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SJRA Monitoring Developing Tropical System; Prepared for Weekend Rain Event

Operations staff for the San Jacinto River Authority are coordinating with their partner agencies and monitoring the tropical wave moving through the Western Gulf of Mexico. Staff is in communications with the National Weather Service, the Harris County Flood Control District, the City of Houston, the Coastal Water Authority, and other local officials from both Montgomery and Harris counties to prepare for the anticipated weekend rainfall.

At this time, Lake Conroe's water level is five inches below normal.

The current forecast calls for one to two inches of rain in the Lake Conroe watershed. However, staff are prepared in the event that heavier rainfall totals occur in the northern portions of the forecast area. Taking into account the dry ground conditions, it is unlikely that rainfall totals of one to two inches would create the need for a release of water from Lake Conroe.

SJRA staff have received a number of calls asking whether there are any plans to pre-release water from Lake Conroe. The operations protocol for Lake Conroe does not involve the pre-release of water before predicted storm events. Release of water from Lake Conroe prior to a storm would put flows into the San Jacinto River and Lake Houston, which would potentially exacerbate flooding. In addition, staff from the City of Houston, the Coastal Water Authority, and the Harris County Flood Control District have expressed their desire to not pre-fill the river and Lake Houston prior to a storm with water released from Lake Conroe.

Anyone interested in monitoring Lake Conroe levels, releases, rainfall totals, or stream flows can visit SJRA's Conrail System at: <https://sanjacinto.onerain.com/home.php>.

For additional information visit our website at www.sjra.net.