



## **THE LINES HAVE BEEN DRAWN,** **THE BATTLE BEGINS**

Matagorda County has filed Nationwide Permit #14 Pre-Construction Notification for the proposed bridge installation-FM 2031, with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers-Galveston district.

This is real and our Counsel has informed us that the litigation which may lead to a Permanent Injunction, to stop the introduction of more sea water into our bay, could cost up to \$75,000.00.

The County has never been able to tell anyone how the excessive hyper saline conditions that will most certainly occur as a result of the opening of this channel, can be controlled and neutralized if necessary. The Houston Chronicle ran an article last month about the starving of 23 Whooping Cranes in the Aransas Wildlife area due to lack of rainfall and not enough water released from the Guadalupe and San Antonio rivers. East Matagorda Bay doesn't have a river to release water from. What happens to the marine animals in our area when their food dies? You be the judge. The purpose of The East Matagorda Bay Foundation is to "Protect the Bay and the Estuarine surrounding it". We can't do it alone.

A campaign is about to begin to raise funds for the legal defense of our bay, the bay that is owned by all the people of Texas and the bay that we should all help protect. This effort will go far beyond the Sargent Area, keep your eyes and ears open, it's coming to a town near you. Please do your part to help us save our bay for future generations.

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Respectfully,

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