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SJRA: Water line leak found; Westbound lanes open on Research Forest Dr. 11:30am Update

The Woodlands, Texas—SJRA and its contractors remain on site 24/7 on the eastbound lanes of Research Forest Drive to repair damage to a 30-inch water line.

The leak was found late Sunday night and appears to be isolated to a 20-foot section of underground pipe. The damaged pipe section will be removed and the line will be temporarily capped. The excavation will then be filled and the road will be temporarily repaired with asphalt and put back in service while permanent repairs are planned.

Paving of the eastbound lanes of Research Forest is expected to occur Tuesday. SJRA has a command center at the site and continues to work closely with Montgomery County Precinct 3 and the Montgomery County Constable's Office. The Woodlands is not anticipated to have any interruption of water service during the process. Businesses are not expected to be significantly impacted as this section of Research Forest has no direct entry sites or driveways that are obstructed.

All partners are monitoring a weather system that is expected along the Gulf coast tonight into Tuesday. Localized heavy rainfall of 2 to 6 inches is expected by Wednesday.

These repairs are a result of a major water line break that occurred in The Woodlands under the eastbound lanes of Research Forest Drive near Technology Forest Friday afternoon. Precinct 3 and San Jacinto River Authority recommend drivers avoid the area if possible. Alternative routes include Woodlands Parkway, Lake Woodlands Drive, Texas 242, and FM 1488.

Conroe ISD, The Woodlands Township, Woodlands Water, and other partners have been notified of the latest developments. Please continue to check San Jacinto River Authority on Facebook [@San Jacinto River Authority SJRA](#) for updates.

Thank you for your patience during this process. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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*Traffic map attached.