

# APPENDIX H: LOCAL SPONSOR LETTER OF SUPPORT



April 11, 2017

Colonel Lars N. Zetterstrom  
Department of the Army  
Galveston District, Corps of Engineers  
2000 Fort Point Road  
Galveston, Texas 77553-1229

Subject: Accelerated Funds Request for the Brownsville Resacas Feasibility Study

Dear Colonel Zetterstrom:

The Brownsville Public Utilities Board (BPUB) is committed to our partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) on the Brownsville Resacas Feasibility Study. This feasibility study was renewed through an amended Feasibility Cost Share Agreement (FCSA) which was executed on August 12, 2015. Discussion between BPUB and USACE staff has identified the need for funding to continue the study. BPUB understands that federal funds for this study have not been made available since August 2015, and that there is pending action possible for Work Plan funding in FY17. To ensure uninterrupted support, BPUB would like to advance our share of funds ahead of receiving matching federal funds.

We understand that advancing BPUB's committed share of funds for the study does not commit the USACE to request future matching funds, nor are we (BPUB) obligated to provide non-federal funds in the absence of federal funding. We also recognize that any advanced funding provided by BPUB will be credited against any Non-Federal fund cost share, only if federal funds become available.

The City of Brownsville (COB) and BPUB are committed to the Brownsville Resacas Feasibility Study. BPUB monitors the study progress through weekly calls with the USACE. The COB participates at major milestone meetings, which includes the BPUB, and the USACE Vertical Team. The last milestone meeting was on March 29, 2017. The meeting covered the Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP) approval.

In closing, COB and BPUB, in coordination with the USACE Galveston District, requests your assistance to execute the process to accept our advanced funds. Please consider the advanced funds as part of our sponsor share pursuant to our amended FCSA of August 12, 2015. The accepted advanced funds will ensure that the Brownsville Resacas Feasibility Study can continue in the interim absence of federal funds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Bruciak", is written over a horizontal line.

John S. Bruciak, P.E.  
General Manager & CEO

