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Subject: Follow-Up Based on 5 June 2013 Valley Center De-Annexation Hearing

Richard Ranzau, Commissioner, Sedgwick County, Kansas

We live at the east end of West Rio Grand Circle, which is a cul-de-sac extending east of West Street. We not only contended with the mud-holes, but also with water run-off. At the center of the turn-around on our cul-de-sac, the terrain slopes appreciably to the east. Our drive-way is on this slope.

Over time, the sand washing off the road had filled our culvert almost full. About 3 years ago I asked the road crew if there was anything they could do to help. The answer was yes, that they had a retired fire truck at their disposal, complete with high pressure pumps, they could blow the sand out. But – the truck was receiving some repairs.

Over the following months, I would sometimes ask the grader drivers of the job's status. "It's still on the board" was the answer for a long time. Then one day, I was told it was no longer on the schedule. I didn't ask any more about the well-being of the truck.

Last summer, I decided to clean the culvert myself. With the assistance of a neighbor couple, using an old farm tractor, log chains, and assorted "cleaning tools," we did it. The neighbors even drug their water hose over and washed almost all the sand out.

The road crew was working nearby and saw this. Then they did bring the old truck by and finished blowing out the debris, possibly 5 to 10 percent of the total.

Also (and I know the City is not responsible for the Law of Gravity) during rains run-off comes down our driveway into our parking, reaching a depth of up to three inches. Periodically the silt has to be scooped up and moved.

At the time a chip-and-seal coat was applied to our street, workers inferred there might be a way to divert at least some, if not all, of the run-off from our drive. Nothing has happened.

Thank you,

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