

---

# PRESS RELEASE

---



## *Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District*

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### LSGCD TO REDUCE GROUNDWATER REGULATORY WATER USE FEE.

**CONROE, TEXAS. JULY 15, 2009-** - The Board of Directors of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District voted this week to “**reduce**” its regulatory water use fees by 14% for 2010, announced today by Kathy Turner Jones, District General Manager. For the calendar year 2010, all registered wells pumping under Historic Use and Operating permits will see their permit fees reduced from \$.07 to \$.06 per 1,000 gallons permitted. The reduction does not apply to wells permitted for agricultural use, which rate will remain one dollar per acre foot permitted. Small “mom and pop” well owners that produce water only for domestic or livestock use are not required to pay a fee. An acre-foot of water is approximately 325,000 gallons

James M. “Jim” Stinson, Treasurer of the Board of Directors for the District, explained the Board action, which was taken at the regular meeting of the Lone Star Board on July 14, 2009. “As a local regulatory agency, with responsibility to our local citizens, we were happy to be able to actually reduce our fee structure”, said Stinson.

The groundwater transportation fee, which is charged to persons who pump groundwater from a well in Montgomery County and transport that water for use outside of the county, is an additional 50 percent surcharge on top of the regular water use fee rate.

The Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District is but one of a few groundwater conservation districts in the state that is not funded by ad valorem taxes. The founding Board of Directors opted for a fee-based revenue structure, believing that it was most fair to the citizens of Montgomery County. With the new water permit rates, the impact on the average homeowner in Montgomery County will be less than a dollar a month, compared to some districts where the ad valorem taxes or permit and use fees can be as high as \$25 per year or more.

For more information, contact:

*Kathy Tuner Jones, General Manager  
P.O. Box 2467  
Conroe, TX 77305  
Phone: 936/494-3436  
Email: [kjones@lonestargcd.org](mailto:kjones@lonestargcd.org)  
[www.lonestargcd.org](http://www.lonestargcd.org)*