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BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY RESCINDS STAGE 3 DROUGHT CURTAILMENT AT LAKE GRANGER

Taylor, TX – July 23, 2024 – The Brazos River Authority has rescinded the Stage 3 drought declaration for its East Williamson County Regional Water System (EWCRWS). A temporary pump was placed in service last week at the Lake Granger pump station, allowing water storage levels within the treatment plant to fully recover.

The Brazos River Authority instituted the Stage 3 drought curtailment measures on July 15, 2024, due to a temporary disruption in its ability to pump water from Lake Granger. An electrical power glitch at the EWCRWS plant near the city of Taylor sent all three pumps offline. One pump was promptly restarted, but efforts to restart the remaining two were unsuccessful. A temporary pump was placed in service on July 16, allowing the plant to meet customer demand and begin to refill necessary storage. EWCRWS provides water to the city of Taylor, the Jonah Special Utility District and the Lone Star Regional Water Authority.

Repair of the two permanent pumps is expected to be completed the week of July 29. Though the Stage 3 declaration has been rescinded and additional pumping limitations are not expected, the Brazos River Authority asks that everyone continue to use water wisely over the next week until the permanent pump repairs are complete. The Brazos River Authority will take appropriate steps to reduce water use as necessary should issues occur with the temporary pump.

Stage 3 asked 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 was done to restore pumping capacity.

Additional information on the Stage 3 level can be found in the Brazos River Authority Drought Contingency Plan, available [here](#).

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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.

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