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TEAMWORK KEEPS PLANT ONLINE IN WAKE OF FLOODING

A possible crisis was averted last week for the City of Taylor and surrounding areas as recent flooding threatened the halt production of potable water for the area. Thanks to the hard work of staff at the East Williamson County Regional Water System (EWCWRS), potable water continues to flow from the local plant.

Last week, it was discovered that the tremendous inflow of flood waters into Lake Granger had covered the water intake that feeds into the plant with debris. BRA staff immediately called out a team of underwater divers to investigate the problem and work to get the intake back on-line.

In the interim, the staff took a heads-up approach to problem solving by bringing in a temporary pump to replace the clogged intake. Through some good engineering, creativity, and perseverance, the pump was routed around the intake allowing water to be fed into the plant.

While operations were touch and go for a time, reports on July 2 from the City of Taylor was "turn off the pumps, we're full." The City of Taylor is back to normal with all reserve tanks full.

A lot of people pitched-in and worked this problem. I would especially like to commend **Curtis Smalley, Larry Terrell, Alvin Faykus, Allen Pratt, Dirk Bland, EJ Pechal, Lance Moyer, Andy Adams, James Fergeson, Randy Anderson, Joey Granwoski, Donald Malovets** and **David Koslovsky**.

Up and down the basin, our employees are going "above and beyond" to get the job done and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Phil Ford, GM/CEO

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 Authority built, owns, and operates three reservoirs (Lakes Possum Kingdom, Granbury, and Limestone). In addition to these water supply reservoirs, the Authority 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 owns and operates a regional wastewater system for the cities of Temple-Belton. The Authority also operates wastewater treatment plants for Brushy Creek Regional Wastewater System in Round Rock, and the cities of Hutto, Georgetown, Dime Box, Clute-Richwood and Sugar Land.

The Authority owns and operates water treatment systems at Lake Granbury (which supplies potable water to wholesale customers in Hood and Johnson Counties), the City of Taylor and the City of Dime Box. A potable water treatment plant located in Leander is owned jointly by the Lower Colorado River Authority and the Brazos River Authority. The Authority also engages in water quality monitoring activities throughout the Brazos River Basin.

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