

## RESOLUTION 4-2025

### RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LOS FRESNOS SUPPORTING HB 4331 FILED BY STATE REPRESENTATIVE JANIE LOPEZ IN SUPPORT OF A STUDY BY THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO IDENTIFY WAYS TO STREAMLINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS FOR FLOOD INFRASTRUCTURE FUND PROJECTS.

This Resolution was introduced and submitted to the City Council for passage and adoption. After presentation and discussion of the Resolution, a motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ that the Resolution be finally passed and adopted in accordance with the City's Home Rule Charter. The motion was seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ and carried by the following vote:

Mayor Alejandro Flores	___	For	___	Against	___	Abstained
Councilmember Alberto Escobedo	___	For	___	Against	___	Abstained
Councilmember Juan Munoz	___	For	___	Against	___	Abstained
Mayor Pro-Tem Gabriela Fernandez	___	For	___	Against	___	Abstained
Councilmember Luis Gonzalez	___	For	___	Against	___	Abstained
Councilmember Terry Vinson	___	For	___	Against	___	Abstained

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Water Development Board works well with the governmental entities that receive Flood Infrastructure Fund grants and loans for drainage projects;

**WHEREAS**, there's a need to revisit the current environmental process to ensure that all guidelines, requirements and procedures in place do not have any unnecessary or repetitive steps or bottlenecks that are delaying the approval process for drainage projects;

**WHEREAS**, in some cases, the environmental review process has been a lengthy and cumbersome one that drainage projects are still being reviewed three or four years after the grants have been awarded;

**WHEREAS**, these delays end up increasing the costs of the drainage projects and end up delaying the completion of these much needed projects;

**WHEREAS**, in some cases, municipalities and other governmental entities start to pay on their Flood Infrastructure Fund loans even as they have been unable to secure environmental clearance for their drainage projects;

**WHEREAS** while the Texas Water Development Board has been highly effective in its efforts on implementing and managing its grants and loans, there's a need to ensure that the environmental review process, currently in place, is an efficient one;

**WHEREAS**, State Representative Janie Lopez, in the spirit of further augmenting the current environmental review process in place, has filed HB 4331 to have the Texas Water Development Board study its current process;

**WHEREAS**, City of Los Fresnos supports State Representative Janie Lopez and her efforts to identify ways to further streamline the environmental review process for projects funded by the Flood Infrastructure Fund;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LOS FRESNOS THAT IT:**

**SECTION 1.** SUPPORTS HB 4331 filed by State Representative Janie Lopez for a study to be initiated by the Texas Water Development Board to streamline the environmental review process.

**SECTION 2.** SUPPORTS the efforts of State Representative Janie Lopez to place HB 4331 on the agenda of the Committee on Natural Resources.

**SECTION 3.** URGES the Committee on Natural Resources to act favorably on this legislation for this study.

**CONSIDERED, PASSED, AND APPROVED AND SIGNED** this 8<sup>TH</sup> day of April, 2025 at a regular meeting of the Los Fresnos City Council at which a quorum was present and which was held in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

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Mayor, Alejandro Flores

ATTEST:

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City Secretary, Jacqueline Moya