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MCQUEENEY SPILLGATE REPAIRS WILL KEEP LAKE LOW THROUGH MID-APRIL

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SEGUIN, TX – January 6, 2000. Repair work required to fix the two McQueeney Dam spillgates damaged during the October 1998 flood will keep Lake McQueeney approximately one foot below its normal level from Monday through Friday until mid-April, according to Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority hydro system manager Allen Ognoskie.

On Friday evenings, the lake will be partially refilled to six inches below normal for Saturday and Sunday use, and will return to the one foot lowering by Monday morning. Ognoskie said this has been the procedure since the firm of C. C. Carlton, Inc. began the McQueeney gate repair project last October.

“Carlton has made substantial progress in repairing the damaged gates and steel superstructure,” said Ognoskie. “However, as crews were able to access areas deeper inside the gates, they discovered additional damage that was not apparent during our initial assessment.”

Ognoskie said that GBRA appreciates the public’s patience and cooperation during this extended project. “We anticipate completing these repairs no later than mid-April and returning Lake McQueeney to its normal operating level at that time. However, we want people to be aware that it may be necessary to adjust scheduled operations in the event of adverse weather conditions.”

Anyone using Lake McQueeney for recreation purposes during this period should exercise caution, said Ognoskie, because the lower water level may expose debris or other potential hazards that would normally be underwater.