

MATAGORDA BAY MITIGATION TRUST QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

A Freshwater Inflow Demonstration Project to Improve the Resiliency of Coastal Birds in the Matagorda Bay Ecosystem

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II. Description of Tasks Completed

During this reporting period, the project team completed preparatory arrangements for Task 2 (Establish Ecological Baseline Conditions) and Task 6 (Project Administration, Community Outreach and Education). This included planning for baseline ecological research at the Turtle Creek and Tres Palacios study sites and initial planning for the project's educational films and learning resources for area schools.

III. Status of Tasks in Progress

Task 1 (Formalize Agreement with Landowner to Provide Water Delivery) is in progress. In partnership with Texas Water Trade, the project team continues to work toward finalizing the water delivery agreement with the landowner in the Tres Palacios Bay watershed. This agreement is not yet signed, and as recently discussed, the project activities cannot proceed without agreement to deliver water.

IV. Plan for Next Quarter

The project team has set an internal deadline of August 15, 2026, to finalize the landowner water delivery agreement. Once signed, the team will proceed with baseline ecological monitoring at the Turtle Creek and Tres Palacios study sites. The Gulf Trust will report back to the Trust shortly after the August 15 deadline with an update on the outcome of these negotiations and our next steps.

V. Adherence to Project Timeline – Explanation of Delays

Task 1 was originally scheduled for completion by June 1, 2026. Finalizing the water delivery agreement with the landowner has taken longer than anticipated. The project team has set a revised internal target of August 15, 2026, to complete this task.

Thank you for your continued support. Please let us know if you have any questions in the meantime.

Sincerely,

Jay Kleberg

Executive Director, Gulf Trust