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**TALLAS ELECTED ASSISTANT PRESIDING OFFICER OF
BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

October 30, 2019 – Waco, TX -- In a unanimous vote, the Brazos River Authority Board of Directors elected Jeff Tallas to the position of Assistant Presiding Officer for the 2019 – 2021 term. Mr. Tallas is a Sugar Land resident and a member of the BRA Board of Directors since 2010.

Mr. Tallas is the owner of Jeff Tallas Insurance and Financial Services. In addition to his volunteer efforts with the Brazos River Authority Board, he is the board chairman of the Fort Bend County Literacy Council, the board chairman of the Fort Bend Family and TW Davis YMCA, a leadership graduate of the Central Fort Bend Chamber Alliance and Fort Bend County Chamber leadership program and a fellow of the American College Life Underwriter Training Council Insurance Program.

Mr. Tallas received a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University. He has served as a past board member of the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce and past president of the Rotary Club of Sugar Land, Past District Governor for Rotary International District 5890.

The BRA's 21-member Board of Directors is appointed by the governor and confirmed by the state senate. Each Board member serves a six-year term, with one-third of the Board being replaced each odd-numbered year. The Board includes three officer positions. The position of Presiding Officer is appointed by the governor and serves at his pleasure. Along with the position of Secretary, the Assistant Presiding Officer is an elected position determined by vote of the BRA Board members.

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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 the East Williamson County Regional Water System, serving communities in Williamson County and the Sandy Creek potable treatment plant for the City of 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 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.