

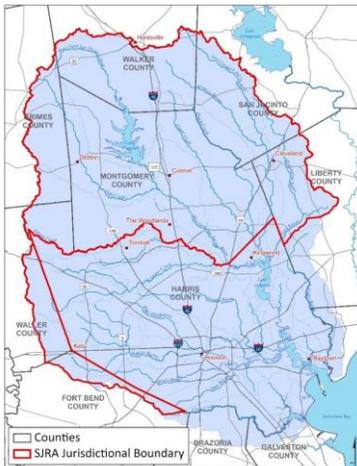
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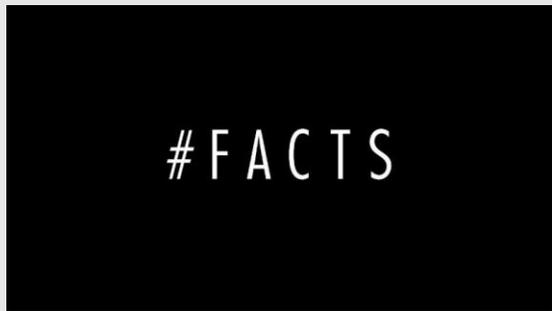
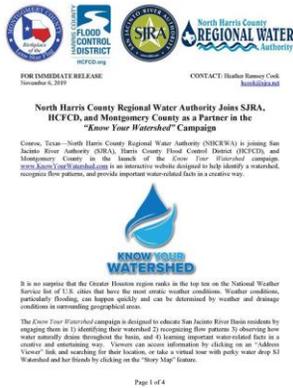
Who Oversees Flood Control for Montgomery County?



North Harris County Regional Water Authority Joins SJRA, HCFCD, and Montgomery County as a Partner in the "Know Your Watershed" Campaign

Thank you [North Harris County Regional Water Authority - nhcrwa](http://www.nhcrwa.com) for supporting the Know Your Watershed campaign! www.knowyourwatershed.com

"We are excited to promote Know Your Watershed in North Harris County as a public service tool for our constituents to better understand our system of watersheds, bayous, and lakes," said Mark Evans NHCRWA Planning Director. "Know Your Watershed explains valuable information in an easy to navigate platform. Its flow maps and virtual tour information show the potential impact from wide-spread storms as well as localized flooding, all essential information for those of us who live in Southeast Texas."



Water/Wastewater Operator

Raw Water

The Highlands Division delivers more water each day than all of SJRA's other operating divisions combined.

Water Quality

Did you know that the Sam Houston National Forest provides a natural buffer or filter that protects water quality in the water supply reservoir?

Resiliency

From weather patterns to fluctuating usage to community growth, the daily operations of a water and wastewater system have to be adaptive at all levels.

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Conroe, Texas — Quadvest and Woodland Oaks Utility, two private investor-owned companies that provide for-profit utility services in Montgomery County, this week filed a lawsuit in federal district court against the San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) alleging violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act of 1890.

Quadvest's lawsuit alleges that SJRA conspired beginning decades ago to establish a monopoly on water supply in Montgomery County through its Groundwater Reduction Plan (GRP) by purchasing all available surface water resources in the region and also lobbying the legislature to create the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District (LSGCD) to regulate all available groundwater resources. Quadvest argues that the Sherman Act applies to their alleged claims because the San Jacinto River eventually flows into Galveston Bay and the fish from Lake Conroe may be sold into interstate commerce.

SJRA's GRP does not have a monopoly on alternative water supplies – a point amply demonstrated by the fact that dozens of separate utilities in Montgomery County have developed their own water supplies. There are more than 30 active GRPs in the county involving dozens of utilities – each utilizing its own alternative water supply strategy.

When groundwater (aquifer) conservation rules were established by the LSGCD in 2006, each utility had a choice of which GRP they wanted to join to satisfy the requirements. Some Montgomery County GRPs utilize surface water resources to fulfill the mandated conservation rules, while others utilize groundwater resources from the Catahoula aquifer – a deep aquifer that is completely unregulated in Montgomery County.

One of 32 active GRPs in Montgomery County, the SJRA GRP provides a surface water alternative (treated water from Lake Conroe) to reduce reliance on groundwater supplies. Eighty Montgomery County utilities – including Quadvest and Woodland Oaks – voluntarily entered into contracts with SJRA to build a \$500 million water treatment plant and pipeline system to satisfy LSGCD's rules. SJRA's GRP also includes the City of Willis, which chose to utilize Catahoula supplies.

"Quadvest's lawsuit is ridiculous and an irresponsible waste of money of the almost 400,000 customers served by our system," stated Jace Houston, SJRA general manager. "This lawsuit isn't against SJRA. It's against the 78 other utilities participating in our GRP who are forced to absorb the legal costs for fighting these baseless claims. It will do nothing more than make everyone's costs go up."

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What in the world is SCADA and what does it mean to the water industry??

For those not in technical or engineering fields, SCADA may be an unfamiliar term. SCADA is an acronym for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition. The San Jacinto River Authority's (SJRA) SCADA system is a

control system architecture that utilizes networked data communications between servers, operator workstations, programmable logic controllers (PLCs), field instruments, and human machine interfaces (HMI) to allow for supervisory control and management of the processes of the SJRA.

Be on the look out for our **What in the world is SCADA and what does it mean to the water industry??** article in the next installment of [Dock Line Magazine](#).



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We've had many calls asking, "How do I contact the SJRA Board of Directors?" The best way to contact our Board of Directors regarding seasonal lake lowering or any other topic is to please fill out the CONTACT FORM on our website:

www.sjra.net/about/board (near the bottom of the page). If you have issues with the "Captcha" verification, please try a different browser (ie: Firefox or Chrome).

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

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 [@SanJacintoRiverAuthority](#), [@SJRA_1937](#), [@sanjacintoriverauthoritiesjra](#).