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BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY BOARD ENDS RESIDENTIAL BOAT DOCK FEES

WACO, Texas (April 29, 2013) – The Brazos River Authority Board of Directors voted to discontinue the annual Residential On-water Facility Permit Fees for the BRA’s three reservoirs: Possum Kingdom, Granbury and Limestone. The fees, which permitted residents to maintain a boat dock or other such on-water facility over the lake bed, will no longer be assessed.

The board’s action amends the Brazos River Authority’s Rates and Fees Schedule to end the requirement effective January 1, 2014. Previously, residents were assessed 10 cents per square foot for such facilities, with a minimum of \$50. The Board’s action does not end the Commercial On-water Facility Permit, transfer or initial application fees. In addition, the BRA will continue to permit and inspect on-water facilities for safety issues. The \$75 fee for permitting, modification, or transfer of Residential On-water Facilities will also remain in effect at each reservoir.

The Board’s vote comes as a result of months of review by BRA staff including policy, budget and operational procedures. Ending the annual fees reinforces the BRA’s core mission of developing, managing and protecting water resources within the Brazos River basin to meet the needs of Texas.

For further information, please contact BRA Public Information Officer Judi Pierce at (254) 761-3103.

About the Brazos River Authority

The Brazos River Authority, with headquarters in Waco, is the oldest river authority in Texas. Created by the Texas Legislature in 1929, the Authority’s 42,000 square-mile territory includes all or part of 70 counties; extending from the Texas-New Mexico border west of Lubbock to the Gulf of Mexico near Freeport.

The Authority built, owns, and operates three reservoirs (Lakes Possum Kingdom, Granbury, and Limestone). In addition to these water supply reservoirs, the Authority contracts with the Corps of Engineers for the water supply storage space at eight federal multi-purpose flood control and water conservation reservoirs (Lakes Whitney, Belton, Proctor, Somerville, Stillhouse Hollow, Granger, Georgetown and Aquilla).

The Brazos River Authority operates a regional wastewater system for the cities of Temple-Belton and the Brushy Creek Regional Wastewater System for the City of Round Rock. The Authority also operates wastewater treatment plants for the cities of Georgetown, Dime Box, Clute-Richwood, Sugar Land, Hutto and Liberty Hill.

The Authority owns and operates regional water treatment systems at Lake Granbury (which supplies potable water to wholesale customers in Hood and Johnson Counties), and East Williamson County for the City of Taylor. The Authority also operates potable water treatment plant for the cities of Dime Box and Leander.

The Authority engages in water quality monitoring activities throughout the Brazos River basin. As a member of the Texas Clean River Program, the Authority samples and tests water from 141 locations throughout the basin on either a monthly, quarterly or annual basis.

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