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GBRA to Lower Lakes for Inspections and Debris Assessment

For More Information

JUNE 17, 2010

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SEGUIN, TX - The Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, in cooperation with local lake associations will begin lowering area hydroelectric lakes Placid, McQueeney and Dunlap in order to conduct inspections and to locate and identify submerged debris from the recent flood event.

The lowering will be staged beginning with Lake Placid late this evening and continuing upstream with McQueeney and Dunlap.

All three lakes will be lowered approximately 4 feet by Saturday morning when GBRA and representatives of the area lake associations will conduct on-site evaluations.

This current activity involves only lakes Dunlap, McQueeney and Placid.

It is anticipated that Lake Dunlap will begin refilling on Saturday, and progressing down stream. Based on releases by the USACE from Canyon Reservoir, it is anticipated that Lake Dunlap will refill by noon Sunday, June 20; Lake McQueeney by 1:00 p.m. on Monday, June 21, and Lake Placid by 2:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 22.

Lowering and inspection of Meadow Lake (Nolte), H-4 and H-5 (Wood) will be scheduled in the next two weeks.

All those participating in this effort will have access to the lakes by permit issued by GBRA. Residents are encouraged to work on their shoreline properties during this period of time. A permit is not required for shoreline work.

Please see the approximate "lowering" and "refill" schedules below.

APPROXIMATE LOWERING SCHEDULE:

Thursday, June 17, 2010

<li style='margin-left:12px;'> 7:00 p.m. - start lowering Meadow Lake.

<li style='margin-left:12px;'> Lower four feet this should take approximately 4 hours - 11:00 p.m.

<li style='margin-left:12px;'> 11:00 p.m. - start lowering Lake Placid.

<li style='margin-left:12px;'> Lower four feet should take approximately 6 hours - 5:00 a.m.

Friday, June 18, 2010

<li style='margin-left:12px;'> 5:00 a.m. - start lowering McQueeney.

<li style='margin-left:12px;'> Lower four feet this should take approximately 10 hours - 3:00 p.m.

<li style='margin-left:12px;'> 3:00 p.m. - start lowering Dunlap.

<li style='margin-left:12px;'> Lower five feet this should take approximately 13 hours - 4:00 a.m., Saturday, June 19.

Saturday, June 19, 2010

<li style='margin-left:12px;'> 6:00 a.m. - Stop spill at Dunlap

<li style='margin-left:12px;'> 7:00 a.m. - Stop spill at McQueeney, Placid and Meadow

APPROXIMATE REFILL SCHEDULE:

Saturday, June 19, 2010

<li style='margin-left:12px;'> 6:00 a.m. - Lake Dunlap will start to refill and be full by noon Sunday, June 20.

Sunday, June 20, 2010

<li style='margin-left:12px;'> Noon - Lake McQueeney will start to refill and be full by 1:00 p.m. Monday, June 21.

Monday, June 21, 2010

<li style='margin-left:12px;'> 1:00 p.m. - Lake Placid will start to refill and be full by 2:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 22.

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

<li style='margin-left:12px;'> 2:00 a.m. - Meadow Lake will start to refill and be full by 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 22.

FROM COMAL COUNTY:

A statement from the Office of County Judge Danny Scheel indicated that effective 8:00 a.m., Friday, June 18, 2010, the Guadalupe River would be open from Canyon Dam to the Second Crossing. The Guadalupe River from the Second Crossing to the City of New Braunfels city limits will remain closed due to debris and a public safety hazard.

The Water Oriented Recreation District (WORD) and the Comal County Sheriff's Office have determined that the newly opened portion from Bezdek's Rental to the Second Crossing is clear of debris and hazards.

Individuals floating the river must exit at the Second Crossing.

River flow from Canyon Dam will be reduced to 150 cfs for Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

River Road from Sattler to Hueco Springs Loop is currently open and passable. Effective 8:00 a.m., Friday, the 18th day of June, 2010

The GBRA was established by the Texas Legislature in 1933 as a water conservation and reclamation district. GBRA provides stewardship for the water resources in its 10-county statutory district, which begins near the headwaters of the Guadalupe and Blanco rivers, ends at San Antonio Bay, and includes Kendall, Comal, Hays, Caldwell, Guadalupe, Gonzales, DeWitt, Victoria, Calhoun, and Refugio counties.