



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

May 29, 2025

Mr. Eric Shaw  
Director (Acting)  
Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience  
Field Operations Center – West  
U.S. Small Business Administration  
6501 Sylvan Road  
Citrus Heights, California 95610

Dear Mr. Shaw:

Under provisions of 13 C.F.R. Part 123.3, I respectfully request that the Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) implement an Administrative Declaration to provide assistance in the form of SBA disaster loans for Jim Wells County as a result of the straight-line winds, and widespread gusts that occurred on May 8, 2025.

A powerful storm impacted the region on May 8th, 2025, bringing straight-line winds reaching up to 115 mph and widespread gusts of up to 90 mph. The severe conditions resulted in school closures through Friday, May 9th, due to debris, power outages, and safety concerns. Approximately 2,000 residents experienced partial power loss, while agricultural damage and property loss were reported throughout the area.

On May 20-22, 2025, a damage assessment was conducted by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), and Jim Wells County to determine the extent and type of disaster assistance necessary to assist with recovery efforts. The damage survey indicates that at least 28 homes and six businesses in Jim Wells County sustained major damage and suffered an uninsured loss of more than 40 percent.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions about this request, please contact the Governor's Authorized Representative, Chief Nim Kidd at (512) 424-2443.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "G" and "A".

Greg Abbott  
Governor