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GOVERNOR APPOINTS BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS

April 17, 2013 – Waco, TX -- Governor Rick Perry has appointed one new member, reappointed six current members, and confirmed three interim members to the Brazos River Authority Board of Directors. The appointees were confirmed by the Texas Senate on April 17, 2013.

Raleigh R. White, IV, M.D. of Temple, Texas has been appointed to replace Grady Barr of Abilene whose term has expired. He will serve a six-year term to expire in February, 2019.

Dr. White is a retired plastic surgeon and long-time resident of Temple. He graduated from Southern Methodist University and later received his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

Members reappointed to the BRA Board and their terms of service are:

Richard Ball of Mineral Wells, 2019
F. LeRoy Bell of Tuscola, 2019
Peter G. Bennis of Cleburne, 2019
William A. "Bill" Masterson, Guthrie, 2019
G. Dave Scott, III, Richmond, 2019
Salvatore Zaccagnino, Caldwell, 2019.

Mr. Scott will continue in his current role as presiding officer serving at the pleasure of the governor.

Members confirmed to serve interim terms, replacing Board members who have resigned their positions are:

Paul Christensen, Crawford, filling the term of Chris DeCluitt, 2017
Chet Creel, Olney, filling the term of Trent McKnight, 2015
William John Rankin, Brenham, filling the term of John Steinmetz, 2015

The 21-member BRA Board is appointed by the governor and confirmed by the state senate. They serve six-year terms with one-third of the Board being replaced each odd numbered year. For additional information on the BRA Board of Directors, please click [here](#).

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 BRA'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 and the Brushy Creek Regional Wastewater System for the City of Round Rock. The BRA also operates wastewater treatment plants for the cities of Georgetown, Dime Box, Clute-Richwood, Sugar Land, Hutto and Liberty Hill.

The BRA owns and operates the East Williamson County Regional Water System for the City of Taylor and operates potable water treatment plants for the cities of Dime Box and Leander.

The BRA engages in water quality monitoring activities throughout the Brazos River basin. As a member of the Texas Clean River Program, the BRA samples and tests water from 141 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.