Austin, TX – Senator Eddie Lucio (D-Brownsville), expresses his sincere to Governor Greg Abbott for issuing a disaster declaration for the Rio Grande Valley due to flooding from a recent rain event.

Gov. Abbott issues disaster declaration for flood-ravaged RGV counties*

Gov. Greg Abbott has issued a state of disaster declaration for Rio Grande Valley communities that sustained significant flooding damage as a result of Monday night’s thunderstorms.

Abbott’s declaration includes the counties of Hidalgo, Cameron and Willacy. In Hidalgo County, officials said the severe weather, which caused wind as well as rain damages, prompted 100 rescues.

“The state of Texas is doing everything it can to ensure these three counties have the resources they need to respond to these storms,” Abbott said in a news release. “I ask that all Texans join me and Cecilia in praying for those impacted by severe flooding. By working closely with local officials, we will put the communities of the Rio Grande Valley on a path to recovery.”