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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Fort Worth District receives FY 2012 Civil Works budget

FORT WORTH, Texas – The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers civil works budget for fiscal year 2012 is set at \$78.80 million for direct funded projects.

“Funding in FY 2012 will allow us to maintain our missions of ecosystem restoration, flood risk management, water supply, fish and wildlife mitigation and environmental stewardship,” said Fort Worth District Commander, Richard J. Muraski, Jr.

Project specific funding for FY2012 will be distributed among three civil works appropriation accounts as follows:

- \$2.17 million for Investigations
- \$5 million for Construction
- \$ 71.63 million for Operations and Maintenance

Investigations are conducted to see if a particular project meets the criteria to move into construction. The FY 2012 budget includes funding for four investigations within the District's area of responsibility. The budget includes \$700,000 for the Dallas Floodway, \$650,000 for the Nueces River Basin, \$425,000 for the Lower Colorado River Basin and \$400,000 for the Guadalupe-San Antonio Basin.

Additionally, one construction project, Onion Creek, located in Austin and Travis County, Texas, was budgeted for \$5 million. These funds will be primarily used to continue the buyout of homes which are highly prone to flooding along Onion Creek.

This year's O&M budget will be distributed among the District's 25 lakes which depend on annual appropriations for operations and maintenance. Operations and Maintenance funding also includes approximately \$900,000 for interim risk reduction measures. These measures will reduce risks associated with dam safety at various lakes, until permanent reduction measures are implemented.

“We will continue to invest in our lakes, dams and major urban floodways as these projects provide a great return on investment -- costing \$2.6 billion to build, but prevented more than \$68 billion in flood damage over the years,” added Muraski.

The District's civil works projects provide job opportunities for many local residents as its area of responsibility covers approximately 53 percent of the state of Texas. This includes portions of 10 river basins from the Rio Grande River in the Southwest to the Red River in the Northeast.

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