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BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY WILL TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO REGULATIONS FOR LAKES AND ASSOCIATED LANDS

Waco, Texas – The Brazos River Authority is taking public comment on proposed changes to the regulations for its three water supply reservoirs and associated lands. The public has 30 days, or until April 30, 2022, to submit comments on the draft regulation changes affecting BRA-owned reservoirs and associated lands, including lakes Possum Kingdom, Granbury and Limestone.

After the public comment period has passed, BRA staff will evaluate all comments and present the updated draft to the BRA Board of Directors for consideration and adoption.

Under the proposed regulations additions, new commercial facilities would require a public comment period and permit. The draft also includes a new requirement that commercial facilities maintain equipment to contain spills; establishes new provisions related to the protection of archeological/historical features; and changes the rule requiring watercraft to operate slowly within 50 feet of the shoreline, dock, swimming area, etc. to 100 feet.

To review the proposed changes and provide comment, go to www.brazos.org/rules-regs

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 owns and operates a potable water treatment system, 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.