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Subject: Water Level - Lower Straits Lake

After several questions concerning the low water level for our lake - I contacted the Water Resources Commission today. Timing is everything in life - with the heavy rains over the weekend, the WRC should be turning on the lake augmentation pump by tomorrow at the latest. This assumes that the water in the pump area is sufficient - they will be confirming that late today or tomorrow morning.

There is nothing wrong with the pump despite some rumors on social media. If the Huron River is below legal level or the spot where the pump is located is low then the WRC cannot pump into our lake. The WRC did pump for approximately 2 weeks in May when there was sufficient water. With the extended lack of rain, they have not been able to pump any water into the lake. The dam on our lake has been fully in place since late April - we just have not had normal levels of rain to help fill the lake and the Huron River.

Another rumor with no foundation - the "new" dam for Upper Straits Lake was NOT "new" but the replacement of an existing dam. This has only affected our lake level due to the lack of rain. There has not been any overflow from Upper Straits Lake into Middle/Lower Straits lakes whether it was the old dam or the replacement dam that was completed last year because of the lack of rain.

Please let your HOA members know the correct status on the lake level process - as we have several times in the past.

Thanks,

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