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## **SJRA Welcomes Aubrey Spear as General Manager**

Conroe, Texas—The San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) Board of Directors announced today the selection of Aubrey A. Spear, PE, as general manager.

As general manager, Spear will oversee the development and implementation of SJRA’s vision, mission and strategic goals through the collaboration with the SJRA’s Operating Divisions: General and Administrative Services, Lake Conroe, Woodlands, Groundwater Reduction Plan, Highlands, and Flood Management. In addition to providing managerial oversight, Spear will be instrumental in overseeing the development and execution of capital improvement plans, planning, external affairs, leadership development, and budget.

SJRA Board President Ronnie Anderson expressed confidence in Spear’s arrival saying, “After a thorough search, the SJRA Board of Directors is proud to welcome Aubrey to SJRA. Aubrey’s extensive experience in water utility management, water and wastewater infrastructure projects, and stakeholder relationships make him a great fit for our team.”

“I am excited to join the dedicated team at SJRA,” said Spear. “I look forward to collaborating with key stakeholders including employees, customers, and elected officials to determine major areas of focus for the Authority moving forward. I am passionate about implementing the river authority’s vision to provide reliable, cost-efficient, and sustainable water resource management that supports the significant growth in the region while earning the trust and confidence of our customers and community.”

Spear brings extensive professional leadership and managerial experience to SJRA. He served the City of Lubbock in a senior management role as Director of Water Utilities for 16 years leading the city’s Water Utilities Department of more than 200 employees. Additionally, he served as liaison to multiple water boards including the Lubbock Water Advisory Commission, Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District and served as the chairperson of the Region O Water Planning Group and on the executive committee of the Upper Brazos Regional Flood Planning Group.

Spear has also guided public relations, marketing, and customer service activities and facilitated major projects including the city of Lubbock’s first new surface water supply reservoir in more than 25 years, Lake Alan Henry.

Spear will start with SJRA in January 2024.

One of the major river authorities in Texas, SJRA's mission is to develop, conserve, plan, 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](http://www.sjra.net), like SJRA on Facebook [@SanJacintoRiverAuthority](https://www.facebook.com/SanJacintoRiverAuthority), or follow us on Twitter [@SJRA\\_1937](https://twitter.com/SJRA_1937), or find us on Instagram [@SanJacintoRiverAuthoritySJRA](https://www.instagram.com/SanJacintoRiverAuthoritySJRA).

### *Background*

#### *SJRA’s Operating Divisions*

*Lake Conroe Division: Operates and maintains the Lake Conroe Dam and Spillway with responsibility for environmental, recreational, and water quality matters in coordination with the partnering City of Houston.*

*Woodlands Division: Serves as primary contract operator for 11 MUDs to provide The Woodlands with wholesale water supply and wastewater treatment, including 40 water wells, five water plants, 38 lift stations, and three wastewater treatment plants.*

*Highlands Division: Coordinates with the City of Houston and the Coastal Water Authority to provide water to industrial, commercial, and municipal clients through a 27-mile system of canals. This division delivers more water each day than all the other SJRA divisions combined.*

*Groundwater Reduction Plan Division: Implements a countywide program that balances groundwater and surface water usage through operating facilities that withdraw raw water from Lake Conroe and deliver it for treatment and transmission to major population centers in Montgomery County.*

*Flood Management Division: Works alongside local, state, and federal agencies to develop short- and long-term regional flood management strategies.*

*PE designation: a certified professional engineer (PE) is an individual who has fulfilled the education, experience, competence exams, and achieved a license from the state licensing board.*

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