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## **GBRA Lowers Drought Measures at Area Hydroelectric Lakes**

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Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) officials are reducing drought measures for the Hydroelectric lakes from Stage III to Stage II. This stage will go into effect immediately for diversions and use of water from the hydroelectric lakes in Comal, Guadalupe and Gonzales counties.

Stage II 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 200 cubic feet per second (cfs) but greater than 150 cfs. The current daily discharge from the Comal Springs is 193 cfs.

The following restrictions are recommended actions per the drought contingency plan requirements and will affect lawn watering, outdoor fountain use, vehicle washing and other areas.

- Landscape watering is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m., and is further restricted such that properties with an odd numbered address may landscape water only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and properties with an even numbered address may landscape water only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. However, landscape watering by means of a bucket, hand-held or soaker hose, or a properly installed drip irrigation system is permitted at any time.
- No person may use water for an ornamental outdoor fountain or similar feature, unless the water is recycled and the only additional water used is to compensate for evaporative losses.
- No person may wash a vehicle at other than a commercial vehicle wash facility except over a pervious surface area, during the above designated watering days and times with a hand-held hose with automatic shutoff nozzle or using a bucket.

"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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