
CITY OF PORT LAVACA

PORT COMMISSION MEETING: APRIL 18, 2023

DATE: 4/17/2023

TO: PORT COMMISSION

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SUBJECT: TCEQ Inspection of Tracts 17 and 17Ar

TCEQ inspection of Tracts 17 and 17A in June 2022:

TCEQ Municipal Solid Waste did recently approve our application to “Disturb the surface of the landfill”, which Urban Engineering prepared on our behalf. The application proposes completion with this “regrading” in about a year. Subsequently, TCEQ enforcement has now closed our Notice of violation case, so everything is good, but we need to begin working towards completion of this regrading project. There are a lot of parts to this, so let me break this down for you.

- This project, as well as two other shoreline protection projects at the Harbor of Refuge, have been included in the 2023 Coastal Resiliency Master Plan. (See more information under separate heading 5c). Mott McDonald is currently working on a GLO CEPRA grant application, due early June, to provide shoreline protection for these approved projects. If approved, we would be responsible for only a percentage of the preliminary engineering costs and GLO would pay for everything else using GoMESA funds. Recall The Matagorda Mitigation Trust has set aside \$200,000 to go towards this engineering match cost.
- The downside is that CEPRA involves several years of paperwork, study, etc. Realistically we’re looking at like 2026 completion if all goes well.
- I’d rather not ask for that long of an extension from TCEQ so, the plan is to use part of our projected \$9.1M allocation of CDBG-MIT Round 2 funds to do the initial regrading and cover the disturbed shoreline with clay as approved by TCEQ. Then the CEPRA project would add articulated mat to provide more long-term protection.
- We will need to establish a public access way to and along this shoreline in order to be approved for the CEPRA funding. This is similar to the public dock space at the Harbor of Refuge, - not a bulkhead, but an articulated mat. Note: The City can still in the future provide bulkheaded access along the north side of the landfill site that has not experienced this large amount of erosion.
- Mott McDonald has already been selected as our engineer for any CDBG-MIT funded projects, so they will need to be our engineer for this regrading project. It will still be a few

months I think before the allocation is finalized and then we will need to submit an application to verify that this project is an eligible expense.

- Like I said, there are many parts to this and many still answered questions, but we believe this is the best course of action at this time and offers the maximum potential for protecting this shoreline along the old landfill at the Harbor of Refuge.

