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### **SJRA Responds to Water Line Break at Grogan's Mill Drive and Woodlands Parkway**

At approximately 4:30 A.M. on October 23, 2016, sensors detected a drop in pressure in a San Jacinto River Authority surface water line in The Woodlands. SJRA crews were onsite within 30 minutes and discovered a leak near the intersection of Grogan's Mill and Woodlands Parkway. The leak temporarily flooded the intersection and resulted in a 10-foot diameter washout in the grassy median next to the road.

In less than 30 minutes after arriving at the scene, crews were able to isolate the leak by shutting off valves upstream and downstream of the location.

After shutting off the flow of water, crews immediately began cleaning up the area so that full traffic flow could be restored. Northbound traffic along Grogan's Mill was restored by noon, and southbound traffic by 12:30 P.M.

This water line break appears to be in the same general vicinity as a previous water line break in May. Forensic engineers retained by SJRA to investigate the previous leak are already mobilized and plan to use data from this latest leak to isolate the cause so it can be addressed. This section of water line is located at a junction between two separate tunneled sections.

Water service to customers was not interrupted because the surface water line serves as a supplemental source to existing groundwater supplies. Existing water wells will be used to maintain full service while repairs are conducted.