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PRESS RELEASE

Cmr. George P. Bush announces \$249,958 for water infrastructure improvements in City of Woodbranch Village

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Today Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush announced the Texas General Land Office (GLO) approved \$249,958 in Hurricane Harvey disaster recovery funds to install a new generator at the Woodbranch Village water treatment facility.

"Hurricane Harvey devastated communities across the Texas Coast," said Commissioner Bush. "These recovery funds are critical to improving local infrastructure that will protect lives, homes and businesses from future storms. We continue to work with our partners in communities across the region to leverage these resources efficiently and effectively to benefit Texans affected by Hurricane Harvey."

During Hurricane Harvey, heavy rainfall flooded the water treatment facility, rendering the facility inoperable as a result of power outages that lasted multiple days, and affected the city's ability to treat water and process wastewater. The installation of a new generator will reduce the risk of electrical loss in emergency situations and ensure the ongoing operation of the water system and the continued distribution of potable water during periods of power outages.

Texas GLO Hurricane Harvey Recovery Funds:

Commissioner George P. Bush and the Texas General Land Office was appointed by Governor Greg Abbott to lead the historic Hurricane Harvey housing recovery efforts funded by \$5.676 billion in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The GLO allocated \$413 million of the allocation for infrastructure projects to protect communities affected by the storm. The GLO allocated the funds to regional Council of Governments' (COGs) based on a HUD approved needs assessment. The locally-led COGs then conducted methods of distribution (MODs) for determining infrastructure and buyout and acquisition amounts for cities and counties within each jurisdiction. COG boards are comprised of officials from the impacted communities elected in part to prioritize funds allocated for recovery programs. The MOD process requires public

engagement and the GLO reviewed each MOD for compliance with federal rules and requirements before approving each plan.

To review the approved MODs, please visit <https://recovery.texas.gov/action-plans/hurricane-harvey/index.html>.