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SJRA Continues Controlled Releases

With an average of 3.5-inches of rainfall across the watershed in the last 24-hours, the Lake Conroe water level began rising in the afternoon of Wednesday, December 26, 2018. SJRA operations personnel at Lake Conroe systematically and incrementally increased releases from the dam throughout the early morning hours of December 27th as the rain continued to fall.

The maximum inflow of storm water into Lake Conroe from this rainfall event was approximately 25,000 cubic feet per second (cfs). The current release rate from the Lake Conroe dam is 5,366 cfs.

As creeks and streams in the watershed continue to discharge into Lake Conroe, the lake level will continue to slowly rise, and releases from the dam will be adjusted accordingly. However, the operational guidelines for Lake Conroe are designed to ensure that the peak rate of flow released from the dam is LOWER than the peak flow coming into the lake.

Throughout this rainfall event, information regarding lake level and releases from the Lake Conroe dam will be sent, in real-time, to SJRA's core partners, including: Montgomery County, Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, City of Houston, Harris County, Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Harris County Flood Control District, National Weather Service, Coastal Water Authority, etc.

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>.