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SJRA Encourages Community to ‘Protect the Source’ During National Drinking Water Week

Conroe, Texas—San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) and the American Water Works Association (AWWA) along with water communities across the country encourage consumers to recognize the vital role drinking water plays in daily lives during **National Drinking Water Week May 5-11**. Consumers are encouraged to preserve water supplies and protect water resources by taking measures to conserve.

Consumers can “Protect the Source” in their daily life by using water wisely at home:

- Repair leaky faucets, indoors and out.
- Only run the dishwasher and washing machine when they are full.
- Fill your sink or basin when washing and rinsing dishes.
- Take short showers instead of baths.
- Turn off the water to brush teeth, fill the sink to shave.
- Repair leaky toilets. Add 12 drops of food coloring into the tank, and if color appears in the bowl one hour later, the toilet is leaking.
- Install a toilet dam, faucet aerators, and low-flow showerheads.
- Apply mulch around shrubs and flower beds to reduce evaporation, promote plant growth, and control weeds.
- Collect rainfall for irrigation in a screened container (to prevent mosquito larvae growth).
- Always use a broom to clean walkways, driveways, decks and porches, rather than hosing off these areas.

“Drinking Water Week is a special opportunity to shine a light on all of the ways we can protect our water source and ensure it is there for future generations,” said AWWA Chief Executive Officer David LaFrance. “When we, as consumers and community stewards, learn about and gain an appreciation for our drinking water sources, it becomes easy to understand the importance of protecting them.”

“During Water Week and every day, we want consumers to better understand and appreciate their water,” said SJRA General Manager Jace Houston. “We are all stewards of the water infrastructure upon which future generations depend. Tap water delivers public health protection, support for our economy, and the quality of life we enjoy. We urge consumers to get to know their water and its source.”

SJRA developed the Groundwater Reduction Plan (GRP) Division in 2016 as a regional drinking water source to conserve underground aquifer water supply by drawing on a sustainable resource—surface water from Lake Conroe—to provide for Montgomery County’s economic growth and

future. The GRP Division provides surface water to more than 80 municipal utility districts and investor owned utilities throughout Montgomery County.

Established in 1881, AWWA is the United States' largest nonprofit, scientific and educational association dedicated to managing and treating water, the world's most important resource. More at <https://www.txwater.org/>.

One of the major river authorities in Texas, SJRA's mission is to develop, conserve, and protect the water resources of the San Jacinto River Basin. Covering all or part of seven counties, the organization's jurisdiction includes the entire San Jacinto River watershed, excluding Harris County. For additional information on SJRA visit our website at www.sjra.net or like SJRA on Facebook @SanJacintoRiverAuthority

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