Fencing will expand by approximately 68' x 25' to enclose new tank. As an Additive Alternate, demolition and disposal of the existing 26,000-GAL GST after installation of the new 100,000- GAL GST. In the event of debris removal and material disposal, all disposal activities will be undertaken in compliance with state and federal disposal requirements.

All improvements occur on the existing plant site at Soda WSC Plant #3. This is a critical action project. Clearance includes administration, engineering and environmental activities. Total Acres of Disturbance / Impact: 0.2 acre.

Project Need: The purpose of this project is to increase storage capacity and allow the system to work more effectively.

Project Location: Polk County, Precinct 4, Livingston, TX 77531

Project - Precinct 4	Location	Lat/ Long	Existing Equipment	New Capacity / Replacement	Approx Area Impact (Acre)	Activities
Soda WSC Plant #3-EA Critical Action Project	194 Murphy Lane Livingston, TX 77351	30.70060, - 94.78585	Ground Storage: 26,000 GAL	Increase in capacity. 100,000 GAL ground storage tank; Includes rock foundation with steel retainer ring.	0.2 (includes all plant site as well as proposed expansion for new tank)	Install 1 EA 100,000-GAL storage tank (GST) which includes rock foundation with steel retainer ring) pipes, valves, electrical controls. Fencing will expand approximately 68' x 25' to enclose new tank. All improvements occur on existing site.
			Pressure (Hydropneumatic) Storage: 5,000-GAL	Increase in capacity. Fencing will expand approx. 68' x 25' to enclose new tank		As an Add Alt, demolition and disposal of the existing 26,000 GAL GST after installation of the new 100,000-GAL GST. In the event of debris removal and material disposal, all disposal activities will be undertaken in compliance with state and federal disposal requirements.

Project Budget:

Contract: HUD MID-DETCOG E536 - \$15,510,000.00

Soda WSC Project Total	Grant Amount	Local Match
\$ 652,090.96	\$ 496,515.96	\$ 155,575.00

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The County has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Polk County, 410 East Church Street, Livingston, TX, 77351, Ph: 936-327-6813 where the record is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M to 4:30 P.M. or by link record is also available electronically at the following link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/sh5f4zc2x108btwkm6xsu/PolkCoSodaWSCPlant3ERRContract24065044E536.pdf?rlkey=dt5ymvexyt9gtbux1jxys1fbm&dl=0>

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Polk County, 410 East Church Street, Livingston, TX, 77351. Comments may also be submitted electronically via sydney.murphy@co.polk.tx.us . All comments received by July 9, 2025, will be considered by the County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Polk County certifies to TGLO that Sydney Murphy in her capacity as Judge consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. TGLO's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

TGLO will accept objections to its release of fund and the Polk County certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of Polk County (b) County has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by TGLO; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Heather Lagrone, Texas General Land Office, PO Box 12873, Austin, TX 78711-2873, or via email at env.reviews@recovery.texas.gov . Potential objectors should contact TGLO to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Sydney Murphy, Judge
