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DROUGHT STATUS REMOVED FROM LAKE PROCTOR

September 14, 2020 – Recent rain events throughout the Brazos River basin have allowed the Brazos River Authority to remove the Stage 1 drought status designation from Lake Proctor. The removal of drought designation enables contract holders that draw water from Lake Proctor to change or remove restrictions they currently have in place for water supply use.

After weeks of dry weather, rain events dropping 6 – 8 inches during the first week of September raised Lake Proctor's level above its drought trigger. The additional rise in the reservoir's water level allows contract holders to remove the 5 percent restriction on water normally used at this time of year.

The BRA is required by the state to plan and implement a Drought Contingency Plan. This plan outlines steps to extend the supply and availability of water during times of drought. The Drought Contingency Plan includes four stages. Each stage is marked by trigger points measured either by a lake level, water storage capacity, or other hydrologic conditions that impact long-term drought conditions within the watershed, such as streamflow and departure from average rainfall.

Though drought declarations under the BRA's Drought Contingency Plan have been lifted for Lake Proctor, the BRA encourages all of its customers to use water wisely and employ water conservation measures at all times.

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 BRA'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 and Sugar Land. The BRA also operates wastewater treatment plants for the cities of Clute-Richwood, and Hutto. The BRA owns and operates a

drinking water treatment plant, East Williamson County Regional Water System, for the City of Taylor and manages a potable water plant for the City of Leander.

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.