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Date: April 11, 2024 To: Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust From: Rosario Martinez RE: Status of Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust Projects

## Protection and Restoration of Matagorda Island West Marsh, Aransas National Wildlife Refuge - Phase II (Contract #062):

Project Engineer (HDR) assisted with the bid advertisement (out to bid on June 13, 2023), provided the bid packages to the contractors, held a pre-bid meeting (June 22, 2023) and provided Addendum 1. HDR, the CBBEP, and ANWR also attended the site visit (June 27. 2023) and provided Addendum 2. Project Engineer and the CBBEP attended the bid opening (July 12, 2023) and developed a bid tabulation. The Bid and award strategy was discussed with the CBBEP, USFWS, and the GLO. A Notice of Award letter and accompanying documents were prepared. HDR coordinated the contract finalization and review of bonds/insurance. The pre-construction meeting took place on August 3, 2023.

After a bidding process, Lester Contracting, Inc. was selected as the construction contractor for the Matagorda project. The contract was executed on July 26, 2023. The contract awarded the base bid (B-SR-1 site), Additive Bid #4 (FH-SR-3 site), and Additive Bid #5 Demobilize/ Remobilize). Lester Contracting must leave Matagorda Island by October 31, 2023, for the wintering whooping crane season and may return May 1, 2024, to complete any remaining work. Lester Contracting began mobilizing on July 31, 2023. They transported stone from the north end of the Island where material is offloaded to the south end of the island and stockpiled on the runway area. Lester Contracting also ground runway to create reclaimed material at the south end of the island for levee topping and roadway repairs. Lester Contracting has been offloading materials at FH-SR-3. The culverts were installed and completed at B-SR-1. Lester Contracting demobilized from the site on October 26, 2023, and will return in May 2024.

A change order was executed on March 25, 2024, between Lester Contracting and the CBBEP to allow for a change in the sediment source for the FH-SR-3 site, the award of Additive Bid No. 1 (BC-SR-1 site) and the award of Additive Bid No. 2 (CD-SR-1 site). Lester Contracting will start the process of mobilizing to Matagorda Island in April/May 2024.