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## San Jacinto River Authority 2019 Year in Review

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As 2019 comes to a close, we want to take one last opportunity to share information and reflect back on a busy year. We also want to wish everyone Happy Holidays and a Joyful New Year! Stay tuned for more information in 2020.

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**ABC 13 Houston** featured SJRA in their weather special "[Future of Flooding](#)" that aired May 28th.

To see the segment on Lake Houston/SJRA go to time mark 10:06 by sliding your finger across the bottom of the video (if on your phone) or using your cursor to drag the time bar to 10:06 (if on your computer). The SJRA segment lasts until time mark 12:52.

**Community Impact Newspaper** [Water rates in turmoil amid disputes over groundwater](#)  
By: Vanessa Holt

Water rates, the negative impacts of over-pumping our groundwater aquifer supply, and uncertainty regarding Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District's regulations.

**Community Impact Newspaper** [Montgomery County Rebuilds Following Imelda](#)  
By: Eva Vigh

Chuck Gilman was recently interviewed for an article regarding clean-up efforts after the recent tropical storm.

**Houston Chronicle** [State Agency Rejects Montgomery County Aquifer Plan](#)  
By: Emily Foxhall

TWDB has rejected the management plan submitted by new officials in charge of regulating Montgomery County's aquifers, complicating their efforts to roll back limits on extraction of underground water.

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Houston Chronicle

**Houston Chronicle** [Political Takeover Upends Montgomery County's Drinking Water War](#)  
By: Emily Foxhall

A high-stakes water war is playing out in this suburb, where population growth is increasing water demand.

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Houston Chronicle

**TWCA Annual Safety Award**  
Ronnie Anderson, SJRA Board Vice-President, and Jace Houston, SJRA General Manager, were in San Antonio to accept the

**SJRA: A Top Finisher in "Best Tasting Drinking Water in Texas" Competition**  
SJRA's Groundwater Reduction Plan Division earned top marks from the American Water

award for Best Workers Compensation Record.

Works Association for its water quality garnering second place in a statewide contest.

# Press Releases and Articles of Interest on Groundwater Management Issues in Montgomery County

## 1. SJRA Press Release distributed on October 3, 2019

[State of Texas Rejects LSGCD's Proposed Management Plan for a Second Time](#) Declares that New Board Must Comply with the Law, Cannot Submit "nonsense" that Ignores Groundwater Management Goals.

## 2. Side of Reason Posting on August 7, 2019 by Scott Custer

A blog post titled, ["Who's Foisting Who?"](#) responds to several points made in an article that appeared on the website, Woodlands Online July 31st.

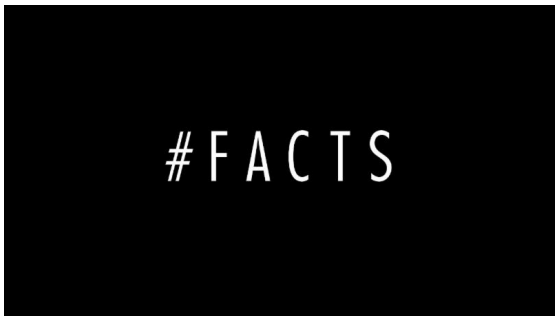
## 3. Courier Article on August 2, 2019 by Catherine Dominguez

An article titled ["New Study Links Aquifer Pumping to Fault Line Movement, Structure Damage in Montgomery County"](#), reports results of research co-funded by NASA and Southern Methodist University (SMU) and conducted by SMU.

["Identify and Monitor Growth Faulting Using InSAR over Northern Greater Houston, Texas, USA"](#)

## 4. SJRA Press Release distributed on May 16, 2019

[State of Texas Rejects LSGCD's Proposed Management Plan](#) Declares that New Board Must Comply with the Law and Cannot Ignore Groundwater Management Goals Approved by Other Districts in the Area.



### Raw Water

The Highlands Division delivers more water each day than all of SJRA's other operating divisions combined.

### Water Quality

Did you know that the Sam Houston National Forest provides a natural buffer or filter that protects water quality in the water supply reservoir?

### Water/Wastewater Operator Resiliency

From weather patterns to fluctuating usage to community growth, the daily operations of a water and wastewater system have to be adaptive at all levels.

### Depleting Groundwater Supplies Linked to Flooding

For decades, depleting our groundwater supplies has been linked to flooding, subsidence, and fault movement. SJRA supports responsible groundwater management.

### Grease Traps

Did you know SJRA inspects hundreds of grease traps (aka interceptors) around The Woodlands, Texas? A grease trap is a device that intercepts most greases before they enter a wastewater disposal system.

**Water Supply**

Did you know that we deliver water to the WJPA who serves the Woodlands MUDs?

