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potenciales en la llanura de inundación de la acción propuesta, según lo requerido por la Orden Ejecutiva 11988, de acuerdo con las regulaciones de HUD en 24 CFR 55.20 Subparte C Procedimientos para tomar determinaciones sobre el manejo de las llanuras deinundación. El proyecto TxCDBG propuesto implica el reemplazo de aproximadamente cuatro mil quinientos pies lineales de líneas de agua de seis y ocho pulgadas, perforación, bocas de incendio y reconexiones de servicio relacionadas. Las mejoras propuestas en el sistema de agua estarán en la Carretera Estatal 158 (desde Kickapoo Road hasta el tanque de agua elevado de la Ciudad), en Fayette Street (desde la Carretera Estatal 158 hasta Jackson Street) y en el callejón de Washington Street (desde Kay Avenue Reilly Avenue).

Hay tres propósitos principales para este aviso. En primer lugar, las personas que puedan verse afectadas por las actividades en las llanuras aluviales y las que tienen interés en la protección del medio ambiente natural deberían tener la oportunidad de expresar sus preocupaciones y proporcionar información sobre estas zonas. Se alienta a los comentaristas a ofrecer sitios alternativos fuera

de la llanura de inundación, métodos alternativos para servir al mismo propósito del proyecto y métodos para minimizar y mitigar los impactos. En segundo lugar, un programa adecuado de aviso público puede ser una herramienta educativa pública importante. La difusión de información sobre las áreas de llanuras aluviales puede facilitar y mejorar los esfuerzos federales para reducir los riesgos asociados con la ocupación y modificación de estas áreas especiales. En tercer lugar, como una cuestión de justicia, cuando el gobierno federal determina que va a participar en las acciones que tienen lugar en las llanuras aluviales, debe informar a aquellos que pueden ser puestos en mayor o continuo riesgo.

Los comentarios por escrito deben ser recibidos por la Ciudad de Bronte en la siguiente dirección en o antes del 10 de agosto de 2021. Por favor, envíe comentarios por escrito a: City Secretary, City of Bronte, P.O. Box 370, Bronte, Texas 76933 o por teléfono al 325/473-3501 durante el horario comercial programado regularmente.

Los comentarios también pueden ser enviados a: Agencia Municipal de Consultoría por correo electrónico a valreethompson@hotmail.com. 03-1tc

The numbers reflect ongoing drought conditions in the western half of the U.S., according to Anderson. A long-running drought is taking its toll on regional cattle herds, with a larger number of beef cows being culled and sent to market than in years past.

Beef cattle slaughter in the Texas-New Mexico-Oklahoma region over the last three months was the largest since 2011, he noted.

What this all likely means for ranchers and feeders in the long term is higher cattle prices. Anderson compared the situation to the intense drought gripping Texas and Oklahoma in 2011-2012 that led to record-high cattle prices in 2014-2015 as demand outstripped availability.

“As this drought develops and we cull more cows in the West, we move that same direction. Now, do we cull enough to get to what we saw in ‘14 and ‘15? I think that’s a good question and an open question, but we’ll certainly see more culling and tighter supplies in the future and higher prices,” he said.

Anderson noted fewer dairy cattle are being slaughtered, which he said can be credited to higher milk prices. Despite some volatility at the beginning of the pandemic, dairy farmers have seen better profits in recent months that allow them to maintain herd sizes.

But cull cow prices are higher than a year ago, even with increased slaughter. Anderson attributes those higher prices to consumer demand for beef.

“We have a really tremendous demand situation for our beef. Customers like the product, and we’ve got economic growth, falling unemployment, more people finding jobs. And as they

spend that money, I think beef is one of those things that benefits,” he said. “I feel as though we really have some incredible beef demand and that’s supporting this cull cow market. Because we’re all going out again, and we all like hamburgers.”

...National Day of the Cowboy

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Today, the trail lives on through Lonesome Dove and the many cattle drives that still take place all over our great state, like the unique, twice-daily cattle drive presented by the Fort Worth Herd at the Stockyards and the Longhorn Cattle Drive that’s a part of the annual Cowboy Capital Parade in Bandera, Texas.

If you haven’t already, take the time to read a classic western novel in the late Texas author Larry McMurtry’s honor and learn firsthand what the tough and hardworking individuals we call cowboys were really like.

As Gus McCrae would say, “the older the violin, the sweeter the music” and the same idea

applies to these timeless tales.

On This Day

in Texas History

July 23, 1966

On this day in 1966, rancher and writer Cordia Duke died. Born Cordelia Jane Sloan in Missouri in 1877, she taught school as a teenager in the Oklahoma Territory before moving to Sherman County, Texas, to teach in a one-room school near the XIT Ranch. She married Robert L. Duke, foreman for the Buffalo Springs division of the XIT Ranch, in 1907. In the ensuing years Cordia Duke chronicled the stories and activities of ranch hands and thus recorded a rapidly vanishing way of life. Her articles appeared in magazines such as the Cattleman. In the 1920s she was appointed the first woman game warden in Texas when the land surrounding the Duke homestead was designated a wildlife sanctuary. Passages from her diary as a ranch wife eventually became the basis of a book titled 6,000 Miles of Fence, published in 1961.

...Cattle Market

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Feeder cattle prices are currently being pressured by high feed costs, particularly for corn and soybean meal. Anderson noted this year’s fed cattle prices are more than \$25 per hundredweight higher than they were a year ago and above the five-year average, but they are still not as high as ranchers and cattle feeders would like to see.

“We still face some problems in terms of capacity constraint. We have less packing capacity than in years past with the pandemic and plants operating slower, so that leads to two things: higher prices at wholesale and retail, but lower prices for cattle producers,” he said. “But we are seeing some higher prices as supplies of cattle begin to tighten up a little bit. We’ve got some higher prices for fed cattle, and I think that’s supporting calf and feeder prices, as well, in the last few weeks.”

This May, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) data show 1.87 million head were marketed, or shipped for slaughter, while another 1.91 million head were placed on feed. This brought feedlot inventory on June 1 to 11.7 million head, the second-highest inventory for June since the series began in 1996.

In Texas, cattle on feed showed a similar trend. An estimated 470,000 cattle were placed on feed and 430,000 head were marketed, leaving total feedlot inventory in the

state at 2.85 million head.

Despite the large number of cattle on feed, placements were down 7% from 2020 and marketings of fed cattle were up 23% year-over-year. Feedlot inventories have dropped overall by more than 3% since February, the biggest drop over that same period since 2012.

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