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Inspection to Require Temporary Lowering of Lakes

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SEGUIN — Plans are under way by the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) to lower lakes Dunlap, McQueeney, Placid, and Meadow (Nolte) on Jan. 9, 2016, for inspections. Hydro crews will check each lake for debris that may have resulted from the Oct. 30 flood event. Each lake will be lowered approximately 4 feet beginning Friday, Jan. 8 and refilling immediately after the inspections have been completed.

“GBRA officials said refilling of the hydro lakes may take several days. This would be a good opportunity for homeowners to inspect their retaining walls and other structures for damage. In case of inclement weather the inspections will take place on Jan. 16,” said Allen Ognoskie, division manager for Guadalupe/Gonzales Counties, Guadalupe Valley Hydroelectric Division. “During this process residents of water-front properties should remove or secure boats and other equipment. Strong flows can be expected during the lowering or refilling process.”

In cooperation with representatives of each lake association, GBRA crews will be evaluating and marking currently submerged material from recent flood events and determining the means and methods for future removal of identified debris and hazards.

Lake residents may contact their respective local lake association representative or call GBRA and ask for Debris Removal. This work is considered routine maintenance.

Should the inspection schedule require any significant adjustments, GBRA will disseminate notices via press releases to local media and lake associations as well as post accordingly on the press release and lake management pages of GBRA's website: www.gbra.org. Information also may be posted on Twitter with “@GBRATX” and Facebook on the page “GBRA of Texas.”

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.