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Subject: South Bar Lake Drainage District Meeting 4/14/21 | Public Comment Email.
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Hello, because we are unable to attend the Drainage District Meeting on 4/14, we are submitting our Questions / Comments in the email below. Thank you very much, John and Barbara Ludlow.

Hello,

We are property owners of 11399 S. Lake Michigan Drive. Our property includes the Northern half of the South Bar Outlet flowing into Lake Michigan.

We are interested in your due diligence, historical, and current research of what we believe was the redirection of South Bar into Lake Michigan before the 1900's. The current flow of water through our property seems to be a failed, short sighted attempt to change a natural waterway for the benefit of The Empire Lumber Company in the 1800's.

We believe that South Bar Lake originally flowed to Lake Michigan at it's southern most spot, under what is currently the Empire Beach Parking lot, and formerly the Lumber Mill. We respectfully request that you explain and educate us on this history of this flow. We are highly interested in restoring the flow of water to what we believe to be its original path.

Sincerely,
John and Barbara Ludlow
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