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**EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS HELP THE PUBLIC UNDERSTAND HOW DAMS FUNCTION**

**Waco, TX – November 25, 2019** – The Brazos River Authority has released three educational videos to help the public understand water supply and how man-made reservoirs that store water function. The short films address topics such as why lake levels fluctuate and how the massive dams that create the system of water supply reservoirs operate.

“Very few Texans understand the benefits provided by River Authorities,” said BRA General Manager/CEO David Collinsworth. “We have so many complex issues that our experts manage on a daily basis; issues that could impact water supply. We hope to continue to provide folks a better understanding of what we do and why we do it,” Collinsworth said.

The BRA hired Washington DC-based Flying Colors Broadcasts to produce the three videos that debuted in October on social media channels and the organization’s website, [brazos.org](http://brazos.org). The company visited each of the BRA-owned and operated reservoirs capturing awe-inspiring footage of Lake Limestone’s Sterling C. Robertson Dam, Possum Kingdom Lake’s Morris Sheppard Dam, and Lake Granbury’s DeCordova Bend Dam. Members of the BRA management team as well as reservoir managers were interviewed at each location sharing thoughts and insights into operations.

The short videos may be found on the BRA’s YouTube channel. The first video about the reservoir system may be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zM7YPzqPw-Q>.

The second film centered on why lake levels fluctuate may be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fdTJUBi-mxY>.

The third video that explains how each reservoir’s dam operates may be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j84OdA7SJKc>

For additional information about the BRA or it’s reservoirs and dams, please go to [www.brazos.org](http://www.brazos.org). You may email questions to the BRA at [information@brazos.org](mailto:information@brazos.org) or call at 888-922-6272.

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***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 BRA built, owns, and operates three reservoirs (Lakes Possum Kingdom, Granbury, and Limestone). In addition to these water supply reservoirs, the BRA 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. The BRA also operates wastewater treatment plants for the cities of Clute-Richwood, Sugar Land, and Hutto. The BRA operates the Sandy Creek Potable Water Treatment Plant for the City of Leander and owns and operates the East Williamson County Regional Water System for the City of Taylor.

The BRA engages in water quality monitoring activities throughout the Brazos River basin. As a member of the Texas Clean River Program, the BRA samples and tests water from more than 100 locations throughout the basin on either a monthly, quarterly or annual basis. For further information on the Brazos River Authority, please contact Judi Pierce, Public Information Officer at 254-761-3103.