

Harris County MUD 127

News, Tips & Updates

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WHCRWA Rate Increase Coming January 2019

The West Harris County Regional Water Authority (“WHCRWA” or “the Authority”) is mandated under Texas law to design and implement programs and processes in order to conserve, protect and preserve our water supply. In the absence of taxing authority, WHCRWA finances its programs and processes in two ways: (1) bond sales, and (2) fees paid by all users within the Authority’s boundaries.

In accordance with its long-term financial plan, WHCRWA has confirmed an increase in groundwater pumpage fees and surface water fees beginning January 2019. The new groundwater pumpage fee is \$2.95 per thousand gallons of usage, and the new surface water fee is \$3.35 per thousand gallons of usage. The new fees represent a \$.25 increase over 2018 rates.

MUD 127 receives surface water from WHCRWA, and residential users will pay \$3.35 per thousand gallons of usage. The rate increase will appear on your March 1 billing. To determine what you pay to WHCRWA, check the “Billing Detail” section of your monthly water bill. The fee is calculated based on your individual usage amount.

An estimated 315,000 people located in 120 water districts use water within WHCRWA boundaries, which encompass approximately 226 square miles.

Since its inception in 2001, WHCRWA has built infrastructure that includes a large pump station complex and 50-plus miles of transmission mains, which deliver an average of 28.25 million gallons a day (MGD) of surface water in order to facilitate the reduction of groundwater withdrawal and accompanying surface subsidence in West Harris County.

Additional capital projects in cooperation with the City of Houston and adjacent regional water authorities are underway and will ensure adequate surface water supply for WHCRWA residents and the ever-expanding Houston metropolitan area.

One of the projects, the Surface Water Supply Project (“SWSP”), includes a 40-mile long, 96-inch pipeline with two booster pump stations transmitting approximately 150 MGD of surface water from the City of Houston’s Northeast Water Plant to West Harris County. The estimated cost is \$680 million. See the information below regarding contractor business opportunities associated with SWSP construction.

Visit www.WHCRWA.com for more info about how WHCRWA operates and finances its activities.

SWSP Contractor Outreach Workshop January 31

Do you/your business provide construction or related services? Join WHCRWA for its second informational networking session for the Surface Water Supply Project being held Thursday, January 31 from 9 AM til noon in the Lone Star Ballroom at the Embassy Suites Hilton, 11730 Katy Freeway. Preliminary bidding process and schedule, construction documents and specs, and construction agreement will be provided for review and comment. View event details at www.surfacewatersupplyproject.com/doingbusiness/outreach-events

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