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MAYOR

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San Jacinto River Authority
Attn: Board of Directors
1577 Dam Site Road
Conroe, TX 77304

Dear Members of the Board:

We would like to take this opportunity to express our support for the seasonal lowering of Lake Conroe. It is important that we take a stand together for regional resiliency and compromise is key to ensure life, safety and property. This temporary measure will help mitigate against future flooding until permanent flood gates can be installed and dredging of the San Jacinto's West Fork can be completed.

The regional flooding impact of Hurricane Harvey was catastrophic in Kingwood, Humble, and other areas of Northeast Harris County. It is my recommendation, considering the first public meeting on this topic (January 21, 2020), to initiate a seasonal lowering in the spring to 200 feet beginning April 1 thru May 31 and summer to 199.5 feet beginning August 1 thru November 30. The seasonal lowering of Lake Conroe would continue to take place until the completion of the Lake Houston Dam Spillway flood gate project, with an additional lake lowering to 199 feet should a named storm be predicted to impact our region within a 5-day forecast.

The City of Houston has been sharing the sacrifice of lower lake levels since February of 2019 due to a Lake Houston Dam Spillway repair project. Residents have endured the level of Lake Houston being 41.5 feet which is a foot below normal pool elevation of 42.5 feet consistently for over a year. The City of Houston has taken additional lowering measures during times of inclement weather to lower to 40 feet and even 39.5 feet.

We appreciate the continued communication and partnership as we work to create lasting change through permanent projects within our area. Benefits that we have seen in addition to reducing risk of flooding are stronger relationships between the City of Houston and SJRA, improved perception through open communication of SJRA with downstream communities, and meaningful collaboration on regional projects.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Sylvester Turner
City of Houston
Mayor

Carol Haddock
Houston Public Works
Director