



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

May 10, 2017

Ms. Tanya Garfield
Director, Field Operations Center West
Disaster Assistance
U.S. Small Business Administration
P.O. Box 419004
Sacramento, California 95841

Dear Ms. Garfield:

As a result of severe storms in Van Zandt County that occurred on April 29, 2017, many homes and businesses were affected in the area, creating an economic emergency for the residents of the county.

Pursuant to the provisions of 15 U.S.C. § 636(b)(2) and 13 C.F.R. § 123.3(a), I request the Small Business Administration declare Van Zandt County a disaster area for the purpose of making long-term, low-interest-rate physical disaster home and business loans and economic injury disaster loans available to citizens and businesses affected by the disaster. A preliminary survey indicates that there are more than 25 homes and/or businesses that suffered an uninsured loss of more than 40 percent in the county.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact W. Nim Kidd, Texas Department of Public Safety Assistant Director for Emergency Management, at (512) 424-2443.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Greg Abbott
Governor

GA:sck

Enclosure

SBA PDA RECAP: Final Summary Report_State of Texas

Event: Severe Storms and Tornadoes **Date of Survey:** 05/02 thru 05/04/2017
DCMS: TX-00480 **Incident Date:** 04/29/2017
SBA Survey Team: **Date of PDA Request:** 04/29/2017

Overall Properties Affected

COUNTY	MEETS SBA CRITERIA	TOTAL MAJORS	SURVEY STATUS	HOMES			BUSINESS			NON-PROFITS					
				MAJ	\$\$	MIN	MAJ	\$\$	MIN	MAJ	\$\$	MIN	MAJ	\$\$	
Henderson	No	2	FINAL	2	55,000	13	1,295,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rains	No	7	FINAL	7	168,000	60	4,195,000	0	0	6	2,325,000	0	0	4	410,000
Van Zandt	Yes	49	FINAL	42	2,423,000	201	8,759,000	7	385,000	12	3,541,000	0	0	4	55,000
	No	0	FINAL												
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State Totals	YES	58	FINAL	51	2,646,000	274	14,249,000	7	385,000	18	5,866,000	0	0	8	465,000