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As specified in the Brazos River Authority (BRA) Drought Contingency Plan (Plan), 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 Lakes Possum Kingdom, Whitney, Aquilla, Proctor, Belton, Limestone, Somerville, Stillhouse Hollow, and Georgetown areas, the monthly PHDI has dropped below the -2.4 trigger. In addition, Lake Somerville has dropped below its Stage 1 – Drought Watch trigger of 234.9 feet above mean sea level.

Therefore, the BRA is implementing a Stage 1 – Drought Watch Condition for Lakes Possum Kingdom, Whitney, Aquilla, Proctor, Belton, Limestone, Somerville, Stillhouse Hollow, and Georgetown. The stated goals in the Stage 1 – Drought Watch Condition of the BRA Plan are to raise awareness of the developing drought situation and achieve a voluntary five percent (5%) reduction in use of water that would have occurred in the absence of any drought contingency measures.

We ask that you take action consistent with Stage 1 of the BRA Plan to achieve a five percent (5%) reduction in water use. Activities that you should consider include:

1. Activate your entity's Drought Contingency Plan;
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 Plan, which is available on our website at <https://www.brazos.org> under About Us – Water Supply – Drought – Drought Contingency Plan. Current drought information is also located on the website at <http://www.brazos.org/About-Us/Water-Supply/Drought>.

The BRA is monitoring water supply and drought conditions within the basin and will notify you when changes under the BRA Plan 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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