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Survey Division Coastal Boundary Survey Approval

Project:	Bay Area Park / Armand Bayou
Project No:	CL20070005 (GLO)
Project Manager:	Crouch Environmental Services, Inc. 402 Teetshorn Street Houston, Texas 77009 (Surveyor – William Merten, LSLS)
Description:	Mean Higher High Water Line survey of a Bay on the west boundary of the David Har

portion of the east shoreline of Armand st boundary of the David Harris Survey, Abstract 25, at Bay Area Park, south of Bay Area Boulevard, Harris County, Texas.

A Coastal Boundary Survey for the above-referenced project has been reviewed and accepted; upon completion of public notice requirements, the survey will be filed in the Texas General Land Office, Archives and Records, in accordance with provisions of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapter 33.136.

Approved:

Signed: Survey Division

Approval Filed as: Sketch Tex.Nat.Res.Code Article 33.136 Harris

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SURVEYORS REPORT SURVEY OF MEAN HIGHER HIGH WATER ALONG A PORTION OF ARMAND BAYOU ADJACENT TO THE DAVID HARRIS SURVEY HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

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At the request of the Crouch Environmental Services, Inc. and in my capacity as a Licensed State Land Surveyor in Texas, I have determined the line of Mean Higher High Water (Littoral Boundary) for Armand Bayou along a portion of the David Harris Survey, Abstract Number 25, in Harris County, Texas. This survey was performed as per the requirements outlined in the Coastal Public Lands Management Act of 1973, as amended, Chapter 33, Natural Resources Code, and specifically per Section 33.136, Natural Resources Code, "Property Rights: Preservation of Littoral Rights".

The purpose of this survey was to evidence "...the location of the shoreline in the area depicted in this survey as that shoreline existed before commencement of erosion response activity..."(Section 33.136(b), Natural Resources Code).

The David Harris Survey borders along the east bank of Armand Bayou and title was received from the Mexican Government on November 20, 1832. This portion of Armand Bayou is a tidally influenced Bayou that which empties into Clear Lake, which in turn empties into Galveston Bay. The project is located on the south side of the Bay Area Boulevard eastbound bridge crossing of the bayou.

In the case of Humble Oil & Refining Co. vs. Sun Oil Co. (190 F 2d 191), the court held that "grants issued by the King of Spain and the Mexican State before the adoption of common law in Texas, the boundary between sea and upland must be determined in accordance with principals announced in Las Siete Partidas, the basic law of Spain and Mexico which defines "shore" as all ground covered with water at high tide during the whole year, whether in winter or summer."

In a decision by the Texas Supreme Court in the case of Luttes vs. State (324 SW 2nd 167, on remand 328 SW 2nd 920) it was found that the littoral boundaries for civil law grants differs from the boundaries of common law grants. The court states that for civil law grants (grants by Spain and Mexico) the boundary is the line of Mean Higher High Water (MHHW) and for common law grants (grants made by the Republic and State of Texas) the boundary is the line of Mean High Water (MHW). This case described that the best method of determining MHHW and MHW is to employ the use of scientific tide gauges.

The Luttes case defined MHHW as a tidal datum that is the average of the higher of the two daily tides observed over a specific 19 year period (epoch) and MHW as a tidal datum that is the average of all high tides over a specific 19 year period (epoch). Tides being defined as the regular and predictable rise and fall in sea level due to the gravitational pull of the sun and moon.

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Also, sea levels are influenced by weather conditions, geographical location and topography of the coastline. The combination of these conditions can result in a wide variation in the elevation of the tidal datum from location to location.

Due to this variation, the tidal datum had to be determined at the project location. Because of the impracticality of obtaining 19 years of tide readings at a specific location, methods have been developed to correct short term observations between project site staff gauges and a primary tide gauge (gauges with more than 19 years of observations).

Tide gauges along the Texas coastline are installed, operated and maintained by a joint effort involving the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Conrad Blucher Institute (CBI) and Lamar University. Tidal datum's, benchmarks and gauge readings are published and available from NOAA and CBI.

The project site is located in close proximity of the Clear Lake Tide Gauge, a secondary gauge referenced to the Galveston Pier 21 Tide Gauge, a primary gauge in use since 1908. Recently, NOAA has adopted new procedures to compute accepted tidal datum's in the Galveston area based on more recent observations. This procedural change is due to the rise in sea level in the Galveston area, being over 0.02 feet per year, which far exceeds the U.S. average rise of 0.005 feet per year. Currently the published tidal datum for the two gauges is based on the 19-year epoch from 1983 to 2001. Due to this relatively rapid change in sea level I felt it was necessary to compute data on a more current epoch in lieu of using the published datum's. A new tidal datum for the Galveston Pier 21 Tide Gauge was calculated for the 19-year epoch ending in August, 2007, and using the standard method, the Clear Lake Tide Gauge was adjusted to this same epoch.

A site staff gauge was installed and observed simultaneously with the Clear Lake Tide Gauge for four days (eight high tide cycles). These reading were compared to the Clear Lake Tide Gauge using the amplitude ratio method resulting in a calculated elevation for mean higher high water at the site staff gauge.

The project site is located at Bay Area Park and located on the east bank of Armand Bayou just south of Bay Area Boulevard. The location is approximately 480 varas (1,333 feet) of the bank in length, adjacent to a parking/canoe launch area which is part of the park facilities.

On October 11, 2007 points were located on the line of Mean Higher High Water along the shoreline for the entire project length. These points were incorporated into surveyed meanders delineating the littoral boundary between the State owned seabed of Armand Bayou and the privately owned uplands.

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The surveyed meander line was tied to the Harris County TSARP Monumentation System (Texas Coordinate System of 1983, South Central Zone) using TSARP Monument Number "020015" for reference. The scale factor used for this project is 0.999877289.

To the best of my knowledge no artificial fill or development, other than previously stated, that would cause alteration to the line of mean higher high water, has occurred within the area surveyed.

A plat showing the results of this survey was prepared and accompanies this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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