



July 19, 2018

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

Re: Implementation of Stage 1 Drought Watch for Lake Belton

Dear Mr. Garrett:

As specified in the Brazos River Authority (BRA) Drought Contingency Plan (Plan), one of the triggers for a Stage 1 – Drought Watch Condition is when the Palmer Hydrologic Drought Index (PHDI) is equal to or less than negative two (-2). The PHDI, which is a product of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, is an indicator for how wet or dry conditions are within a particular area. Due to the drier than normal conditions in the Brazos River basin, the monthly PHDI has dropped below the -2 trigger for Lake Belton.

Therefore, the BRA is implementing a Stage 1 Drought Watch Condition for Lake Belton. The stated goals in Stage 1 – Drought Watch of the Plan are to raise awareness of the developing drought situation and to achieve a voluntary five percent (5%) reduction of the water use that would have occurred in the absence of any drought contingency measures.

We ask that you take action consistent with Stage 1 of the BRA Plan to achieve a five percent (5%) reduction in water use. Activities that you should consider include:

1. Activate your entity's Drought Contingency Plan;
2. Increase public education efforts on ways to reduce water use;
3. Notify customers of actions being taken; and
4. Any other actions you deem appropriate for your situation.

Additional information on the implementation of the Stage 1 – Drought Watch Condition can be found on pages 10 and 11 of the BRA Plan, which is available on our website at http://www.brazos.org/generalPdf/DCP_10-2012.pdf. Current drought information is also located on the website at <http://www.brazos.org/About-Us/Water-Supply/Drought>.

The BRA is monitoring water supply and drought conditions within the basin and will notify you when changes under the Plan are made or additional action is required.

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

Sincerely,

DAVID COLLINSWORTH
General Manager/CEO

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