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August 26, 2026

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«Title»
«Entity»
«Address_1»
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«City», «State» «Zip»

Re: Implementation of Stage 1 – Drought Watch Condition for Lakes Granbury, Whitney, Aquilla, and Limestone

Dear «Salutation»:

As specified in the Brazos River Authority's (BRA) Drought Contingency Plan (DCP), one of the triggers for the Stage 1 – Drought Watch Condition is the Palmer Hydrologic Drought Index (PHDI) being equal to or less than -2.4. The PHDI, which is a product of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, is an indicator for how wet or dry conditions are within a particular area. Due to the drier than normal conditions in the Lake Granbury, Whitney, Aquilla, and Limestone areas, the monthly PHDI is currently below the -2.4 trigger.

Therefore, **the BRA is implementing a Stage 1 – Drought Watch Condition** for Lakes Granbury, Whitney, Aquilla, and Limestone. The stated goals in the Stage 1 – Drought Watch Condition of the BRA's DCP are to raise awareness of the developing drought situation and achieve a voluntary five percent (5%) reduction in water use.

We ask that you take immediate action consistent with the BRA's DCP to achieve a five percent (5%) reduction in water use. Activities that you should consider include:

1. Activate your entity's Drought Contingency Plan(s);
2. Increase public education efforts on ways to reduce water use;
3. Notify customers of actions being taken; and,
4. Any other actions you deem appropriate for your situation.

Additional information on the implementation of the Stage 1 – Drought Watch Condition can be found in the BRA's DCP, which is available on our website at **https://www.brazos.org/DCP**. Current drought information is also located on the website at **www.Brazos.org/drought**.

The BRA is monitoring water supply and drought conditions within the basin and will notify you when changes under the BRA's DCP are made or additional action is required.

If you have questions, please contact Amy Muttoni, Customer Relations Business Manager, at (254) 761-3165.

Sincerely,

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BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY ADVISES CUSTOMERS OF STAGE 1 DROUGHT WATCH FOR LAKES GRANBURY, WHITNEY, AQUILLA AND LIMESTONE

August 27, 2026 – Waco, TX -- The Brazos River Authority has informed customers accessing water from *Lakes Granbury, Whitney, Aquilla and Limestone* that a **Stage 1 - Drought Watch has been declared**. This Stage 1 – Drought Watch is the result of the drier than normal conditions in this portion of the Brazos River Basin and is a response to drought trigger levels established by the BRA's Drought Contingency Plan.

One of the trigger points for Stage 1 – Drought Watch for these reservoirs is the Palmer Hydrologic Drought Index (PHDI) being equal to or less than -2.4. The PHDI, which is a product of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, is an indicator for how wet or dry conditions are within a particular area. Due to the drier than normal conditions in Lakes Granbury, Whitney, Aquilla, and Limestone areas, the monthly PHDI for each of these reservoirs has dropped below the -2.4 trigger.

The goal of the Stage 1 Drought Watch is to raise awareness of the developing drought situation and achieve a *voluntary reduction of five percent (5%)* in water use.

The BRA has requested that customers who obtain their water supply from Lakes Granbury, Whitney, Aquilla, and Limestone consider the following actions:

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

The BRA's Drought Contingency Plan provides for several lake level triggering criteria, based on four levels of potential drought conditions. Should Stage II triggering criteria be met, both BRA customers and the general public will be notified. Customers will be asked to reduce water consumption by ten percent (10%) or more depending on conditions at that time.

The BRA continues to monitor water supply and drought conditions within the basin and will notify both customers and the public when changes under the BRA plan are made or additional action is required.

Additional information on Stage 1 – Drought Watch implementation can be found on pages 9 and 10 of the BRA Drought Contingency Plan here. Current drought information is also available here.

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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.

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