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**The San Jacinto River Authority's GRP Division's
Proposal to Hold Rates Steady for FY 2019 Adopted
Following Unanimous Approval by GRP Review Committee**

There will be no rate change for the GRP Participants in Fiscal Year 2019. Effective September 1, 2018, the Pumpage Fee and Import Fee will remain \$2.64/1,000 gallons and the Surface Water Fee will remain \$2.83/1,000 gallons.

On May 21, 2018, the GRP Review Committee unanimously voted to recommend adoption of an amended GRP Rate Order. On May 24, 2018, the San Jacinto River Authority's (SJRA) Board of Directors adopted the amended GRP Rate Order as recommended.

The GRP Review Committee is a six-member board selected by the cities and other utilities who are participants in SJRA's joint GRP program. These members represent Woodlands Joint Powers Agency ("WJPA"), City of Conroe, Small Cities, MUDs East of I-45, MUDs West of I-45, and Investor Owned Utilities ("IOUs").

These fees generate the revenues necessary to pay for the operation and maintenance of the Groundwater Reduction Plan ("GRP") facilities and to fund debt service. SJRA strives at all times to manage the costs of implementation of the GRP so that the lowest practical fees are adopted. The GRP was able to reduce costs by delaying full funding of its Operating Fund Balance and reserves, as well as temporarily reducing surface water production. The approved rates are \$0.04 lower than those identified in the GRP's independent rate study, performed in 2014. The GRP's rates are evaluated on an annual basis to ensure financial obligations are met as well as meeting compliance with Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District's ("LSGCD") rules for groundwater reduction.

The amended GRP Rate Order is available on SJRA's website at www.SJRA.net/GRP under the "Quick Links" and "GRP Participant Information" tab.

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