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BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY ADVISES CUSTOMERS OF DROUGHT PRECAUTIONS

July 2, 2018 -- The Brazos River Authority has informed customers accessing water from Lake Proctor that a Stage 1 Drought Watch has been declared for Lake Proctor. The drought watch is the result of prolonged dry weather conditions in the Lake Proctor watershed. Lake Proctor fell below the Stage 1 Drought Watch trigger elevation of 1158.2 feet mean sea level this month.

The purpose of the Stage 1 Drought Watch is to alert the public of the current drought situation and promote *careful* use of water. The North Leon River Irrigation Corporation, Lake Proctor Irrigation District, and the Upper Leon River Municipal Water District received letters alerting them of drought conditions at Lake Proctor.

The goal of the Stage 1 Drought Watch is a voluntary reduction of five percent of the water use that would have occurred in the absence of any drought contingency measures and to raise awareness of the developing drought situation.

The BRA has requested that customers who obtain their water supply from Lake Proctor consider the following actions:

- Activate their individual Drought Contingency Plan,
- Increase public education efforts on ways to reduce water use,
- Notify customers of actions being taken, and
- Any other actions appropriate in their individual situation.

The BRA's Drought Contingency Plan provides for several reservoir level triggering criteria, based on four levels of potential drought conditions. Should Stage II triggering criteria be met, both Brazos River Authority customers and the general public will be notified, and customers will be asked to reduce water consumption by ten percent or more depending on conditions at that time. To view the full Drought Contingency Plan, click [here](#).

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 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.