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San Jacinto River Authority Begins Preparations for Potential Rainfall in the Lake Conroe Watershed

With current forecasts predicting anywhere from two to five inches of rainfall in and around the Lake Conroe area, the San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) is implementing its standard protocols for a severe weather event, including establishing 24-hour work schedules, testing all equipment, positioning generators and fuel, and activating its reservoir operations center.

SJRA operations staff are actively coordinating with emergency operations personnel in both Montgomery and Harris counties, including the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) and the Coastal Water Authority (CWA). SJRA will also have personnel stationed at the Harris County EOC for added coordination during this event.

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>. From this page, you can select the "Lake Conroe Dashboard" for a convenient view of important gauges. We will also post press releases and other updates on our home page and social media platforms.

The best places to find predictive information with regard to how area streams and rivers will respond are the following two websites. On these sites you can click on various gauges in your area to get a better idea of local stream levels.

- HCFCD - Flood Warning System: <https://www.harriscountyfws.org/?View=full>.
- National Weather Service - Advanced Hydrological Prediction Service: <http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/index.php?wfo=hgx>.

During major events such as this, SJRA receives numerous calls asking whether we will pre-release water from Lake Conroe. SJRA never pre-releases water from Lake Conroe prior to a storm event for numerous reasons, the most critical of which is the high likelihood that pre-releases would make downstream flooding problems worse. SJRA's downstream partners, including the City of Houston, CWA, and HCFCD have expressed their desire that SJRA not pre-fill the river prior to a major storm event by pre-releasing from Lake Conroe.

For additional information and real-time release information, visit our website at www.sjra.net. Storm event information and FAQs can be found at <http://www.sjra.net/lakeconroe/stormevents/>.