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SPILLGATE NOTICE

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Below is the current status of activities happening at each hydro-lake. Due to the nature of this work, a strict timetable of construction cannot be projected as repairs will be hampered by weather conditions and other uncontrollable factors. Additionally, GBRA will be adding repair work to its task list as needs are identified throughout this process.

Lake Placid

Contractors have completed their work and GBRA crews are finishing the replacement of deteriorated seals and curved sections around the spillgates. Lake Placid is expected to return to normal elevation next week.

Meadow Lake (Nolte Dam)

The contractor is working on the final spillgate to replace internal steel and external timbers. Once the contractor is finished, GBRA crews will work an additional six weeks to replace seals at all three spillgates. Meadow Lake is projected to return to normal elevation in November.

Lake McQueeney

The contractor has already replaced all of the tie bars and fender boards in the first gate, and is currently underway with miscellaneous structural steel replacement. Initial time estimates project that Lake McQueeney will remain lowered for at least nine months. The current lake level is expected to remain constant during the duration of the repairs.

Lake Gonzales

Repairs at Lake Gonzales are expected to begin in October, a 30-day advance notice will be provided to inform and enable property owners to prepare for an extended period with a lowered lake elevation. During repairs, the lake will be lowered 18-24 inches for the duration of the gate repair efforts. Repairs are currently projected to take between 6-8 months.

Lake Wood

Restoration of Lake Wood is pending on final design and cost of a hydraulically actuated crest replacement gate. Upon securing funding, construction of the new spillgates at Lake Wood is estimated to take up to 24 months.

Since a spillgate failure at Lake Wood in 2016, GBRA has initiated numerous repairs in an effort to preserve the 90-year-old Guadalupe Valley Hydroelectric System. GBRA engineers, crews and contractors have prioritized critical components in need of repair throughout the system as well as taken a comprehensive look at the entire system's needs.

GBRA appreciates the patience and engagement by impacted property owners and stakeholders as we develop sustainable funding solutions for this comprehensive effort.

The ultimate solution for the aging hydro lake system will be the installation of "hydraulic crest gates." GBRA is still seeking a funding source for those major gate structures. Until then, more frequent repairs are expected and lowered lake elevations will be required. As on-going repairs are completed and new ones are scheduled, we will continue to keep stakeholders informed as repairs and associated lake level updates become available.