

# City of El Lago

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Mr. Mario Runco  
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December 15, 2017

Dear Mr. Runco:

It is with great concern that I write you again, after receiving no response to the City's original correspondence of October 6, 2017, in which I requested a written response from you and the Board of WCID #50 concerning the chronic flooding issues in our City. This problem has remained unaddressed for many years and I am concerned that if these issues are not addressed soon, we will be forced to involve the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) into this discussion. If you fail to respond to this correspondence as requested, the City of El Lago will have no other option than to initiate a formal complaint to TCEQ concerning this matter. I encourage you to enter a written dialog with the City which you serve.

While you may not personally live in El Lago, I remind you that WCID #50 primarily serves this City. It was with great alarm that I recently learned that the WCID #50-controlled drainage easement which exits Cedar Lane and runs under NASA Road #1 into Clear Lake is currently substantially blocked – and it appears this was the condition at least during the recent past, and possibly a contributor to the recent Harvey flood event and chronic flooding in this part of our City. Most alarming is that I had to get the information from citizens who are monitoring the process of post-Harvey drainage response by your Board as a result of a large number of citizen complaints – and not from WCID #50 itself in any official manner or on your website. For this reason I have instructed the City Attorney to submit a Public Information Act Request to WCID #50 on this matter to get all of the data so that it can be submitted to our citizens.. I would appreciate your prompt response to that request.

I am again requesting that you officially respond to this correspondence and include the following issues in your response:

1. **What is the official evaluation of the drainage easement and outfall discussed above resulting from citizen complaints.**
2. **What inspection program does WCID #50 employ on this outfall, what inspections (including dates) were these inspections previously conducted, and what were the results.**
3. **What are your plans to *immediately* correct this condition – if indeed a substantial blockage is present at the outfall to correct the present continued flooding risk.**
4. **What are the future inspection plans or remedial efforts to prevent this from happening in the future, and what is the schedule for their implementation.**

Finally – I am requesting you notify all of the homeowners who flooded by individual letter of this outfall condition (the City Clerk can give you the names and addresses of those impacted – if you do not have

them), as well as the general citizenry through your website of the current condition and response to the questions posed above.

Given the urgency of this condition, we ask for your written response to the above issues by the end of January 2018.

I look forward to your response and am always available for discussions.

Regards,



Mark Briggs  
Mayor – City of El Lago

cc: City Attorney  
Hon. Jon Keeney, Mayor – Taylor Lake Village  
Hon. Dennis Paul