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GBRA Initiates Stage I Drought Measures for Domestic Use Customers in the Lower Basin

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PORT LAVACA, TX — Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) officials announced the implementation of Stage I “Mild Water Shortage Condition” measures for its Lower Basin customers to go into effect

immediately. GBRA’s Calhoun County Rural Water System is a wholesale customer of the GBRA Port Lavaca Water Treatment Plant, and its retail customers will receive notices in the upcoming billing cycle. Other entities receiving treated drinking water from the Port Lavaca Water Treatment Plant include the City of Port Lavaca and the Port O’Connor Improvement District. These entities, as wholesale customers of GBRA, will be requested to implement voluntary conservation measures with their customers as a planned response to the ongoing drought.

According to GBRA’s Drought Contingency Plan, Stage I applies when flow over the top of the Salt Water Barrier, at the Guadalupe River’s mile 10, is six inches or less for five consecutive days. **When Stage I is applied, the goal is to achieve a voluntary 5 percent reduction in total domestic water use.**

Customers are requested to voluntarily limit water usage in accordance with their local drought contingency plans.

GBRA recommends adhering to the prescribed restrictions on **non-essential water use**, those uses that are not essential, nor required for the protection of public health, safety, and welfare, including the following:

- irrigation of landscape areas, including parks, athletic fields, and golf courses, except otherwise provided under this Plan;
- use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle;
- use of water to wash any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;
- use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
- flushing of gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street;
- use of water to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools or Jacuzzi-type pools;
- use of water in a fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes except where necessary to support aquatic life;
- failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s); and use of water from hydrants for construction purposes or any other purposes other than fire-fighting.

“While it is necessary to meet the State’s conservation and water management requirements, it is prudent for all of us to try to be good stewards and conserve our water resources during these times of drought,” Bill West, GBRA general manager said.

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, Calhoun, and Refugio counties.



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