

Sardis-Lone Elm
Water Supply Corporation
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Dear Member,

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has designated certain areas across the state as *Priority Groundwater Management Areas*. These areas were then mandated by the TCEQ to form Groundwater Conservation Districts to study, monitor, and regulate the water pumped from the aquifers within the districts. All of north Texas has been included in this additional regulation and the Texas Legislature has created the *Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District* (Prairielands) to fulfill these requirements for Ellis, Hill, Johnson, and Somervell counties. More information on the Prairielands District can be obtained from their website at www.prairielandsgcd.org.

Prairielands has since adopted rules and regulations that govern all entities that pump groundwater and they have imposed fees on a per thousand gallon basis that we must in turn collect from our members. Beginning with the water bills that will be mailed the last week of August 2011 (due September 15, 2011) you will notice a \$0.155/1,000 gallons line item fee on your water bill. These fees will be collected by us and sent directly to the Prairielands District.

The following are examples of what will be noticed on the average water bill:

- Average winter time bill (7,000 gallons): $7 \times \$0.155 = \1.09
- Average summer time bill (27,000 gallons): $27 \times \$0.155 = \4.18

Please understand that Sardis-Lone Elm Water Supply is **not** charging this fee. We are only collecting it for the Prairieland District. This notice along with other important information can be viewed at our website www.sardiswater.com.

Sincerely,

Paul Tischler, GM
Sardis-Lone Elm WSC