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Free life jackets provided to loaner stations in Hood, Somerville counties

Granbury, TX – February 26, 2020 - The Brazos River Authority has partnered with Safe Kids North Texas, led by Cook Children's Medical Center, to provide 45 free life jackets to two loaner stations.

Together the agencies contributed to putting 20 personal floatation devices at a loaner station located at the city of Granbury's City Beach on Lake Granbury. Another 25 new life jackets were distributed across three loaner stations in Somerville County. Those stations included locations Wheeler Branch Reservoir, Big Rock Park, and at the "Blue Hole" in Dinosaur Valley State Park.

Another 300 free life jackets will be distributed to children on a first-come, first-serve basis May 2 at DeCordova Bend Park as part of the BRA's 5th annual Water Safety Awareness Day. Unlike the loaner life jackets, the floatation devices distributed on at this event do not need to be returned. The festivities will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 7710 Rainey Ct. and will include food, fun and freebies. In addition to the already-popular annual Water Safety Awareness Day, the BRA will be celebrating Lake Granbury and DeCordova Bend Dam's 50th birthday.

Construction on Lake Granbury began in December 1966, with a groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the DeCordova Bend Dam. That construction was completed in late 1969, and a formal dedication attended by hundreds was held during the spring of 1970.

Drowning is sudden and it is silent. Take advantage of every precaution at all times around bodies of water.

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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 operates the Sandy Creek Potable Water Treatment Plant for the City of Leander and 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.