TWDB Approves $30 Million Grant for Lake Houston Dredging Program

KINGWOOD, TX - This morning, the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) approved a resolution "authorizing the executive administrator to execute a contract with Harris County for $30,000,000 to remove accumulated siltation and sediment deposits located at the confluence of the San Jacinto River and Lake Houston pursuant to Senate Bill 500, 86th Legislature."

"I am grateful to the TWDB Members for approving the grant for our program to dredge Lake Houston and the San Jacinto River," said State Representative Dan Huberty. "This completes the process to provide the funding I secured in the Supplemental Budget last session for this project and thanks to the collaborative work of Harris County, the City of Houston, the Harris County Flood Control District, the San Jacinto River Authority and the Coastal Water Authority, the project is already underway."

DRC Emergency Services, LLC (DRC), a contractor for the City of Houston, received a Notice To Proceed (NTP) for debris removal services last week and immediately resumed operations in the River. According to the grant application submitted to TWDB by Harris County Engineer, John Blount, the project will be completed in "two distinct phases: 1) removing accumulated materials near or at the "mouth bar", 2) removing accumulated materials in the East Fork of the San Jacinto River and other locations in Lake Houston. This phased approach will obligate the full $30M of grant funding before the 87th legislative session in 2021."

"I would like to again express my sincere gratitude to everyone who had a hand in getting these funds and executing a program to best utilize them. Through this collaborative process, we have shown how Federal, State and Local entities can seamlessly work together to accomplish great things for our communities and I hope others will use this as an example for the future," Huberty stated.

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