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**BRA employee receives state award from
the American Water Works Association**

March 17, 2014 – Waco, TX – A Brazos River Authority employee has been named the recipient of the American Water Works Association's state award for water maintenance operators. Donald Malovets, the BRA's regional maintenance superintendent, will receive the Operator's Meritorious Service Award for its Texas section at a ceremony on April 16 during the Texas Water 2014 conference at the Hilton Anatole Hotel and Convention Center in Dallas.

The AWWA awards the honor to one person each year in each of its 38 sections in the United States, Canada and Mexico. The award recognizes special performance in the following areas:

- Continuous compliance with all public health standards in treated drinking water.
- Consistent and outstanding contribution to plant maintenance thereby prolonging the useful life of equipment.
- The development of new and/or modified equipment or significant process modifications to provide for more efficient and/or effective treatment.
- Special efforts in the training of treatment plant operators.
- Special acts not directly related to water treatment, but which demonstrate dedication to the public beyond the normal operating responsibilities.
- Consistent and outstanding contribution to operation and/or maintenance of distribution lines, pump stations and reservoirs.

As BRA's regional maintenance superintendent, Mr. Malovets is responsible for the maintenance of two, 10+ million gallon per day (mgd) surface water treatment plants, three intake pump stations including 32 miles of pipeline, and eight wastewater treatment plants ranging in size from 4 mgd to 21.5 mgd. These facilities cover a large geographic areas from Temple/Belton through Williamson County, stretching south to Sugar Land and Clute. He has been employed by the BRA for 25 years, starting as a maintenance technician and being promoted to crew leader and maintenance superintendent.

In addition to his current honor, Mr. Malovets is a member of an operating team recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency's management operations and maintenance awards program for the Temple-Belton Regional Sewerage System. The facility also received awards from the Environmental Protection Agency for environmental excellence, beneficial use of bio solids and innovative technology. The plant was one of the first in the country to establish a mulch and compost product made from the wastewater treatment plant's bio solids combined with city brush collection. The combination of the two products greatly reduces the amount of solid waste that would normally be sent to landfills.

Mr. Malovets will be recognized in the September issue of the Journal, a publication by the American Water Works Association. After receiving the regional award, he will be in the running for the national AWWA award which will be announced later this year.

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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 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 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 Authority also operates wastewater treatment plants for the cities of Georgetown, Dime Box, Clute-Richwood, Sugar Land, Hutto and Liberty Hill.

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

The Authority 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 141 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.