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Agency: LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or
Opposed:

This was a letter we wrote concerning the flooding in Horseshoe Bay on Lake LBJ. Andy Murr's office and the mayor of Horseshoe Bay worked with the LCRA to clean up some of the navigable channel. They removed a couple of boats and jet skis and a few large items from the channel. They now say it is not their responsibility to clean the rest of the channel. As you can read in our letter with the open gas cans, propane tanks, unidentified bottles, trash cans, etc. There was a 20 x 20' deck that floated into the channel a few weeks ago. As I said we live on a navigable channel and it not safe for boats to come through. There are a large number of boats and jet skis that use this channel all during the year! It is very dangerous to try and go through this channel. There is a tunnel that the boats need to go through and they might not see the deck stuck in the middle of the channel. We and our neighbors feel that the channel of water should be cleaned up by the LCRA of all the debris that has been stuck there since the October 16th flood! It is unsafe from the debris and a health concern with all the household items that are still floating and those that have sunk to the bottom! We have cleaned our bulkhead and are paying to have our boat slips cleaned. My understanding is the LCRA is responsible for all Texas lakes, rivers, streams, etc. What exactly does that mean? They can pick and choose what they want to do? Don't even get the people on LBJ talking about the slow response to all the water coming down the Llano River and the flooding! We should never have flooded!!!

The LCRA's mission states "Enhance the quality of life of the Texans we serve through water stewardship!

Delivering results with exceptional customer service.

We have not seen this service from the LCRA!

To: Office of Texas Governor Greg Abbott; The Honorable Ralph H. Duggins, Chairman Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission; LCRA board members, Ray Gill, LCRA, Llano County, George Russell, LCRA, Burnet County; Senator Dawn Buckingham; Andy Murr, Representative Texas House District 53; Steve Jordan, Mayor of

Horseshoe Bay; Stan Farmer, City Manager of Horseshoe Bay; Mike Thuss, President, Horseshoe Bay POA; Mario Solorio, Applehead POA; Richard Azar, Matern Island POA; Ron Mitchell, Vice Chairman/President/CEO, Horseshoe Bay Resort; Horseshoe Bay Beacon, The Highlander, Frank Shubert, Publisher/Editor, Marble Falls, TX; KVUE News, Austin

We live in Horseshoe Bay, Texas. We have lived here for 10 years, 8 part time and 2 full time. We love our city and our lake! We built our dream house on Lake LBJ on the channel at the Matern Island entrance.

It was devastating to see the flood of October 16, 2018! We watched empty boats, jet skis, and paddle boards come down our channel. One of the boats got stuck at the tunnel/bridge that goes into Matern Island. It was followed by more boats and jet skis. Everything coming down the channel from Applehead Island stopped in our channel including, paint cans, open gas cans, propane tanks, garbage cans with garbage coming out of the cans, chairs, etc! There were dead fish and turtles in the channel and on our dock. There is gas and/or oil slicks on the water. Along with all the things swept off peoples docks came all the tree trunks and debris! We have helped people retrieve their boats and jet skis. We have cleaned our property! The LCRA needs to clean theirs!

We are now 2 weeks into this flood and we still have the same boats and jet skis, debris and trash, gas cans and propane tanks and dead fish! The channel is completely blocked by debris and muck with the boats and jet skis.

And now we have a terrible smell coming up from the water. Llano county is giving out free tetanus shots. People are getting hepatitis shots. This area at the two tunnels are contaminated and a health concern to all of us living in this area.

Some people have removed their boats and jet skis. Others are waiting for Insurance adjusters to come. Why do we have to contend with all this while the owners wait on insurance??? It has been 2 weeks and owners need to get their property out of here!

When the lake is open we will not be able to get our boats out of the slips because of all the debris.

We have a steady stream of cars with people coming to take pictures!

The City of Horseshoe Bay says they cannot do anything. And they do not have the personnel and equipment to address the situation and are wanting to work with the LCRA.

We have called the LCRA and they said it is not their responsibility. I have sent pictures the week of flooding and have heard nothing.

Who is responsible for taking care of Lake LBJ?

We are not asking that our private property be cleaned, we have already taken care of our property.

We have spent our time and dollars to clean our property, why hasn't the LCRA done their share to clean up the lake?

The LCRA Mission Statement includes: Enhance the quality of life of the Texans we serve through water stewardship. The LCRA needs to step up!

Also listed on the website of the LCRA: Delivering results with exceptional customer service.

We are now asking for the LCRA and/or other agencies to take responsibility and clean up the lake that is their asset. So do the right thing and get the channels cleaned up now!!!

Chris and Lee Williford
Horseshoe Bay, Texas

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

The LCRA needs to clean up the debris and new sandbars on Lake LBJ and also clean up at least the navigable channels!

The LCRA should never have allowed Lake LBJ to flood!

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree