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Residential and Commercial

The groundwater fee, also known as Surface Water fee is a fee assessed to a customer based on the number of gallons of water used each month. (The fee is in addition to a customer's water charge). This fee is retained to meet the requirements set forth by the Fort Bend Subsidence District to jurisdictions in Fort Bend County to reduce the amount of water pumped from wells and provide for means to use surface water instead. This fee helps fund the Surface Water Plant built by the City of Richmond to comply with the Fort Bend Subsidence District's mandate. Currently 30% of the City's water is being processed and treated from the Brazos River through the City's Surface Water Plant.

For more information, you may visit the Fort Bend Subsidence District's website which provides details of the district's creation: <https://fortbendsubsidence.org>