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BRA NAMES CHRIS DENNEY AS AREA CHIEF LAKE RANGER FOR PK LAKE

February 2, 2009 -- Waco, TX – The Brazos River Authority (BRA) announced that Chris Denney, a 27-year law enforcement veteran, has been selected to serve as the area chief lake ranger at Possum Kingdom Lake, in Graford. In this role, Denney will lead the effort to ensure the security of high value infrastructure and enforce public safety and environmental laws and standards as they apply to BRA land and waters at Possum Kingdom Lake.

“We are pleased to have such as highly qualified and distinguished officer join our ranks at the Brazos River Authority,” said Mike Iltis, area project manager. “Chief Denny brings with him a diverse background in law enforcement.”

Prior to joining the BRA, Denney served as the police captain for the City of Allen, Texas, where he managed various departments through the Support Services and Patrol Services divisions. Denney, who holds a TCLEOSE Master Peace Officer License, also spent more than 20 years working for the City of Haltom City.

During his tenure with Haltom City, he spent eight years as the assistant chief of police and police commander for the city and served as a community liaison for community groups, such as Citizen’s Police Academy and Crime Prevention Board.

Denney graduated Cum Laude from Texas Wesleyan University with a bachelor’s in legal studies. He also has an associate degree in criminal justice from Tarrant County Community College. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy 197th Session and the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration 32nd Command Management College.

Denney and his wife of 21 years, Kay, have three children.

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 Authority built, owns, and operates three reservoirs (Lakes Possum Kingdom, Granbury, and Limestone). In addition to these water supply reservoirs, the Authority 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 owns and operates a regional wastewater system for the cities of Temple-Belton. The Authority also operates wastewater treatment plants for the cities of Georgetown, Dime Box, Clute-Richwood and Sugar Land. Through an alliance with the Lower Colorado River Authority, the Brazos River Authority operates wastewater treatment plants at Brushy Creek Regional Wastewater System in Round Rock, the city of Hutto and the city of Liberty Hill.

The Authority owns and operates water treatment systems at Lake Granbury (which supplies potable water to wholesale customers in Hood and Johnson Counties), and the City of Taylor. The Authority also operates a potable water treatment plant for the City of Dime Box. A water treatment plant for the City of Leander is operated by the Brazos River Authority through an alliance with the Lower Colorado River Authority.

The Authority also engages in water quality monitoring activities throughout the Brazos River basin. As a member of the Texas Clean River Program, the Authority samples and tests water from 157 locations throughout the basin on either a monthly or quarterly basis.

For further information on the Brazos River Authority, please contact Judi Pierce, Public Information Officer at 254-761-3103.