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NORTH HARRIS COUNTY REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY BOARD VOTES TO REDUCE WATER RATES FURTHER

At its September 16, 2024, Board Meeting, the Board of Directors of the North Harris County Regional Water Authority (NHCRWA) voted to reduce water rates. The Board reduced surface water rates from \$4.05 to \$3.05 per 1,000 gallons and groundwater pumpage fees from \$3.60 to \$2.60 per 1,000 gallons. These rate cuts, complementing the first two cuts of \$0.50 each in 2023, will go into effect October 1st.

These fees generally show up on MUD district water bills as simply "NHCRWA", "NHCRWA fees", or something similar.

Board President and Director Melissa Rowell said, "We are happy to announce that the Board has voted for a \$1.00 reduction in water rates, marking our third rate decrease since the new board members were elected in 2022. This continued effort reflects our commitment to providing value and relief to our rate payers."

Director Mark Ramsey, an advocate for lower rates added, "I am grateful for the hard work of the board and the staff in identifying ways to reduce water rates. We continue to provide abundant high-quality surface water complementing the even more abundant high-quality groundwater beneath our feet. The board continues to work toward other long-term solutions for North Harris County residents and businesses."

The motion was made by Director David Barker, a longtime advocate of a \$1.00 or more rate reduction.

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