



San Jacinto River Authority March 2024

SJRA Board of Directors Approves Refunds for Wholesale Water Customers in the SJRA Groundwater Reduction Plan

SJRA Board of Directors today approved a plan that includes refunding \$12 million to wholesale water customers that are participants in SJRA's Groundwater Reduction Plan (GRP).

Additional funds became available when two non-paying GRP participants paid money that was owed to SJRA along with an unanticipated increase in revenue to the GRP due to recent droughts in the area. The proposed plan provides a credit to GRP participants based on their prorated share of water used during the 2022-2023 drought period. Along with the refund, the additional funds will be used to pay down bonds secured in 2012 and 2013 to construct the surface water treatment plant at Lake Conroe and the related transmission lines and facilities necessary to supply some GRP participants with surface water. Paying down the debt will benefit the GRP participants financially as it could mean a reduction in rates for all participants.

The SJRA GRP has 80 customers under contract, of which seven receive surface water. The 80 customers are represented by a GRP Review Committee that meets monthly to determine expectations and make policy recommendations regarding the GRP. The GRP Review Committee voted in favor of the refund and bond debt reduction on Monday and the full SJRA Board of Directors approved the resolution at their March 28 meeting.

The SJRA's GRP participants are area retail water providers including cities, municipal utility districts, and independently owned utilities. SJRA does not set the retail rates charged to individual retail customers. That is the responsibility of the retail water provider or municipality. For more information on household bills, individuals are urged to contact their retail provider.

Upstream Watersheds' Relative Contributions to Lake Houston Area Flooding

What are upstream watersheds' relative contributions to Lake Houston Area flooding? During a flood, where does all the water come from? Of course, it depends on how much rain falls where and when, and how long it takes to concentrate downstream. Rainfall is rarely uniform across an entire region.

These are all questions Bob Rehak with the blog "Reduce Flooding – NOW" posed to Jeff Lindner, Meteorologist with Harris County Flood Control District. Lindner worked with engineers at the San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) to calculate the volumes that would answer those questions. Eleven different watersheds from seven counties feed into Lake Houston.

The table below summarizes the 11 different watersheds from seven counties that feed into Lake Houston, their size in square miles, calculates the acre-feet of runoff in a 100-year event, and then determines each watershed's percentage of the total passing through Lake Houston.

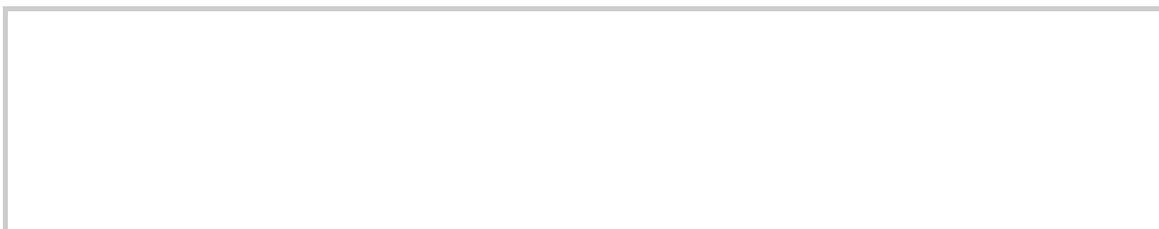
Read the full article [here](#).

For more information on watersheds, visit [Know Your Watershed](#).

100-year Total Runoff Volume			
Watershed	Area	Volume	
	sq. mi.	acre-feet	Percentage
Lake Conroe	445	252,000	13%
Lake Creek	331	214,000	11%
Caney	218	156,000	8%
Peach Creek	159	118,000	6%
East Fork	413	269,000	14%
West Fork	293	221,000	11%
Spring Creek	366	289,000	15%
Cypress	267	183,000	9%
Luce Bayou	220	184,000	9%
Willow Creek	56	43,000	2%
Little Cypress	52	33,000	2%
Total Volume		1,962,000	

Upstream watersheds' relative contributions to Lake Houston Area flooding. Assumes uniform distribution of rainfall throughout region.

Christmas Tree Habitat on Lake Conroe





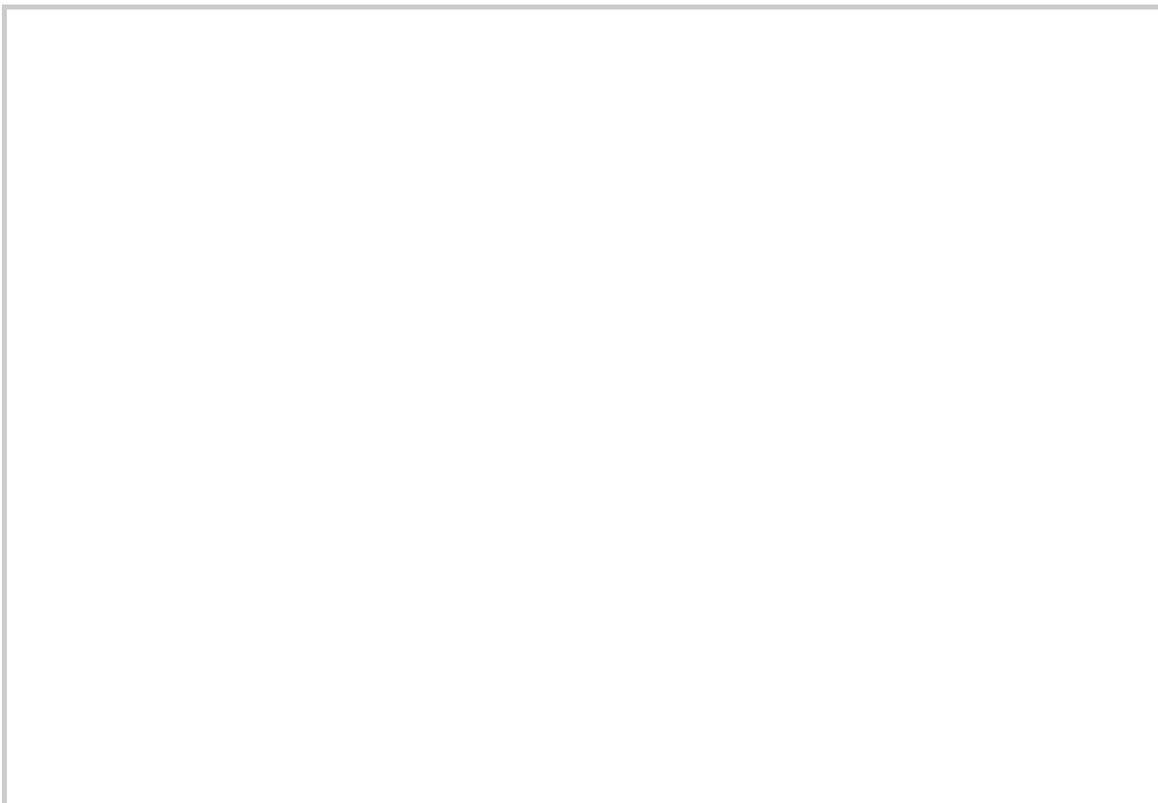
SJRA's Lake Conroe Division deployed over 100 live Christmas trees donated by our community into Lake Conroe this month. This is an annual project that is in partnership with Texas Parks and Wildlife to increase artificial fish habitat and help the ecosystem of the lake. The GPS Coordinates are 30.35686, -95.56895. Thank you to all who donated trees this year!

[#BestWaterInTexas](https://www.instagram.com/BestWaterInTexas)



Dependable water supply is vital for our community - one of the fastest-growing in America. SJRA's Groundwater Reduction Plan helps with long-term water resource planning as we work for your water today, tomorrow, and long into the future. Learn more! [THE BEST WATER IN TEXAS](#)

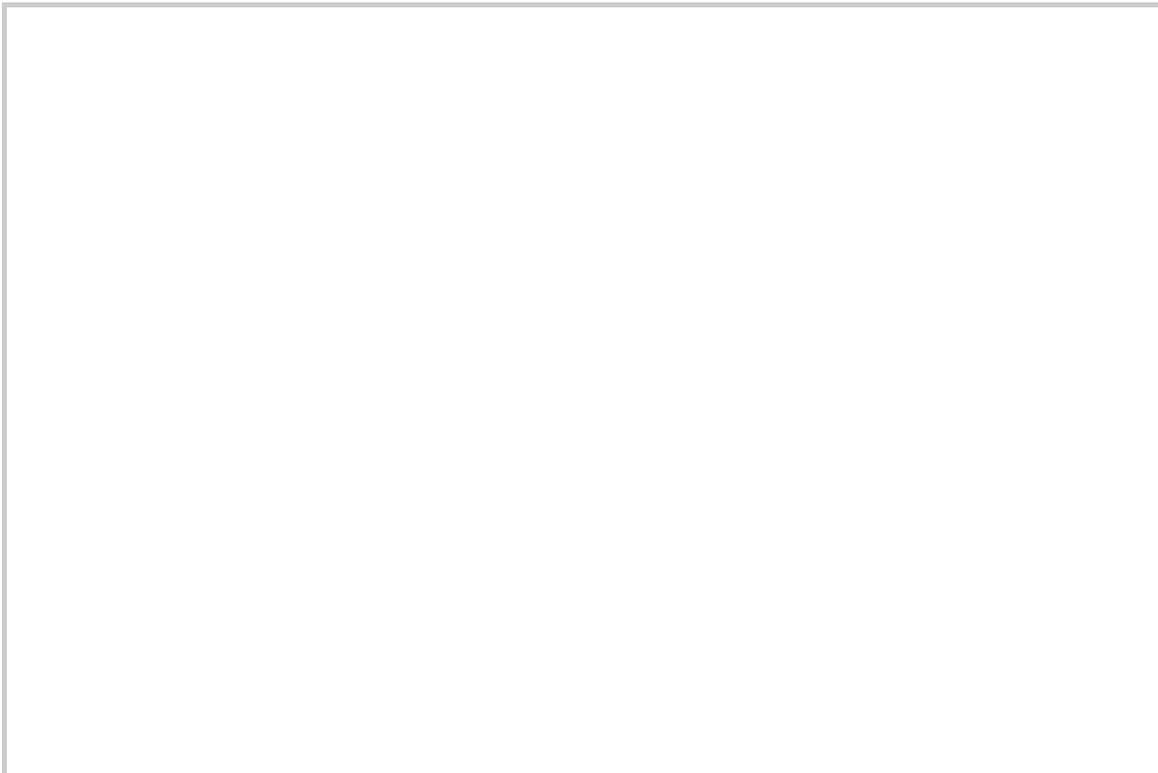
Recognizing SJRA's Procurement Department





This month, SJRA recognized its Procurement Department on social media. Our Procurement Department assists staff using laws, policies and procedures, to procure quality goods and services, at the best possible value along with open and fair competition. They're constantly striving to engage both internal and external customers to accomplish the needs of the authority. Thank you SJRA Procurement Department for all that you do!

Cub Scouts Visit SJRA





On March 16th, Cub Scout Pack 772 from The Woodlands toured SJRA's Wastewater Treatment Plant. The group had a great time seeing how the plant operates and met several of our operators. Thanks to SJRA staff who facilitated the tour, and thanks to Pack 772 for giving us the opportunity to show how we work for your water!



Since its establishment in 1975, the SJRA Woodlands Division has functioned as the primary wholesaler to the 10 municipal utility districts (MUDS), who are managed by Woodlands Water Agency (WWA), responsible for retail services within The Woodlands. The SJRA Woodlands Division is proud to provide an essential service to residents

and support the Woodlands culture of “Live, Work, Play, and Pray”.

Be on the lookout for our Divisions of SJRA - Woodlands Division article in [Dock Line Magazine](#).

SJRA is Recruiting!



Check out open positions [here](#).

SJRA.net QR Code

Scan the QR code to get information on Lake Conroe, all five operational divisions, and how We work for *your* Water!



SJRA Board of Directors Meeting
1577 Dam Site Road
Conroe, Texas

SJRA GRP Review Committee Meeting
1577 Dam Site Road
Conroe, Texas



April 25, 2024



April 22, 2024

Live Streaming Coverage of SJRA Meetings

If you are unable to attend the monthly SJRA Board of Director and GRP Review Committee Meetings, you can still stay up to date by watching the live streaming coverage on the SJRA website.

Click [HERE](#) to visit www.sjra.net to watch SJRA meetings live.

Scroll down to the embedded video box and click the appropriate tab and link.

To request a tour of any operational facility, visit [SJRA's Tour Request Form](#) page on sjra.net.



Tell Us How We're Doing!

SJRA values your opinions and thoughts.

We would love to hear from you on how we are doing. Please submit questions, concerns, or other feedback here.

[Contact Us](#)

The San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) receives no money from the state, nor does it collect any type of taxes.

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. 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.

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

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