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Update on Lake Conroe Water Levels and Spillway Releases

As of 5:00 PM on Monday, April 18th, the Lake Conroe watershed in northwestern Montgomery County had experienced 24-hour rainfall totals of approximately four to six inches. In response, the lake level rose to a level of approximately 202 feet above mean sea level, which is one foot above the normal pool elevation for Lake Conroe. In accordance with operational protocols, SJRA operators were releasing approximately 6,000 cubic feet per second from the main spillway.

Rainfall totals in the northern part of Montgomery County were generally lower than those in the southern part of the county where widespread rainfall totals of approximately eight inches were experienced. The trend of increasing rainfall totals as you move further south toward Harris County was reflected in local stream and river gauges, which also showed higher flows in the watersheds to the south such as Spring Creek and Cypress Creek.

The figure below shows a snapshot of flow readings for several major streams and rivers taken at approximately 5:00 PM. The flows in Spring and Cypress creeks of over 14,000 cfs reflect the higher rainfall totals in southern Montgomery and northern Harris counties.

Because the Lake Conroe watershed did not receive the staggering rainfall totals experienced in parts of Harris and southern Montgomery County, lake level rise and releases from the dam at Lake Conroe have been moderate so far. Based on current weather projections, it is likely that lake level and releases in this event will not be as great as those experienced a month ago in March or a year ago in the spring of 2015.

For additional information regarding Lake Conroe conditions and reservoir operations, visit www.sjra.net.

