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

Conroe, Texas—The San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) Board of Directors will hold special meetings January 21 and February 20 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 21st special meeting and any vote on the strategy would take place at the February 20th 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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING DATES, TIME, AND LOCATION

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 6pm at Lone Star Convention and Expo Center, 9055 Airport Road, Conroe, Texas 77303. Doors open at 5pm.

Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 6pm at Lone Star Convention and Expo Center, 9055 Airport Road, Conroe, Texas 77303. Doors open at 5pm.

Those wishing to address the board or register a comment at a special meeting may fill out a Comment Registration Form https://www.sjra.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Comment-Registration-Form_01062020.pdf. Comment Registration Forms may be submitted at the special meeting. The form may not be mailed, emailed, or dropped off prior to the meeting date.

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

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 visit our website at www.sjra.net, like SJRA on Facebook [@SanJacintoRiverAuthority](https://www.facebook.com/SanJacintoRiverAuthority), follow us on Twitter [@SJRA_1937](https://twitter.com/SJRA_1937), or Instagram [@SanJacintoRiverAuthoritySJRA](https://www.instagram.com/SanJacintoRiverAuthoritySJRA).



COMMENT REGISTRATION FORM

MEETING DATE: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

IF REPRESENTING AN ORGANIZATION:

ORGANIZATION: _____

SPEAKER'S OFFICIAL CAPACITY: _____

Please state agenda item or topic and, if applicable, whether you are FOR, AGAINST, or NEUTRAL:

Mark one choice:

- I plan to: Speak
 Not Speak (registering position only)

If speaking, please be seated at the dais when you are recognized by the Chair; state your name for the record as you begin. If you have written notes you wish to present, please furnish a copy for SJRA's files. Thank you for your cooperation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT MEETINGS



- ◆ All SJRA Board meetings include an agenda item for receiving public comment. The Board asks that speakers be courteous in addressing the Board and while other speakers are addressing the Board.

- ◆ Those wanting to speak or register their position on a subject are asked to fill out a Comment Registration Form.

- ◆ **Each speaker is limited to three minutes, or six minutes for a speaker who addresses the Board through a translator.**

- ◆ The public comment portion of the agenda is intended to allow the Board to *receive* information from the public. The Board may not engage in a discussion on an item not listed on the agenda. No formal action can be taken on any issue not listed on the agenda.

Members of the public who have questions about Board meeting procedures or the Comment Registration Form may ask for assistance from a SJRA staff member.