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BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY TO HOLD WATER SAFETY AWARENESS DAY IN MAY

Granbury, TX – May 3, 2016 - The Brazos River Authority will hold its first *Water Safety Awareness Day*, Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 9 am to 1 pm. at Lake Granbury's Rough Creek Park located just off State Highway 144 adjacent to Stumpy's Lakeside Grill. The event will feature a kid's life jacket giveaway, an opportunity for kids to fish for free, and participation in the attempt to beat the world record for the most people wearing a life jacket.

"Water Safety is the highest priority for water related activities on our reservoirs," said Connie Tucker, area project manager for the Brazos River Authority at Lake Granbury. "So far this year, 16 children in Texas have died from drowning in lakes, ponds, pools and even bathtubs. Drowning is a tragedy and can be prevented when a child wears the correct type of life jacket."

Other organizations taking part in the Water Safety Awareness Day will be local law enforcement and fire rescue groups, the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Safe Kids Coalition, BMF Project, Upper Trinity Groundwater District, YMCA, Hood County Dive Team, Lake Granbury Medical Center, Kyle Cares Amoeba Awareness, Brazos River Outfitters and Academy Sports + Outdoors. The American Red Cross will also be handing out free smoke detectors for home use. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Kid Fish program will be providing fishing equipment and expert instruction on fishing for children that would like to participate, and local snake expert Mark Pyle will be on hand with information about snakes in and around Lake Granbury.

The BRA will be giving away free personal floatation devices or life jackets while supplies last. The BMF Project will be administering the National Safe Boating Council's "Ready, Set, Wear It" campaign which is an attempt to break last year's world record for the most people wearing a life jacket in one day. Free hot dogs and water will also be available while supplies last. For additional information on the event, contact the Lake Granbury project office at 817-573-3212.

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 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 wastewater systems for the cities of Temple, Belton and the Brushy Creek Regional Wastewater System for the Cities of Round Rock, Cedar Park and Austin. The BRA also operates wastewater treatment plants for the cities of Sugar Land, Hutto and Clute-Richwood. The BRA owns and operates the East Williamson County Regional Water System, which provides potable drinking water for entities such as the City of Taylor. BRA also operates the Sandy Creek water 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.