

Overview of Skyline Ranch Estates Water Supply - prepared November 2017

Welcome to Skyline Ranch Estates! The following is intended to give you a brief introduction about our water system .

Background/Organization

The Skyline Ranch Estates development has a dedicated water system, originally installed in the late 80's and modified from time to time since then. In the early 2000's, the non profit Skyline Ranch Estates Water Supply Corporation (SREWSC) was formed, separating it from the Property Owners Association as a legal entity. SREWSC has Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws which set overall principles and organization. There is a Board of Directors, composed of six volunteer homeowners who are elected by the members (lot owners).

The water system consists of two wells, operating one at a time, booster pumps, three tanks, an emergency power generator, and associated instrumentation and distribution piping. Each water user has a dedicated meter by the street near their house.

Our Permit

SREWSC has an annual operating permit regulated by the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (HTGCD). This permit limits how much water we can extract from the aquifer, with a financial penalty if we exceed our permitted value. This permit amounts to an average monthly usage per household of about 8000 gallons, in a no drought situation. During drought periods, this is reduced by up to 40 %. The latest drought stage is posted at the kiosk at the entrance to the development. To protect the long term viability of the aquifer, we strongly support conservation measures; as an example, our neighborhood is full of xeriscape and drought resistant plants that require little watering, and very few lawns.

Operations

SREWSC has contracted with Professional General Management Systems (PGMS) to perform day-to-day operations of the plant infrastructure, billing, and water plant services to ensure compliance with government agencies granting SREWSC pumping permits.

The Operations Director monitors pumping records and interfaces with PGMS to provide special or unique services and maintenance as required. These special services include, but are not limited to, installation of backflow prevention systems for members who have multiple supply systems such as private wells or rainwater collection systems; sampling for Customer Confidence Certificate of Analysis (CoA) requirements; and water meter installations/replacements.

Meetings

The Board has monthly meetings, and all owners are invited to attend these meetings, per the Texas Open Meetings Act. The agenda is posted at least 72 hours before the meeting at the kiosk. Additionally, we have one annual meeting, with invitations to all owners to attend, and we give a summary of the recent year's operations and finances.

Web Page

Up to date documents and information about the system and the current Board are posted on our web page <http://skylineranchwsc.org>. Please review this information as a reference, and keep the Board Secretary up to date with your latest contact information, should we need to contact you about system needs or updates.