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## Stage IV Drought Measures Implemented by GBRA on Hydroelectric Lakes

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SEGUIN, TX — Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) officials on Wednesday announced Stage IV restrictions for its hydroelectric lakes to go into effect immediately for diversions and use of water from the hydroelectric lakes in Comal, Guadalupe and Gonzales counties. Restrictions will affect lawn watering, outdoor fountain use, vehicle washing and other areas.

According to GBRA's Drought Contingency Plan, Stage IV applies on any day following a day when the average 24-hour spring flow rate from the Comal Springs, when measured at the Comal River, is at or below 100 cubic feet per second (cfs), but greater than 50 cfs. For the past five days, the Comal Springs flow rate was less than 100 cfs causing GBRA officials to implement Stage IV restrictions effective immediately. The average spring flow rate on Sunday was 94 cfs.

Critical period stages apply to any diverter of water other than contracted stored water that diverts and uses water from any of the GBRA Hydroelectric Lakes ? **Lake Dunlap** (Comal and Guadalupe counties), **Lake McQueeney** (Guadalupe County), **Lake Placid** (Guadalupe County), **Meadow Lake** (Guadalupe County), H4 or **Lake Gonzales** and H5 or **Lake Wood** (both in Gonzales County). With Stage IV in effect, the following restrictions on the hydro lakes will apply:

**NO** landscape watering between – **10 a.m. and 8 p.m.**

**ALLOWED** landscape watering during non-peak hours as follows:

**Odd** numbered addresses – **Monday**

**Even** numbered addresses – **Tuesday**

**ALLOWED** landscape watering at any time if by means of bucket, hand-held or soaker hose or drip irrigation system.

**NO** filling of new and existing swimming pools except with certain conditions. See GBRA website for more details.

**NO** use of water for ornamental outdoor fountain or similar feature, unless water is recycled.

**NO** washing of vehicle.

**ALLOWED** vehicle washing at a commercial vehicle washing facility.

The penalty for wasting water or any violation of Stage IV restrictions as determined by the GBRA general manager, or his designee, is \$100-\$500 per day per violation.

"Recent reports have indicated that the Edwards Aquifer water levels are plummeting —the monitoring well in Bexar County is below 630 mean sea level (msl). While the Edwards Aquifer Authority is moving to implement Stage IV restrictions, a local newspaper has reported that the San Antonio Water System plans to remain in Stage II. During these times of drought, it is prudent for all of us to try to be good stewards and conserve our water resources," Bill West, GBRA general manager said.

Restrictions of a drought contingency stage may be terminated when the condition listed as the triggering event for such Stage has ceased to exist for a period of 30 consecutive days. Upon termination of the restrictions of the applicable stage, the restrictions of the prior stage become operative.

GBRA's Drought Contingency Plan is available to read online at the following link :

<http://www.gbra.org/documents/conservation/GBRADroughtContingencyPlan.pdf>

Other drought details and information may be found on GBRA's website at: <http://www.gbra.org/drought/default.aspx>

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,



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Calhoun, and Refugio counties.