



JUST THE FACTS...

CREATION AND BACKGROUND...

- ◆ WHCRWA created by HB 1842, approved by 77th Texas Legislature, signed into law May 28,2001.
- ◆ Created to accomplish public purposes stated in the Act, including:
 - the provision of surface water and groundwater for various uses;
 - the reduction of groundwater withdrawals;
 - the conservation, preservation, protection, recharge, and prevention of waste of groundwater and of groundwater reservoirs;
 - the control of subsidence caused by withdrawal of water from those groundwater reservoirs.
- ◆ Board of Directors is made up of nine directors who serve staggered four-year terms. Directors must have served as a director of one or more districts for at least four years. (To represent the City of Katy, the board member must have served as a district director, or as Mayor, or as a member of the City Council of the City of Katy.)
- ◆ WHCRWA's Groundwater Reduction Plan (GRP) -- required by the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District (HGSD) -- has been approved. WHCRWA is responsible for managing the mandated HGSD conversion to surface water: 30% reduction in use of groundwater in 2010; 70% reduction in 2020; and 80% reduction in 2030. The HGSD has implemented a \$5.00 per 1,000 gallon disincentive fee for those failing to comply with these reductions.
- ◆ The individual water districts will continue to supply water to their customers, and all residents/customers within the boundaries of the WHCRWA pay their fair share of the costs to construct a new water delivery infrastructure and for the supply of surface water.
- ◆ WHCRWA charges the water districts groundwater and surface water fees based on a Rater Order adopted by the Board of Directors. These fees have funded construction of the initial infrastructure and will continue to cover debt service requirements and bond covenants, as well as to fund the maintenance and operation of the surface water delivery system and construction of future infrastructure. (See PUMPAGE FEE HISTORY document for specific charges.)
- ◆ WHCRWA successfully negotiated a long-term water supply agreement with the City of Houston, and shares in the cost of developing water supply projects (e.g., Luce Bayou) with other water authorities.