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San Jacinto River Authority  
Board of Directors  
15777 Dam Site Road  
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Dear Members of the Board,

I thank the San Jacinto River Authority Board for holding a special meeting to discuss the temporary seasonal lake lowering initiative prior to a reconsideration in February.

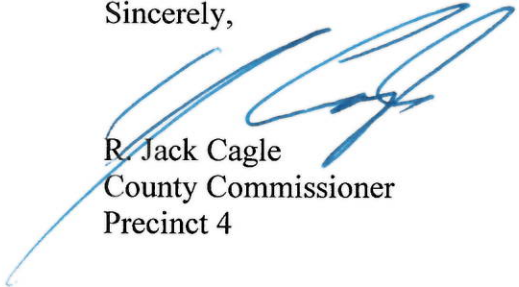
In March last year, Harris County Commissioners authorized funding for a 2.7M regional study that will examine the San Jacinto River. Harris County will work alongside the San Jacinto River Authority, Montgomery County and the City of Houston to develop a comprehensive set of models for the entire Upper San Jacinto River watershed. The scope is to develop projects that could be implemented to reduce flooding along the San Jacinto River. Projects like permanent flood gates for Lake Houston Dam, additional dredging, and additional upstream detention.

After Hurricane Harvey, Governor Abbott directed the San Jacinto River Authority to reduce flooding. Since that charge, I want to personally thank the Board for collaborating with City of Houston on flood mitigation strategies.

The San Jacinto River Basin Study is currently underway. In the meantime, Lake Houston residents continue to live in fear of another 100-year flood event like the two that occurred in 2019. Until the San Jacinto River Basin study is completed, I support the extra caution of renewing the current flood protection strategy of temporary seasonal lowering of Lake Conroe.

Thank you for your consideration, and please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



R. Jack Cagle  
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