



TEXAS COLORADO RIVER FLOODPLAIN COALITION

April 16, 2007

The Honorable Robert Puente
Texas State Representative
P.O. Box 2910
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Dear Representative Puente:

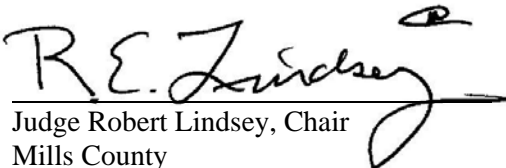
I am writing on behalf of over 50 communities in the Texas Colorado River Floodplain Coalition to thank you for your continued support for enhancing the State's ability to help local communities better prepare for floods and prevent future loss of life and property. We **support House Bill 3073** and appreciate the attention you and your committee have lent to this bill. In particular, we support the recommendations that would transfer the National Flood Insurance Program to the Texas Water Development Board. We also support increased funding for statewide floodplain management efforts and increased staffing to an adequate level.

As you may know, the Texas Colorado River Floodplain Coalition (TCRFC) consists of 55 communities in the Lower Colorado River basin and surrounding areas who are working together to mitigate the devastating impacts that floods can have on our citizens and our communities by better coordination and increased effectiveness of our local floodplain management and emergency management programs. The lower Colorado River basin covers a large portion of the state and has a long history of devastating flooding. We look forward to a day when organizations like ours can work with a more effective state floodplain management program.

We would like to volunteer our organization as a resource for you, your staff, and the House Natural Resources Committee with regard to this legislation. Our members have participated and testified in Committee hearings on previous legislative studies on floodplain management and have knowledge of current issues.

Thank you for your continued good work and efforts on behalf of all Texans.

Sincerely,


Judge Robert Lindsey, Chair
Mills County

Cc: Representative Mike Hamilton
Representative Dan Gattis
Representative Pete Gallego
Representative Harvey Hilderbran

Representative Brandon Creighton
Representative Ryan Guillen
Representative Jodie Laubenberg
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