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## **GBRA Decreases Canyon Reservoir Release Rate**

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SEGUIN- The Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority officials announced that the release rate from Canyon Reservoir decreased from the current rate of 1,050 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 800 cfs, Wednesday May 9 and is expected to remain at that rate until the early part of next week.

The Canyon Reservoir elevation is 910.12 feet above mean sea level (msl) and the inflow at the Spring Branch gauge is 660 cfs.

The reservoir is presently operated under an agreement with the Corps of Engineers referred to as the 'seasonal pool' or 'season variance.' Under this agreement, the reservoir is allowed to capture one foot of water in the reservoir flood pool for re-release in the summer months to improve recreation flows. Due to the wet spring conditions the project has successfully captured one foot of water and GBRA anticipates a successful recreation season for the summer.

This agreement is the result of a cooperative effort among GBRA, the Comal County Commissioners Court, the Water Oriented Recreation District and the Corps of Engineers."

The Corps of Engineers is responsible for managing releases of water from the Canyon Reservoir flood pool between elevations 909 and 943 msl. When the reservoir is at or below 'conservation pool' elevation of 909 feet, the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) is responsible for managing the stored water portion and releases below 909 msl.

Canyon Dam and Reservoir was financed and completed in 1964 as a joint project by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and GBRA. It provides flood control benefits as well as a dependable water supply and operates under permits granted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

Releases from Canyon Reservoir are based upon several factors including natural inflows, licensed flows for the project, senior water rights, contract releases from the conservation pool for cities, industries and other downstream users, and bay and estuary flow requirements.