

Lake Conroe Update

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Lake Conroe level rebounds slightly for 2012!

That's right, the Lake level rose slightly over the last month, by almost ½ foot, due in part to reduced evaporation and suspension of diversions to the City of Houston. While no significant rainfall events occurred in December, the SJRA recorded almost 4 inches of accumulated precipitation at the Dam. With evaporation averaging less than .10 of an inch per day, the accumulation from these rains is sustaining good soil moisture conditions that should allow for more significant runoff from any rainfall received in the near future. One thing to keep in mind is that Lake Conroe's water shed is only 444 square miles, which is relatively small for a 21,000 surface acre reservoir. Significant precipitation not only needs to come regularly but has to hit the bulls-eye, so to speak, of the upper half of the water shed to make any real impact to lake level.

In summary, we are in about as good a position to capture some rainfall/runoff as we have been in the last 12 months. Now, if we can just get some rain!

As of this morning, Lake Conroe's Level is just above the 8 foot low mark at 197.05msl.

There are no releases being made from the Dam at this time.

Best wishes to all for the New Year!