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Nolte Dam/Meadow Lake Spillgate Test Notice

SEGUIN—As part of ongoing repairs at the various dams and spillway gates in GBRA’s hydroelectric system, crews will exercise one of the repaired spillgates at Nolte Dam on Wednesday, July 18, 2018, which will temporarily affect flows just downstream and the level of Meadow Lake. GBRA is providing advance notice in an effort to improve communications and alert lake-users, so property can be secured prior to changing conditions.

GBRA will initiate the test the morning of Wednesday, July 18, 2018. Lake elevations and downstream flows will return to pre-test conditions by mid-day. During the test, lake elevations may drop up to an additional two feet below the current lake elevation, and flows downstream of the dam are anticipated to increase to approximately 5,000-cfs.

A horn will blast prior to gate operations to alert individuals in close proximity to the dam. Meadow Lake’s elevation will return to approximately 18-24 inches below normal pool elevations after the test. Water levels at Meadow Lake will continue to remain below normal pool elevation during ongoing repairs, but are anticipated to return to normal operating levels in November.

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About the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority

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. GBRA provides services that include hydroelectric generation; water and wastewater treatment; municipal, industrial, and agricultural raw water supply; and recreational operations.