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Agency: LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Regarding LCRA and the October 16 flooding: We have a home on LBJ located at 201 Lark Rd in Highland Haven. Our home is not in a flood zone, yet we watched the flood waters rise and flood our home on Oct 16. The lack of strong management control by LCRA during the period of Oct 14-16 contributed significantly to the flooding on Lake LBJ as well as Lake Marble Falls, and Lake Travis. LCRA did not open any Lake LBJ flood gates until 5:37pm on Oct 15 when they opened 1 and then subsequently the next morning a few more until the flood damage was done to the Lake LBJ communities. We are in the process of rebuilding our flood damaged home and I am concerned that LCRA cannot fulfill their commitment to safely maintain the Highland Lakes as directed by their charter. Are we and others rebuilding only to have this mismanagement cause yet another flooding of our homes? In addition, we are now living on a lake that has had it's lake bottom elevated with immeasurable silt and debris, making the management of future flood waters even more challenging. If LCRA follows current protocol regarding water movement (which didn't work on Oct 16) this protocol will result in an even higher chance of flooding as they are following protocol for a lake depth that has been depleted (made shallower) by the new silt and debris. Lake LBJ has new "islands" where the Llano feeds into LBJ - only 1 example of the obvious change in the dept of the lake due to the Oct 16 event. When asked about debris removal for navigation safety on the lakes they had said it is not in their purview. When asked about the silting of Lake LBJ they had again said it is not in the purview. But their home page of their web site states "To enhance the quality of life of the Texans we serve through water stewardship, energy and community service." Apparently the flooding on Oct 16th certainly did not enhance the quality of life of our Texas citizens and obviously was not a community service.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: To do nothing will ensure we all have a much greater chance of flooding again - the next time worse than Oct 16. Protocols must be changed, there must be accountability and the lakes must be cleaned of debris and silt in order to allow those managing flood waters to work with lakes that have ample depth/volume area to move the flood waters.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree