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## SJRA Board of Directors Hold Special Meetings to Discuss Seasonal Lowering of Lake Conroe

Conroe, Texas—Due to an overwhelming response, the San Jacinto River Authority's (SJRA) Board of Directors will hold special meetings January 21, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. and February 20, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. at the Lone Star Convention and Expo Center located at 9055 Airport Road, Conroe, Texas 77303 to hear public comment on the temporary flood mitigation strategy of lowering Lake Conroe on a seasonal basis.

The lowering of Lake Conroe one foot in the spring and two feet in the fall is intended to provide flood mitigation benefits for downstream residents by increasing capacity to catch rainfall and runoff in the lake. The strategy is reviewed annually and is currently authorized by both the SJRA Board of Directors and the City of Houston as the two entities each own water rights in Lake Conroe.

The SJRA Board of Directors will receive a presentation from staff at the January 21<sup>st</sup> special meeting and any vote on the strategy would take place at the February 20<sup>th</sup> special meeting. The special meetings are exclusively for addressing the lake lowering strategy. No other items are planned for the special meeting agendas, and the board does not intend to consider the lake lowering strategy at its regular board meetings in January or February.

## SPECIAL MEETING DATES, TIME, AND LOCATION

The SJRA Board of Directors will hold a Special Meeting at 6:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at Lone Star Convention and Expo Center located at 9055 Airport Road, Conroe, Texas 77303.

The SJRA Board of Directors will hold a Special Meeting at 6:00 P.M., Thursday, February 20, 2020, at Lone Star Convention and Expo Center located at 9055 Airport Road, Conroe, Texas 77303.

The SJRA Board of Directors welcomes input regarding the seasonal lake lowering strategy. To contact the Board please visit: <u>https://www.sjra.net/about/board/</u> or email <u>floodmanagementdivision@sjra.net</u>.

One of the major river authorities in Texas, 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. For additional information on SJRA and the lake lowering program visit our website at <u>www.sjra.net</u>, like SJRA on Facebook <u>@SanJacintoRiverAuthority</u>, follow us on Twitter <u>@SJRA\_1937</u>, or Instagram <u>@SanJacintoRiverAuthoritySJRA</u>.

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