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## **GBRA announces lake lowerings and openings for Dunlap, McQueeney, Placid and Nolte**

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SEGUIN.....By next Wednesday, all six of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority's hydroelectric lakes will be available for public recreation, following a successful project to remove debris deposited in area waterways by the October 1998 floods.

Lake Dunlap and Lake McQueeney: At 10 a.m. this Saturday, June 12, all of Lake Dunlap and Lake McQueeney, including the upper portions that were previously restricted, will be opened. In addition, the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) will reopen the public boat ramp at IH-35 in New Braunfels.

Lake Placid will begin lowering today, June 11 so homeowners can take care of shoreline cleanup and repairs. The lake will be five to six feet below normal level Saturday evening, Sunday and Monday, and trash containers will be located at several sites around the lake for these three days to dispose of lake-related debris. Lake Placid will begin refilling Monday evening and will open at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 16. The use of motor-powered watercraft on Lake Placid is still prohibited until next Wednesday. A permit must be obtained from GBRA if homeowners intend to use their watercraft during the cleanup process. The TXDOT ramp at IH-10 (Lake Placid) in Seguin will remain closed until repairs are completed.

Lake Nolte (Meadow Lake), which is currently open, will be lowered one foot from its existing level beginning Monday, June 14 to washout and remove flood debris from the dam gates to meet the project deadline set by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The lower level will be in effect from one to three weeks, depending on the time required to complete the work, said GBRA hydro system manager Allen Ognoskie. Although the lake will continue to be open to the public during this time, anyone using Meadow Lake for recreation purposes should exercise caution due to the lower lake level.

Lake H-4 and Lake H-5 (Lake Wood) near Gonzales are open to the public and no lowerings are planned for these locations.

Contractors may still be performing some cleanup work after the lakes are opened. "Use of a motor-powered watercraft within 200 feet of a barge or contractor work vehicle is restricted," said GBRA general manager Bill West. "We continue to emphasize the importance of the "Know Your Lake" guidelines":

RECENT FLOODING MAY HAVE CHANGED OR ADDED LAKE OBSTRUCTIONS. PROCEED WITH EXTREME CAUTION."

- Boat at your own risk. Re-familiarize yourself with the lake.
- Lakes may contain exposed or submerged flood debris.
- Channels and locations of previous obstructions may have changed.
- Be aware of glass, metal or other obstructions.
- Remove or report any liquid-filled containers.

UNTIL YOU HAVE RE-FAMILIARIZED YOURSELF TO THE POST-FLOOD LAKE, GBRA STRONGLY RECOMMENDS: NO JET SKIS – NO SKIING OR PULLING OF WATER TOYS – DAYLIGHT USE ONLY.