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June 12, 2015

The Honorable Paul Pape
Bastrop County Judge
Bastrop County Courthouse
804 Pecan St Ste 101
Bastrop, TX 78602-3846

Dear Judge Pape:

The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) has received notice from the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture that your county has been designated eligible to apply for low-interest emergency disaster loans from USDA as a result of a Presidential Declaration declared by FEMA for 39 counties in Texas. Please be aware that if your county is listed as a *contiguous county*, you will not qualify for FEMA assistance unless specifically declared by FEMA. You will only be eligible for USDA loan consideration.

The Secretary has notified the Administrator of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to immediately make emergency loans available to eligible applicants in your county. Your local FSA office will have the details on this program.

I have enclosed a copy of the information provided by the USDA. If you have any questions, please call Eric Kuntz of my staff at 512-424-6446.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Nim Kidd".

W. Nim Kidd, CEM ®
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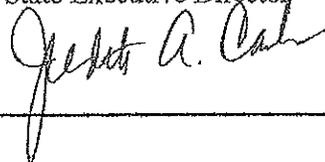
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3-FLP (Rev. 2)

FOR: County Offices

Presidential Major Disaster Declaration M4223, Amendment 2

Approved by: State Executive Director



1 Overview

A Background

On June 9, 2015, President Obama declared 39 counties in Texas as a primary natural disaster area. This action is based on the Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding beginning May 4, 2015 and continuing. The primary counties are:

Angelina	Archer	Atascosa	Baylor	Bowie	Burleson	Cass
Cherokee	Clay	Comal	Comanche	Fannin	Fayette	Garza
Gillespie	Grayson	Harrison	Hood	Houston	Jasper	Kaufman
Kendall	Lamar	Lee	Liberty	Lynn	Madison	Nacogdoches
Newton	Polk	Refugio	Sabine	San Jacinto	Tyler	Uvalde
Walker	Wharton	Wilson	Zavala			

In addition to the above counties, 98 other Texas Counties are named as contiguous counties where eligible family farmers may qualify for FSA EM loan assistance, pursuant to section 321 (a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act. Those counties are:

Anderson	Aransas	Austin	Bandera	Bastrop	Bee	Bexar
Blanco	Borden	Brazoria	Brazos	Brown	Caldwell	Calhoun
Chambers	Collin	Colorado	Cooke	Crosby	Dallas	Dawson
Delta	Denton	Dickens	Dimmit	Eastland	Edwards	Ellis
Erath	Foard	Fort Bend	Frio	Goliad	Gonzales	Gregg
Grimes	Guadalupe	Hamilton	Hardin	Harris	Haskell	Hays
Henderson	Hockley	Hunt	Jack	Jackson	Jefferson	Johnson
Karnes	Kent	Kerr	Kimble	Kinney	Knox	La Salle
Lavaca	Leon	Live Oak	Llano	Lubbock	McMullen	Marion

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Mason	Matagorda	Maverick	Medina	Milam	Mills	Montague
Montgomery	Morris	Orange	Palo Pinto	Panola	Parker	Real
Red River	Robertson	Rockwall	Rusk	San Augustine	San Patricio	Scurry
Shelby	Smith	Somervell	Terry	Throckmorton	Trinity	Upshur
Van Zandt	Victoria	Washington	Wichita	Wilbarger	Williamson	Young

Also, in accordance with section 321 (a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, counties in an adjacent State that are contiguous to one or more of the designated Texas counties, are named as contiguous counties where eligible family farmers may qualify for FSA EM loan assistance. For this designation, the affected States and counties are:

<u>Arkansas (2)</u>	Little River	Miller			
<u>Louisiana (5)</u>	Beauregard	Caddo	Calcasieu	Sabine	Vernon
<u>Oklahoma (7)</u>	Bryan	Choctaw	Cotton	Jefferson	Love
	McCurtain	Marshall			

This designation makes farm operators in both primary and contiguous counties eligible to be considered for low-interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available, and repayment ability.

B Application Deadline

EM Loan applications will be received through **February 9, 2016** for production and physical losses.

2 Action

A Exceptions for Application Deadlines

County Offices shall thoroughly review Exhibit 1.

B Determining Security Values

For the purpose of determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is **May 4, 2015**.

C District Director's and Farm Loan Manager's Responsibilities

District Directors and Farm Loan Managers shall follow instructions according to 3-FLP (Rev. 2), and FmHA Instruction 1945-A for emergency loan applicability.

The Farm Loan Manager shall notify borrowers of Disaster Set-Aside (DSA) availability in accordance with handbook 5-FLP paragraph 42.

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D Public Announcements

Special emphasis will be placed on informing the farm community through public announcements and arranging and conducting meetings with local Agricultural lenders and leaders.

3 Contact Point

A Inquires

If there are questions concerning this notice, contact the Conservation or Farm Loan Program Division.

Subject: **Presidential Major Disaster Declaration M4223, Amendment 2**

Please carefully review the notice listing the primary and contiguous counties determined eligible by President Obama and the Emergency Preparedness and Programs Branch for emergency (EM) loans effective **June 9, 2015**.

This declaration is coded **M4223, Amendment 2**, and EM loan applications will be received through **February 9, 2016**. For the purpose of determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is **May 4, 2015**.

Please proceed to take the appropriate notification and coordination actions required by Handbook 1-DIS and 7CFR part 759.