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**BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY ADVISES CUSTOMERS OF A
STAGE 1-DROUGHT WATCH
FOR EAST WILLIAMSON COUNTY REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM AT LAKE GRANGER**

Waco, TX – August 10, 2024 – The Brazos River Authority (BRA) has informed customers accessing potable drinking water from the East Williamson County Regional Water System (EWCRRWS) that a **Stage 1 - Drought Watch** has been declared. The declaration comes as a trigger set by the Brazos River Authority Drought Contingency Plan was reached on August 5, 2026, when total daily water consumption reached 85% of the EWCRRWS production capacity for a period of 3 consecutive days.

The goal of a **Stage 1 – Drought Watch** in the BRA Plan is a voluntary five percent (5%) reduction in water use that would have occurred in the absence of any drought contingency measures.

BRA Customers receiving water from EWCRRWS include:

- The City of Taylor,
- Lone Star Regional Water Authority, and
- Jonah Water Special Utility District.

The BRA is monitoring water supply and drought conditions within the basin and will notify customers and the public if additional changes under the Drought Contingency Plan are required.

The BRA reminds everyone that extreme conditions are impacting water supplies and urges everyone to do their part by implementing conservation measures as directed by their water provider.

A copy of the Brazos River Authority's Drought Contingency Plan can be found at the following web address www.brazos.org/DCP or by contacting the BRA at (254) 761-3100.

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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.

