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**City Receives Texas Water Development Board Grant**

**New Braunfels, Texas** — The City of New Braunfels has been awarded a Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) flood mitigation grant in the amount of \$1,038,834. The TWDB is the state agency charged with collecting and disseminating water-related data, assisting with regional planning and preparing the state water plan for the development of the state's water resources. The agency also administers cost-effective financial assistance programs for the construction of water supply, wastewater treatment, flood control and agricultural water conservation projects.

“The City is dedicated to minimizing the loss of life and property associated with flooding events and one strategy utilized is the purchase and demolition of properties located in the floodway utilizing federal grant programs,” said Grants Coordinator Michele Valadez. “These programs allow our local government to receive grant monies to acquire eligible properties in order to decrease loss of property, life and the need for emergency responder resources. Homes were identified within Council District 4 and, with the support and encouragement of District 4 Councilmember Chris Monceballez, staff researched and applied for FEMA hazard mitigation funding.”

The City applied for the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant in the spring of 2016 through the Texas Water Development Board, who receives funding through FEMA. On Thursday, October 20, 2016, the Board approved the FMA Grant for acquisition and demolition of three homes located along the floodway in Council District 4.

The City of New Braunfels notes that the acquired properties will indefinitely become open area green space.

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