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Canyon Reservoir Release Reduced Due to Low Inflows

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CANYON LAKE-Beginning Tuesday, April 5, the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) will decrease the release rate out of Canyon Reservoir from the current rate of 130 cubic feet per second (cfs) to meet the current reservoir inflow of 70 cfs at Spring Branch.

Under Canyon Reservoir operating agreements, when the inflow average is less than 90 cfs for at least 45 consecutive days, the release will equal the inflow. The 45-day trigger has been met and the release rate will change daily based on inflow.

Although flows will be lower, areas of the Guadalupe River will still be viable for recreational use.

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.

The elevation of Canyon Reservoir is currently 906.69 feet above mean sea level (msl). 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 normal '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. The Reservoir 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).

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.