

Dear Mr. Mertel,

Thank you for your comments. I'm sorry to hear about the two significant flooding events you experienced in 2023—I can understand your concerns and frustration. I want to assure you that I am committed to ensuring the demolition and construction of my home will not adversely affect your property. This requires identifying the root cause of the issue and addressing it appropriately. Please rest assured that your concerns have been thoroughly reviewed by my civil engineer.

The flooding you experienced was due to a lack of maintenance by the City. Specifically, debris had blocked the culvert inlets, leading to the flooding. Since then, these inlets have been cleared and maintained during the civil engineer's onsite visit, and additional inlet protection with riprap has been installed. The attached photo, taken on December 29, 2023, during the wet season, shows no signs of flooding when the inlets were clear of debris. It is important to note that the flooding was not caused by an overcapacity of the conveyance ditch. Additionally, I'd like to emphasize that maintaining the ditches in the public right-of-way is the City's responsibility.

As outlined in the Downstream Report, the current downstream conveyance system is sufficient to handle runoff. My new home will not significantly increase runoff, as it simply replaces an existing structure. Provided the City continues to maintain the downstream conveyance ditches, flooding due to capacity issues should not occur.

Sincerely,

Tony Chen



