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**BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY BOARD ADDRESSES PROPERTY DIVESTITURE,
UPDATES LAKE REGULATIONS & INTERRUPTIBLE WATER AVAILABILITY**

WACO, Texas (Oct 28, 2014) – Divestiture of commercial and residential property at Possum Kingdom Lake, updated lake regulations and the availability of interruptible water were part of a busy agenda Monday during the Brazos River Authority’s quarterly Board of Directors meeting.

Continuing the Texas Legislature’s mandate for the BRA to divest of commercial and residential property holdings at Possum Kingdom Lake, the Board agreed to return the property to the bidding process after the previous process failed to generate acceptable bids. Senate Bill 918, passed by the 83rd Legislature in 2013, required the BRA to sell its remaining leases that were not included in House Bill 3031, passed by the 81st Legislature in 2011. The remaining property includes 50 commercial and 42 residential tracts.

In May, the BRA made a request for bids on the properties. However, only one bid was received and it was for an amount not acceptable to the Board for the sale of the property.

“We have a responsibility to our customers and the people living in the Brazos River basin to obtain the best price possible for the divested properties at Possum Kingdom Lake,” said Matt Phillips, BRA government and customer relations manager. “Funds obtained through the divestiture process are expected to be invested in the development of new water supply to meet the future needs of residents and businesses of the Brazos River basin.”

The Board also approved a resolution to streamline and standardize rules and regulations for the BRA’s three reservoirs: Possum Kingdom, Granbury and Limestone. The Board agreed to changes to the Rules for Governance of Brazos River Authority Lakes and Associated Lands, last updated in 2006. These changes incorporate, where applicable, the BRA’s Rules for Governance and Shoreline Management Guides into one document.

Changes to the document included the elimination of the water recreation user fee at Possum Kingdom Lake to promote consistency at all reservoirs. Though maintenance of the reservoir’s parks

and boat ramps were partially funded by the fee, the BRA will continue current standards of maintenance on all facilities. Changes also included the creation of criteria that allows for residential on-water facilities to extend beyond 100 feet into the lake in extenuating circumstances, and an increase in how long a campsite may be used from 7 to 10 days, among other changes. Per statutory requirements, changes to the Rules and Regulations will not become effective until the required postings have been made in local newspapers.

Directors also approved a resolution limiting the sale of interruptible water in 2015. Interruptible water is firm water not used in previous years and supplies from the reservoir sediment pools, which are not sold on a long-term basis. No new interruptible contracts will be entered unless drought conditions improve significantly, but the action allows the BRA's General Manager/CEO to make up to 43,569 acre-feet of interruptible water available in 2015 for existing interruptible water agreements with terms that continue beyond December 31, 2014. In the event drought conditions improve within the basin, the resolution allows for the potential of additional interruptible water being made available only if storage capacity rises above the Stage 1 Drought Watch Trigger in the BRA's Drought Contingency Plan. Any new or amended interruptible water agreements will expire on December 31, 2015.

Finally, the Board approved making future quarterly meetings yet more accessible to the public through live-streaming on the Internet. The stream will be available beginning with the Board's next meeting on January 26, 2015 and will replace the use of audio files as official Board minutes.

To learn more about the Board's actions, please go to www.Brazos.org. For further information, please contact BRA Public Information Officer Judi Pierce at (254) 761-3103.

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 BRAs 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 Dime Box, Clute-Richwood, Sugar Land, and Hutto.

The BRA owns and operates the East Williamson County Regional Water System for the City of Taylor and operates potable water treatment plant for the cities of Dime Box and 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.