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## **Lake Conroe Surpasses Record Low Lake Level**

Today when the daily official lake level measurement for Lake Conroe was recorded, the reading of 195.94' above mean sea level ("MSL") officially established a new record low lake level, surpassing the old record of 196.02' MSL, which was set on January 12, 1989.

Lake Conroe's normal pool elevation is 201' MSL, and today marks the first time since the lake was completed in 1973 that the level has dropped more than five feet below normal pool elevation.

The ongoing drought conditions, which began over a year ago and were magnified by a very dry winter and spring, have persisted through the summer and taken a severe toll on reservoirs throughout the State of Texas. The Authority encourages all boaters and recreational users to use good judgment and be safety conscious at all times. Lakefront property owners with boat slips should monitor water levels and take appropriate action as needed to trailer their boats or store them in marinas until normal rainfall patterns return and lake levels begin to rise.

In terms of future expected lake levels, the Authority had previously estimated that evaporation and releases to the City of Houston would result in an overall decline in lake level of approximately 5 to 6 inches per week. So far, actual declines have been running approximately four inches per week despite the extremely hot and windy conditions. It is expected that this rate of decline will persist until meaningful rainfall is received in the watershed.

For more details, please visit the SJRA's website at [www.sjra.net](http://www.sjra.net).

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