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BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY RESCINDS *STAGE 2 - DROUGHT WARNING* FOR EAST WILLIAMSON COUNTY REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM AT LAKE GRANGER

Waco, TX – November 4, 2026 – The Brazos River Authority (BRA) has rescinded the ***Stage 2 - Drought Warning*** for customers accessing potable drinking water from the East Williamson County Regional Water System (EWCRWS). The river authority informed customers accessing potable drinking water from EWCRWS that, due to reduced water consumption and cooler weather, the Stage 2 - Drought Warning is no longer necessary.

The ***Stage 2 – Drought Warning*** was announced on August 21, 2026, after the potable drinking water plant reached the established trigger point of total daily water consumption of 90% of production capacity for 3 consecutive days. Each customer receiving water from the plant was *required* to help decrease demand on the EWCRWS plant by 10 percent of the water use that would have occurred in the absence of any drought contingency measures.

BRA customers receiving water from EWCRWS include:

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

Over the last few weeks, there has been a reduction in total daily water consumption from the EWCRWS plant. The reduced water consumption trend is expected to continue with the transition to fall, cooler weather, and recent rainfall.

The BRA urges everyone to do their part by implementing conservation measures year-round and as directed by their water provider, when necessary.

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.

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