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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

June 27, 2011

Mr. J.P. Dobbs
Mitigation Specialist
Texas Division of Emergency Management
P.O. Box 4087
Austin, TX 78773-0226

Re: TCEQ Grant and Texas Review and Comment System (TRACS) #2011-247, City of Mercedes, Hidalgo County – Re: intersection of Tangerine Ave, and N. Street

Dear Mr. Dobbs:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has reviewed the above-referenced project and offers following comments:

A review of the project for General Conformity impact in accordance with 40 CFR Part 93 and Title 30, Texas Administrative Code § 101.30 indicates that the proposed action is located in the City of Mercedes, Hidalgo County, which is currently unclassified or in attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for all six criteria air pollutants. Therefore, General Conformity does not apply.

Although any demolition, construction, rehabilitation or repair project will produce dust and particulate emissions, these actions should pose no significant impact upon air quality standards. Any minimal dust and particulate emissions should be easily controlled by the construction contractors using standard dust mitigation techniques.

We do not anticipate significant long term environmental impacts from this project as long as construction and waste disposal activities associated with it are completed in accordance with applicable local, state, and federal environmental permits and regulations. We recommend that the applicant take necessary steps to insure that best management practices are utilized to control runoff from construction sites to prevent detrimental impact to surface and ground water.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Tangela Niemann at (512) 239-3786 or tangela.niemann@tceq.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

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Jim Harrison, Director
Intergovernmental Relations Division

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Queen City of the Rio Grande Valley

February 15, 2011

SHPO LETTER

Mark Wolfe
State Historic Preservation Officer
P.O. Box 12276
Austin, TX 78711-2276

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

Through a grant with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the City of Mercedes plans to build a multi-purpose community center, approximately 20,000 square feet. The structure will also be a Community Safe Room to be used by students and residents against high winds and tornadoes. It will be located at the intersection of Tangerine Ave. and North St., Mercedes, TX (26.162077°, -97.921190°).

Our project will have no adverse affects on any cultural, environmental or historical aspects of the community due to the fact this is where the current high school is located. In addition, this area is located directly adjacent to medium density population of public housing.

According to the guidelines for this project, a Section 106 Review by the Texas Historical Commission is necessary for an environmental assessment. We are asking for a review from the Texas Historical Commission declaring the land as not being a historical site. Included are pictures and a map of the current location.

If you have any comments or questions please feel free to contact us:

1. Michelle Leftwich, Assistant City Manager, (956) 565-3114 Ext. 128, mleftwich@ci.mercedes.tx.us
2. Ricardo Garcia, City Manager, (956) 565-3114 Ext. 137, rgarcia@ci.mercedes.tx.us

Respectfully,


Ricardo Garcia
Assistant City Manager

NO HISTORIC PROPERTIES AFFECTED PROJECT MAY PROCEED	
by	
for	Mark Wolfe
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Date	5/3/11
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May 31, 2011

Greg Pekar
State Hazard Mitigation Officer
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Re: City of Mercedes
Proposed Multipurpose Community Center – Community Safe Room
Tangerine Ave. and North St., Mercedes, TX
CMP #: 11-0394-F5

Dear Applicant:

It has been determined that the project referenced above is outside the Texas Coastal Management Program (CMP) boundary. Therefore, it is not subject to review under the Texas CMP.

After review of the indicated location and the proposed action, it appears that no Permanent School Fund land under the jurisdiction of the Texas General Land Office (GLO) will be affected or impacted by this proposed action. In this regard, the GLO offers no comments to this proposal. If you have any additional questions or comments please concerning this determination contact Tony Williams at 512-463-5055 or by e-mail at tony.williams@glo.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Zultner".

Kate Zultner
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