



## WEST HARRIS COUNTY REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

September 22, 2022

TO: Utility Districts; the Cities of Houston, and Katy, Texas; Non-District/Non-City Well Owners within the West Harris County Regional Water Authority

FROM: West Harris County Regional Water Authority (the "Authority")

RE: Notice of Anticipated Fees

The Authority's Board of Directors anticipates increasing its fees in order to fund the massive water supply projects that are needed to meet the Harris Galveston Subsidence District ("HGSD") groundwater reduction regulations and to avoid the \$9.80 per 1,000 gallons fine that the HGSD imposes for non-compliance. The HGSD regulations require reduction of groundwater pumpage to no more than 40% of water demand by 2025 and no more than 20% of water demand by 2035.

To build the surface water supply projects needed to comply with HGSD regulations, the Board of Directors anticipates increasing its fees by an amount not to exceed \$0.25 per 1,000 gallons effective January 1, 2023, as follows: (i) the Groundwater Reduction Plan Fee to increase from \$3.70 per 1,000 gallons of groundwater pumped to an amount not to exceed \$3.95 per 1,000 gallons of groundwater pumped, and (ii) the Surface Water Fee to increase from \$4.10 per 1,000 gallons of water delivered by the Authority to an amount not to exceed \$4.35 per 1,000 gallons of water delivered by the Authority. Such increase would correspondingly increase the Imported Water Fee.

At the Authority's Board of Directors meeting scheduled for November 9, 2022, 6:00 p.m., the Board intends to consider adoption of the proposed fees. Additional information about the Authority can be found at [www.whcrwa.com](http://www.whcrwa.com).