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Groundbreaking for SJRA Surface Water Treatment Plant

On Tuesday, July 31, 2012, the San Jacinto River Authority hosted a groundbreaking ceremony to kickoff construction of the surface water treatment facilities that will provide treated drinking water as part of the SJRA's Joint Groundwater Reduction Plan. The groundbreaking ceremony was held at the east end of the Lake Conroe dam, which will be the site of the surface water treatment plant.

The SJRA is constructing the surface water treatment facilities – which include a raw water intake structure, a surface water treatment plant, storage tanks, and a treated water pump station – in order to meet the regulatory requirements of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District and supplement Montgomery County's limited groundwater supplies by the deadline of January 2016.

Construction of the surface water treatment facilities at the Lake Conroe dam will begin August 1, 2012. The facilities are scheduled to be complete in mid-2015. The estimated cost of the surface water treatment facilities is \$190 million.

The groundbreaking ceremony was attended by several local elected officials, SJRA board members, SJRA staff and consultants, and a number of customers and stakeholders of the GRP program. Elected officials in attendance included: State Senator Tommy Williams, Conroe Mayor Webb Melder, County Judge Barb Sadler, and Precinct 2 County Commissioner Craig Doyal.

