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Special Board Meeting Media Coverage



Bluebonnet News

[San Jacinto River Authority Board votes on recommendation to send to Houston regarding temporary seasonal lowering of Lake Conroe](#)

by: Beth O'Brien

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Community Impact Newspaper

[San Jacinto River Authority votes to continue Lake Conroe lowering with modifications](#)



Houston Chronicle

[Board approves compromise in battle over lowering of Lake Conroe](#)

by: Trevor Nolley, Eva Vigh

by: Emily Foxhall

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SJRA Board of Directors Recommends Renewing Flood Mitigation Strategy

Conroe, Texas—San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) Board of Directors last week approved a recommendation to the City of Houston (COH) to continue a temporary flood mitigation program at Lake Conroe. The board's vote proposed extending the initiative through December 2022 and serves as a recommendation to the City of Houston who owns the majority of the water rights in Lake Conroe.

At the special board meeting, over 100 constituents voiced their opinions on the initiative to reduce water level in Lake Conroe on a seasonal basis to create extra capacity to catch rainfall and storm water runoff. During the meeting SJRA Director of Water Resources and Flood Management, Chuck Gilman, gave a presentation to the board that included 20 years of rainfall and lake level data for consideration.

After approximately five hours of presentation, public comment, and board discussion, the SJRA Board of Directors approved the following recommendation to the COH regarding the operation of Lake Conroe:

- Spring strategy: Beginning April 1, release only an amount of water from Lake Conroe to create a one foot capacity to catch rainfall and storm runoff (from 201' mean sea level to 200' msl). Recapture of lake level beginning June 1.
- Fall strategy: Beginning August 1, release only an amount of water from Lake Conroe to create a one foot capacity to catch rainfall and storm runoff (from 201' msl to 200' msl). After September 1, increase capacity an additional six inches (from 200' msl to 199.5' msl). If a named storm is predicted to impact our region, the COH may initiate an additional release of six inches (to 199' msl) by notifying SJRA in writing of their call for release. Recapture beginning October 1.
- All releases come from the COH's 2/3 share of permitted water supply in Lake Conroe at the city's request. SJRA staff to coordinate with COH staff on the details and timing of any releases.
- If the lake level of Lake Conroe has already dropped to the target elevation due to natural evaporation, no releases should be made.

The strategy of temporarily creating capacity in Lake Conroe on a seasonal basis began in 2018 to provide flood mitigation benefits for regional downstream constituents in both Montgomery County and Harris County by catching rainfall and runoff in Lake Conroe.

The COH supports the strategy. Mayor Sylvester Turner notified SJRA the day before the special board meeting that the city wished to extend the initiative until the completion of additional dredging and construction of flood gates on the Lake Houston Spillway.

Lake Conroe was built in the 1970s as a partnership between COH, SJRA, and the Texas Water Development Board as a water supply reservoir for the region. COH owns 2/3 of the water rights in Lake Conroe; SJRA owns 1/3. The City of Houston may call for the release of water from Lake Conroe for the city's use at any time. Upon release, the city's water flows down the west fork of the San Jacinto River eventually ending up in Lake Houston for use by Houston.

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Only Rain in the Drain!



[SJRA Stormwater Inlet Marking \(SwIM\) Program](#)

Most people do not realize the rain water that flows down our streets, over parking lots, through parks and yards, and into open drains flows directly into Lake Conroe. Our community actions and behaviors have a significant and direct impact on preserving high water quality in the Lake Conroe Watershed.

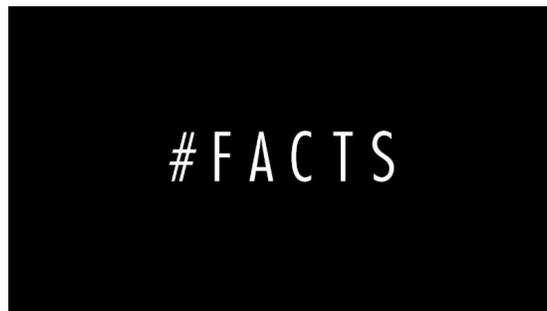
For information on how you can improve water quality visit: <https://www.sjra.net/lakeconroe/stormwater-inlet-marking/>



What's New with the *"Know Your Watershed"* Campaign



We debuted the latest video from the *Know Your Watershed Campaign* in January, 2020. If you missed it, make sure you check out the "What is a Watershed" Illustration video. The video explains valuable information on what is a watershed in an easy to understand way.





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More rain coming. Please do not irrigate. That means lawns, ornamentals and native plants.



MUD Directors

Each of the 10 MUDs in The Woodlands (in areas served by Woodlands Water) have five directors. Directors are elected in a general election according to the laws of the State of Texas. Directors serve 4-year staggered terms. Elections are held every other year in May - typically at the Water Resources Building, 2455 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands, Texas, 77380. This year, 2020, is an election year for MUD directors. February 15 is the final date for qualifying.

What is a Watershed?

A watershed is a geographical area or region where, in theory, all water that falls on the ground eventually ends up flowing to the same location.

How are MUD Directors Elected?

[The Woodlands Water Agency](#) recently stated in their eblast, that each of the 10 MUDs in The Woodlands have 5 directors. Directors are elected in a general election according to the laws of the State of Texas.

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SJRA Highlands Division: Serving Raw Water Needs Since the 1940's

The San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) is best known for managing Lake Conroe and providing water supply and wastewater treatment services to all 11 Municipal Utility Districts in The Woodlands. But, on the eastside of Harris County the lesser-known SJRA Highlands Division delivers millions of gallons of raw water to petrochemical partners daily contributing to the economic strength of the region.



Be on the look out for our **SJRA Highlands Division: Serving Raw Water Needs Since the 1940s** article in the next installment of [Dock Line Magazine](#).

Montgomery County Officials Continue to Monitor Coronavirus Outbreak

for more information
please contact the
Montgomery County
Public Health District
at 936-523-5020 or

visit their website at:
<https://mcphd-tx.org>.

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

What You Need to Know

Coronavirus is a type of virus that causes diseases of varying severities, ranging from the common cold to more serious respiratory disease. A novel (new) coronavirus is a new strain of coronavirus that hasn't been identified before in humans.

How is it spread?

 Through coughing and sneezing

 Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands

 Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes before washing your hands

 Because novel coronavirus is new, we are learning more each day about the transmission patterns and incubation periods



People who have traveled to or from **Wuhan, China since December 1, 2019**, could have been exposed to the virus. Seek medical care if you traveled to Wuhan and develop a fever and cough or respiratory symptoms within 14 days of your return.

What are the symptoms?


Fever


Cough


Difficulty Breathing


Severe Illness

How can I protect myself when I travel?

Travelers going outside the US

- Avoid animals (alive or dead), animal markets, and products that come from animals (such as uncooked meat).
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

If you traveled to Wuhan and feel sick

- Stay home and avoid contact with others
- Seek medical care right away. Before you go to a doctor's office or emergency room, call ahead and tell them about your recent travel and your symptoms.
- Don't travel while sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the trash.

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If you would like to know more about SJRA, what we do, and how we work for the community, check out our website www.sjra.net and follow us on social media [@SanJacintoRiverAuthority](https://twitter.com/SanJacintoRiverAuthority), [@SJRA_1937](https://twitter.com/SJRA_1937), [@sanjacintoriverauthoritiesjra](https://twitter.com/sanjacintoriverauthoritiesjra).

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