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BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES TEMPORARY STAGE 3 DROUGHT CONDITIONS FOR THE EAST WILLIAMSON COUNTY REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM AT LAKE GRANGER

Taylor, TX – July 15, 2024 – The Brazos River Authority is instituting Stage 3 drought measures as of 3 p.m. today, July 15, 2024, due to a temporary disruption in access to water from Lake Granger. An electrical power glitch at the East Williamson County Regional Water System (EWCRWS) intake structure on Lake Granger sent all three pumps offline. One pump has been restarted, but efforts to restart the remaining two have been unsuccessful. Drinking water supply remains available to residents of the city of Taylor and those receiving water via Jonah Special Utility District and the Lone Star Regional Water Authority. The plant is currently producing approximately 8 million gallons per day (mgd); however, customer demand over the last several days has averaged over 9 mgd, causing raw water storage to slowly decline.

Stage 3 for the EWCRWS asks customers who receive potable water service supplied by the EWCRWS to enact their drought or water conservation plans to temporarily reduce water use by 20% while work is being done to fully restore pumping capacity. Once pumping capacity is restored, the temporary stage 3 conditions will be rescinded.

Additional information on the Stage 3 implementation can be found in the BRA Drought Contingency Plan, available [here](#).

The BRA is monitoring the water supply situation closely and will notify you when changes under the plan are made or additional action is required.

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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 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.