

## **Poll Shows Offers Residents Views on Water Issues**

Montgomery County has been looking for solutions to their water supply and demand. Residents of the county were polled earlier this year in a survey commissioned by San Jacinto River Authority on topics such as where their water comes from, the importance of an adequate water supply, and how to solve the water supply problem. Only 11 percent were aware their water was supplied through an aquifer while 90 percent expressed the importance of an adequate water supply. Due in part to the rapid growth of the county the groundwater levels are predicted to drop 30 percent by 2015.

The river authority has devised a county-wide plan that pumps water from Lake Conroe to The Woodlands and Conroe while allowing less populated areas to remain solely on groundwater. The overall plan is projected to cost \$2.5 billion and meet water needs through 2045. The plan is the cheapest option studied but there are concerns about funding and potential for lowered water levels in Lake Conroe. The plan does not consider conservations efforts taken by residents.

To see the full article in the Houston Chronicle, see

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