



January 23, 2023

**Drawdown Notice - Lake McQueeney**  
***Remove all Recreational and Personal Property by March 26, 2023***

Lake McQueeney Neighbors -

We have a long-term solution in place for completing the necessary replacement of the spillgates on the hydroelectric dam at Lake McQueeney. This would not have been possible without the leadership, collaboration, and support of Friends of Lake McQueeney and the Lake McQueeney Water Control and Improvement District (WCID). We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with all of you to ensure the long-term sustainability of Lake McQueeney.

GBRA has secured the necessary permits for construction of the dam and has issued a Request for Proposals to secure a contractor for the project. Contractor bids will be due in early February. The lowering of the spillgates is the next step in preparing for construction to begin. While we anticipate construction will commence in the second quarter of 2023, the drawdown needs to be completed in advance to allow the lakebed to dry out enough to accommodate construction activities. The spillgates will be lowered completely, reducing the water level by approximately 12 feet at the dam. Working with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, we have devised an Aquatic Resource Relocation Plan (ARRP) designed to minimize impacts to the environment. The ARRP calls for each lake to be lowered over a two-day period, beginning at Meadow Lake. **The process of lowering the spillgates at Lake McQueeney and Meadow Lake will begin on March 27; this letter serves as your drawdown notice. All activity on Lake McQueeney, Lake Placid and Meadow Lake should be suspended during the drawdown period beginning on March 27th.** Any access or activities on the water including to retrieve or secure property should be completed prior to March 27. Once the lowering of the spillgates is completed, access or activities on the water may resume.

Before the drawdown on March 27, please remove and/or secure all recreational and other personal property on or near the water. GBRA is not responsible for recreational property used or stored on Lake McQueeney. Removal of all recreational and personal property will be at the owner's discretion and expense. Waterfront structures, such as docks, do not need to be removed. Please continue to follow the existing GBRA application and construction permit process to make any improvements to or to add waterfront structures during the dam construction period. Once construction begins, the estimated timeline for the project is 24 months barring unforeseen delays.

Safety remains our top priority. We ask for your continued cooperation in maintaining a safe distance around the dams at all times by respecting the marked prohibited and restricted unsafe zones. The prior spillgate failures indicate the likelihood of similar failures occurring without warning, posing an imminent risk to anyone on or around the dams. Once the spillgates are lowered, please continue to maintain a safe distance from the dam and construction area by respecting the marked restricted zones.

In addition to participating in discussions with GBRA throughout the design and permitting process for the project, your WCID representatives will continue to be involved as construction progresses. If you have not already, we encourage you to get involved with the WCID as they serve as the best point of contact and source of information for questions. You can find more information at: <https://www.lakemcqueeneywcid1.com/>. We will also continue to post updates to <https://gvlakes.com/> as they become available.

We appreciate your attention to this important announcement as well as your cooperation in this effort. We look forward to celebrating the rehabilitation of Lake McQueeney.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darrell Nichols". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Darrell Nichols  
Acting General Manager/CEO