



## *For Immediate Release*

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### **BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES STAGE 4 EMERGENCY CONDITIONS AT LAKE GRANGER**

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Due to extreme weather conditions and unprecedented disruptions to power supply, the East Williamson County Regional Water System (EWCRWS) has been unable to operate at full capacity due to the lack of power.

Therefore, the BRA is implementing a Stage 4 – Pro-rata Curtailment Condition of its Drought Contingency Plan (Plan) at Lake Granger. This will remain in effect until EWCRWS is back to a full operational state.

After previously being offline, the plant reached half capacity operations at 1 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17. Our team continues to work toward bringing the plant to full capacity, barring any further power outages.

Until further notice, we ask customers who are supplied from the EWCRWS to enact their drought or water conservation plans at their most stringent level effective immediately. We understand that many in the community are currently experiencing disruptions in water supply. It will be critical to minimize water usage as operations are restored in an effort to prevent further infrastructure issues.

With the EWCRWS not fully operational, it is crucial water usage is minimized until full operations are restored. Brazos River Authority staff are assessing the conditions and actively taking all actions possible to restore the facility back to full operational levels.

Additional information on the implementation of the Stage 4 – Pro-rata Curtailment Condition can be found in the Plan, which is available on our website at [https://www.brazos.org/Portals/0/drought/DCP-2019.pdf?ver=DR\\_v5N6dHpA5-DMHL8Rp3w%3d%3d](https://www.brazos.org/Portals/0/drought/DCP-2019.pdf?ver=DR_v5N6dHpA5-DMHL8Rp3w%3d%3d).

The BRA is monitoring the water supply situation closely and will notify you when changes under the Plan are made or additional action is required.

#### ***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 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. The BRA also operates wastewater treatment plants for the cities of Clute-Richwood, Sugar Land, and Hutto. The BRA owns and operates a potable water treatment system, the East Williamson County Regional Water System, for the City of Taylor.

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 more than 100 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.