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SJRA Responds to Opinion Letter

The San Jacinto River Authority and its Groundwater Reduction Plan partners, representing over 80% by water volume of all water suppliers in Montgomery County, are on schedule and within budget with the first phase of a surface water supply project that will assure timely compliance with the groundwater reduction mandates of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District and the uninterrupted growth and progress of Montgomery County. At the same time, the SJRA and its GRP partners are committed and have taken significant steps to evaluate the feasibility of additional alternative water supply sources for the future, including imported surface water, reuse of water, and the Catahoula aquifer. The SJRA continues to believe that this combined approach represents the most timely, efficient, equitable, reliable, cost-effective, and economically and scientifically sound means of achieving regulatory compliance and a secure water supply future for Montgomery County. The SJRA has prepared and will soon be distributing a white paper that clarifies information that has recently been disseminated regarding the use of brackish groundwater, explains what the SJRA has already done and continues to do to study the Catahoula, and outlines the SJRA's thoughts on the subject.

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