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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission  
Sent: Monday, December 3, 2018 9:33 AM  
To: Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>  
Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY

First Name: Michael

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Title:

Organization you are affiliated with: Buchanan Volunteer Fire Department

Email:

City: Buchanan Dam

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or  
Opposed: None

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

I have a concern about the ability approach the LCRA. Comments made some elected officials and the general public indicate that the LCRA is quote a "900 lb Gorilla". There is little local input for for public comment regarding policies made "no local public hearings anymore".

The entire board is appointed by the governor. My thought is that the community's that the LCRA serves maybe better represented if the Directors from the 10 county area were appointed by local elected officials "County Commissioners".

Back to the 900 Lb Gorilla, perception is reality. Not to sound like a NIT picker but over the years the perception of the organization has changed. At Buchanan Dam, the Visitors Center and the public restrooms were closed. I'm sure this was a cost saving measure but seriously. It 's frankly embarrassing to the local residents of the area who take pride in the lake and the dam.

Sec. 8503.023-Public access from the LCRA elabling act. There are a LOT of properties managed by the LCRA on the Highland lakes that are not accessible. There are at least 2 on Lake LBJ and as many on Lake Buchanan. With limited public recreational resources on these lakes, I would like to have the organization to address this issue.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree