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SJRA Begins Delivery of Reclaimed Water to the Oaks Golf Course in The Woodlands

At 12:01 A.M. today (July 1, 2009), the San Jacinto River Authority turned on the pumps and began deliveries of reclaimed water to the Oaks Golf Course in The Woodlands, Texas. The kickoff of this significant reuse project comes at a critical time as Montgomery County and other communities across Texas face difficult drought conditions.

The use of reclaimed water from The Woodlands Waste Water Treatment Plant No. 1 to irrigate the golf course will result in a reduced demand on the aquifers in Montgomery County and is a win-win for county residents.

The San Jacinto River Authority hopes that its long-term reclaimed water supply contract with Sequoia Golf Woodlands, LLC will serve as a model to promote future projects in the area.

Additional Information: The reclaimed water is delivered from the SJRA's Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 1 located on Sawdust Rd just east of Panther Creek. The water is pumped through a 20" diameter ductile iron pipe to a small lake located at the Oaks Golf Course, which is at the Woodlands Resort and Conference Center. The length of the pipe is approximately 4,800 feet.

Update as of July 16, 2009: The maximum amount the SJRA is authorized by its wastewater discharge permit to deliver is 600,000 gallons per day, and since the initiation of the contract, the delivery rate has stayed close to 600,000 gallons per day.