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PUBLIC INPUT REQUESTED FOR ARANSAS COUNTY 'S FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION ACTION PLAN

ROCKPORT, TX – A public meeting on Thursday, July 6, 2017 to gather public input for a FEMA Mitigation Action Plan, or Plan. The Multi-Jurisdictional Plan participants include unincorporated areas of Aransas County, the Cities of Aransas Pass and Rockport and the Town of Fulton. The meeting is at 5:30p.m. at Aransas County Commissioner's Court, 301 N. Live Oak in Rockport. Residents, area businesses and organizations located throughout the planning area are invited and encouraged to attend.

Under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires communities to develop a mitigation plan to minimize or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from known hazards. Mitigation is defined by FEMA as sustained actions taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from hazards and their effects. Hazards that may pose a risk and potentially result in a disaster include drought, flood, hurricane, tornado, wildfire, and other high hazards.

Communities with a FEMA-approved Plan are eligible for certain grant funding under the Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) program to fund critical projects such as Buyouts and

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Structural Elevation of repetitive flood loss structures, drainage projects, and hardening critical facilities to minimize future damage from natural disasters that affect the County planning area.

The purpose of the public meeting is to provide a project overview from LAN, consultant to the project, and solicit information from citizens. Public input will help the Planning Team to identify and analyze potential hazards affecting residents and recommend possible actions to reduce their impact throughout Aransas County and the planning area.

Detailed information about the planning process can be obtained by contacting Janine Ellington, Project Manager, at (713) 821-0264 or jeellington@lan-inc.com.