**Partnership**

Did you know that SJRA partners with local organizations, like Texas Parks and Wildlife, to reestablish native plants in Lake Conroe?

**Weather Events**

Did you know SJRA has 24-hour operations during severe weather events?

## **Quadvest Files Frivolous Lawsuit Likely Raising Water Costs for Hundreds of Thousands of Water Users in Montgomery County**

SJRA Vows to Seek Full Reimbursement of Legal Expenses on Behalf of Customers

[Full Press Release](#)

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### **2019 SJRA Dock Line Articles**

- Maintenance of Oldest SJRA System
- SJRA's Support of Galveston Bay Estuary Program
- SSTAR Program
- SJRA Rolls Out New Vendor Registration System
- Seasonal Lake Lowering and other Short-term Initiatives
- Responsible Groundwater Management in Montgomery County Matters
- A Boating Safety Refresher
- SJRA: Conserving Groundwater with Regional Partners
- Why Not Pre-Release?
- What is a water...shed? "Know Your Watershed" Campaign
- Resiliency of the Woodlands Division
- What in the World is SCADA and What Does it Mean to the Water Industry?

To read any of our articles, visit [Dock Line Magazine](#).

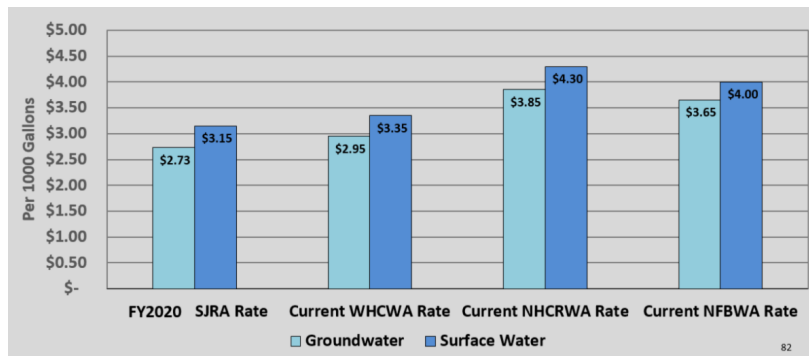
## **What is a water...shed? "Know Your Watershed" Campaign**

After numerous heavy rainfall events in recent years, local emergency management agencies, including the San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA), realized the need for a more effective way to communicate to the public information related to water flow patterns and watershed geographical locations within the San Jacinto River Basin. Simply put, many people do not know the meaning of the terms “basin” and “watershed” nor do they realize where they live in the San Jacinto River Basin in relation to the major rivers or their tributaries or how drainage and flow occur within their particular watershed.

### [Know Your Watershed](#)

Campaign Partners:

### **What's in my bill?** *we get this question a lot*



If your utility is a participant in the SJRA Groundwater Reduction Plan, then you probably have a line item on your retail water bill labeled “SJRA Fee” or something similar. Participating utilities pay a fee for the groundwater they pump, and those receiving treated surface water also pay a separate rate for the surface water they receive. The graph above shows what they pay for their wholesale rates compared to other similar wholesale water utilities. Retail water providers, not SJRA, decide how to pass the wholesale rate through to their retail customers. If a retail utility is billing more than the rates shown above, customers should ask their retail utility to explain the markup. Also, it’s important to note that unlike most retail water rates, SJRA’s wholesale fee to participating utilities does NOT increase as monthly usage increases. If you have a high water-use month, the SJRA rate stays the same while your retail rate likely escalates. For more information on household bills, individuals are urged to contact their retail provider.

We’ve had many calls asking, “How do I contact the SJRA?” The best way to

contact us is to fill out the CONTACT FORM on our website: [www.sjra.net](http://www.sjra.net). You can access our CONTACT FORMS by hovering over the Contact drop down at the top of the homepage.

If you have issues with the "Captcha" verification, please try a different browser (ie: Firefox, Chrome, and Safari) and clear your search history and cookies.

If you haven't already, check out our new and improved website (launched in May, 2019):  
[www.sjra.net](http://www.sjra.net)

In 2019, SJRA also launched a Blog. Stay tuned for monthly articles.



The San Jacinto River Authority'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. The SJRA is one of two dozen river authorities in the State of Texas, and like other river authorities, its primary purpose is to implement long-term, regional projects related to water supply and wastewater treatment. SJRA receives no money from the state, nor does it collect any type of taxes.

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](http://www.sjra.net) and follow us on social media [@SanJacintoRiverAuthority](https://www.instagram.com/SanJacintoRiverAuthority), [@SJRA\\_1937](https://www.facebook.com/SJRA_1937), [@sanjacintoriverauthoritysjra](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...).

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