



## *For Immediate Release*

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

Taylor, TX – February 23, 2021 – The Brazos River Authority has canceled the Stage 4 Emergency Conservation status for the East Williamson County Regional Water System (EWCRRS) at Lake Granger effective Tuesday, February 23, 2021. The Stage 4 status went into effect on February 16 due to unprecedented disruptions in power supply to the potable drinking water plant. It is being lifted as the plant has returned to normal operation, and water storage and pressures within the City of Taylor and the Jonah Water Special Utility District (SUD) distribution systems have also recovered. However, boil water notices remain in effect for both systems. The City of Taylor and Jonah Water SUD will notify customers when their boil water notices are lifted.

The Stage 4 – Pro-rata Curtailment Condition of the BRA Drought Contingency Plan applied to contract holders who receive potable water supply from the EWCRRS. The curtailment required these contract holders to enact their drought or water conservation plans at their most stringent level to minimize water usage and prevent additional infrastructure issues. Low water flow and pressure resulted in boil water notices being issued by the contract holders for their customers.

Additional information on Stage 4 – Pro-rata Curtailment Condition can be found in the BRA Drought Contingency Plan, which is available 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).

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#### ***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.