



**City Council  
Regular Meeting  
April 6, 2026**

# EWP Buyout Program – Notice of Agreement Approval

Discuss and consider action: Resolution No. R2026-21: K. McBurnett

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS, APPROVING THE NOTICE OF GRANT AND AGREEMENT AWARD (NOGA) WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS) FOR THE EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION (EWP) PROGRAM BUYOUT PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ANY RELATED DOCUMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE



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- July 2025 flood caused significant damage
- NRCS EWP Program provides recovery assistance
  - Voluntary property acquisition (buyout) program
  - Removes structures from flood-prone areas
  - Demolition and site restoration
  - Properties converted to permanent open space
- Initiated Contact with NRCS August 2025
- City received the NRCS Notice of Agreement (NOA) on March 31, 2026
- Resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute the NOA and take all administrative actions necessary to implement the program



## Project Funding

- Total Project (Not to Exceed): \$5,749,158 for 13 properties
- NRCS Funding: \$4,393,243.50 (75%)
- City Match: \$1,355,914.50 (25%)
- NRCS Technical Assistance: \$325,500 (100%)

## Projected Timeline

- From grant agreement to completion- 6 Months
- NOTE: City of Burnet will be the first NRCS Buyout in the State of Texas



## Upcoming Activities

- Receive and approve RFP for Appraisal Service
- Receive and approve RFP for Title Services
- Receive and approve RFP for Grant Administration Services
- Develop Project Schedule (NRCS to Provide Example)
- Collaborate with NRCS to develop Draft Deed Restriction Plan
- Currently at Step 5 of a 24 Step Process



# Questions?

## **Recommendation**

- Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. R2026-21 as presented.