



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: DE SNAGGING PROJECT

SUMMARY:

On 04/30/2025, Clif and I met with the Brazoria County engineering team to discuss cost sharing for a possible de-snagging project for Bastrop Bayou and Oyster Creek. The county has obtained possible funding for a 75/25 match for this county wide project to de-snag both Oyster Creek and Bastrop Bayou. The overall project cost is about 5.5 million dollars which includes both design and construction funding. The local jurisdictions would be asked to come up with their portions of the match. The matching portions are calculated on waterway mileage through the jurisdiction of responsibility. The Richwood portion would be as follows:

Oyster Creek: 18,624.06

Bastrop Bayou: 28,169.73

The total for both projects: 46,793.79

Portions of this are split as follows: **Oyster Creek** is 25% Richwood, 25% Clute or Lake Jackson, depending on geographic boundaries, and VDD 50% (Velasco Drainage District)
Bastrop Bayou is 25% Richwood, Brazoria County 25%, ADD 25% (Angleton Drainage District), and VDD 25% (Velasco Drainage District)

This funding could possibly be spread out over the next two budgets.

This initial meeting was without several stakeholders, one of which was the Velasco Drainage District. Velasco Drainage District would have a significant portion of the matching shares throughout the municipalities involved. If Velasco decides not to be included in the process, Richwood will then absorb a higher portion of the cost through Richwood. Richwood shares jurisdiction right now with Clute and Lake Jackson on certain portions of the waterways and the Velasco Drainage District manages the entire waterway. If Velasco doesn't participate, the Richwood cost share would then go up to about 80,000. This is all very preliminary at this point. Staff is seeking verbal approval to include this in the FY26 budget and to let Brazoria County know that we are interested in participating in the project, so they know we are a willing partner in this project.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: These were last de snagged in 2020 by way of grant funds.

ISSUE: Matching funds for de snagging of Oyster Creek and Bastrop Bayou

FISCAL IMPACT: 46,000- 90,000 depending on jurisdictional participation.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff is seeking verbal approval to include this in the FY26 budget and to let Brazoria County know that we are interested in participating in the project, so they know we are a willing partner in this project.