

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Fort Bend County and City of Sugar Land Host Texas Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, Presenting Over \$42 Million in Flood Mitigation Funds**

**(FORT BEND, TX)** - Today, Fort Bend County Judge KP George and Sugar Land Mayor Joe Zimmerman hosted Texas Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham as she presented over \$42 million in funding for flood mitigation projects in Fort Bend County. The funding will support erosion repair projects along the Brazos River and key evacuation routes. These vital initiatives are part of Project Brazos, covering locations such as IH 69, Sugar Land Memorial Park, FBC LID 10, Steep Bank Creek, Mustang Bayou Detention, and the HGAC Simonton Pinch Point Project.

The press conference was held at the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Hangar where Commissioner Buckingham presented ceremonial checks to key local leaders: \$38,492,516 to Fort Bend County Judge KP George, \$4,063,600 to Sugar Land Mayor Joe Zimmerman, and \$25,825,900 to Houston Galveston Area Council (HGAC) CEO Chuck Wemple.

Joining Commissioner Buckingham for this significant event were Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher (TX-07) and other regional and local elected officials. Commissioner Buckingham emphasized the importance of the funding for the protection of Fort Bend County and its residents.

"Today marks a significant milestone in our efforts to safeguard Fort Bend County and its residents from future storms," said Commissioner Dawn Buckingham. "With more than \$68 million allocated for crucial erosion repair projects, we are taking proactive steps to ensure the safety and resilience of our communities. I am grateful to Judge KP George, Andy Meyers, and the other County Commissioners, Mayor Joe Zimmerman, the City Council, and all our local partners for their dedication and collaboration in this vital endeavor."

Following the check presentation, County Judge George, Congresswoman Fletcher, and Commissioner Buckingham embarked on an aerial tour of a few of the Project Brazos sites to witness firsthand the areas that will benefit from the flood mitigation efforts.

Judge George highlighted the importance of the collaborative effort between the state, city, and county in ensuring the safety of Fort Bend County residents.

"I look forward to continuing this partnership and seeing the positive outcome of these essential projects," stated Judge KP George. "Considering how crucial these protective measures are, not only for the safety of our current residents but also for the future of Fort Bend County and our growing population."

See Brazos Footage

<https://agl400.com/FBC/BrazosRiver/2.html> West of the river and north of the bridge at 59 29.573998, -95.668866

<https://agl400.com/FBC/BrazosRiver/1.html> West of the river across from the park.  
29.559157, -95.645993

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