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BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY REMOVES DROUGHT WARNING STATUS FOR BRA-LCRA WATER

Waco, TX – June 17, 2024 -- The Brazos River Authority (BRA) has informed customers accessing water through an agreement between the Brazos River Authority and the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) that the *Stage 2 Drought Warning* has been rescinded. *LCRA Water* refers to 25,000 acre-feet of water available through a contract between the two river authorities delivered from the Colorado River Basin for use in Williamson County.

The *Stage 2 – Drought Warning* was implemented in August 2023 following drier-than-normal conditions in the Brazos River and Lower Colorado River Basins and was a response to drought trigger levels established by the BRA's Drought Contingency Plan in accordance with the agreement with the LCRA.

Recent rainfall within the Colorado River Basin has resulted in the combined storage of Lakes Buchanan and Travis rising above the Stage 2 drought trigger of 900,000 acre-feet. As a result, the BRA is implementing a *Stage 1 – Drought Watch* condition for customers accessing *LCRA Water*.

Customers affected by this *Stage 1 - Drought Watch* include those contracting for access to *LCRA Water*, including the cities of Round Rock, Georgetown, and Liberty Hill. LCRA will remain in Stage 1 until the amount of water in lakes Buchanan and Travis increases to 1.2 million acre-feet.

The goal of the *Stage 1 – Drought Watch* is a request of reduction of 10% of the water use that would have occurred in the absence of any drought contingency measure and to raise awareness of the developing drought situation.

The Brazos River Authority continues to monitor water supply and drought conditions within the basin.

Additional information on Stage 1- Drought Watch implementation can be found in the BRA Drought Contingency Plan [here](#). Current drought information is also available [here](#).

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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 and manages the operations for potable water treatment 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 Rivers 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.

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