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BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC MEETING ON REGIONAL WATER RELIABILITY PROJECT

Waco, TX – Sept. 16, 2022 – The Brazos River Authority will host an open house public meeting Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022, from 5 – 7 p.m. at the Bell County Expo Center in Belton to discuss the Belhouse Drought Preparedness Project.

A planned water transport pipeline system that will link Belton Lake to Stillhouse Hollow Lake, the project will provide access to additional water supply for the growing west Bell County area if needed during drought conditions, providing improved reliability and resiliency of regional water supplies. The project will also support areas served by the Central Texas Water Supply Corporation, communities served by the Bell County WCID#1, the Cities of Georgetown and Round Rock, the Brushy Creek Municipal Utility District, and other water suppliers at Lake Stillhouse Hollow.

The open house will highlight the project's purpose and provide attendees with detailed information on the preferred locations of the intake, pipeline and outlet. Project team members will be available to answer questions and provide information about the project study. No formal presentation is planned, and community members are invited to come and go at their convenience.

Comments from the public will be accepted in writing at the event. For those unable to attend the public meeting, an opportunity to view the public meeting materials and comment virtually will also be available through Oct. 5 by visiting www.Brazos.org/Belhouse. All comments will be included in the official project record and may be viewed on the Brazos River Authority website.

For additional information on the Belhouse Drought Preparedness Project, go to www.Brazos.org/Belhouse.

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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 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.