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**LOWER BRAZOS FLOOD PROTECTION PLANNING STUDY
PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 16**

February 5, 2018 -- Angleton, Texas – The Brazos River Authority (BRA) will host a public meeting on Friday, February 16 at 11 a.m. at the Brazoria County Courthouse, 111 E. Locust Street in Angleton to present information on the progress of Phase III of the Lower Brazos River Floodplain Protection Planning Study. The study is being conducted to provide consistent and updated floodplain elevation and damage information for the lower portion of the Brazos River, as well as modeling tools to assess levee design and drainage, evacuation times and hydraulic models for community use.

Topics that will be presented to the public include baseline hydrology, hydraulic models and calibration, the effect of Hurricane Harvey on the study area and the next steps in planning/mitigation for this study area. For additional information, contact Cathy Dominguez at 254-761-3176 or Pam Hannemann at 254-761-3135.

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 US Army 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 Clute-Richwood, Sugar Land, and Hutto. The BRA owns and operates 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.