



Brazos River Authority



March 2, 2009

The Honorable Randy Neugebauer
1424 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Brazos River Authority Support for Federal Funding for the Graham Salt Creek Flood Control Project, Graham, Texas

Dear Congressman Neugebauer:

This letter is to comply with your appropriations request form for Fiscal Year 2010.

As General Manager/CEO of the Brazos River Authority, I certify that the Authority supports our funding request of \$4 million for the Graham Salt Creek Flood Control Project and asks your assistance in securing federal funds from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to move this project forward.

The City of Graham has experienced urban flooding on a periodic basis for many years. The purpose of funding is to continue the work of this project which will:

1. Purchase and permanently remove 94 residences, 30 commercial properties, and 3 public structures from the 10 year floodplain;
2. Develop and install a flood warning system to minimize losses;
3. Enhance recreation in the area with three miles of hiking and nature trails; and
4. Restore riparian habitat with native species of trees and shrubs.

The appropriate request forms have already been emailed to your office. I look forward to working with you on this important request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me 254-761-3194.

Sincerely,

Phil Ford
General Manager/CEO
Brazos River Authority