

April 19, 2024

Mr. Ricky Garrett
General Manager
Bell County WCID #1
201 S. 38th Street
Killeen, Texas 76543

Re: Downgrade of Lake Belton Stage 2 Drought Warning to a Stage 1 Drought Watch Condition

Dear Mr. Garrett:

In accordance with its Drought Contingency Plan (Plan), the Brazos River Authority (BRA) informed you by letter of the declaration of the Stage 2 Drought Warning for Lake Belton on August 1, 2023. Due to recent rainfall, Lake Belton's lake level has risen about six feet above the Stage 2 trigger level of 578.7 feet-mean-sea-level. We anticipate Lake Belton will remain above the Stage 2 trigger level for an extended period.

Therefore, the BRA is terminating the Stage 2 Drought Warning for Lake Belton, and the drought stage will be downgraded to a Stage 1 Drought Watch condition. The purpose of the Stage 1 Drought Watch is to make the public aware of the current drought situation and to promote careful use of water. Should conditions change, we will coordinate with you as necessary under the Plan.

The Plan is available on our website at <https://www.brazos.org/DCP>. Current drought information is also located on the website at <https://www.brazos.org/drought>.

If you have questions, please contact Amy Muttoni, Regional Customer Relations Business Manager for the Central Basin, at (254) 761-3165.

Sincerely,



DAVID COLLINSWORTH
General Manager/CEO

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